

Activity Name  
“Just Ducky”

suggested age group: 7-8, 9-10

type of activity:

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| <input type="radio"/> art             | <input type="radio"/> <b>science</b> | <input type="radio"/> <b>P.E.</b> & health |
| <input type="radio"/> world cultures  | <input type="radio"/> mathematics    | <input type="radio"/> social skills        |
| <input type="radio"/> reading/writing | <input type="radio"/> practical life | <input type="radio"/> <b>play</b>          |

materials needed:

“Just Ducky” activity bin  
sidewalk chalk in five colors (white, blue, green, red, brown)  
large section of pavement at least 8 to 10 feet square  
name badge label stickers  
markers

setting the stage / picture book:

read Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration by  
Marianne Berkes (or choose a migration poem)

activity plan:

use the white chalk and the example map in the lesson plan to  
draw a huge map of the continental U.S. on the pavement; use  
colored chalk to indicate each waterfowl migration corridor  
(use chalk colors that match the colored labels on the bottles)

blue chalk - Lesser Snow Goose - Mississippi Corridor  
green chalk - Northern Shoveler - Central Corridor  
red chalk - Northern Pintail - Pacific Corridor  
brown chalk - American Black Duck - Atlantic Corridor

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follow the “Just Ducky” lesson plan from Flying WILD

note that Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge is just nine miles away from us

follow up / notes:

if desired, use name badge labels to label each child after they draw the card which determines what waterfowl they will be

it is nice to have color pictures of each bird displayed

some options for migration poetry

- “Who Tells the Swallows”  
by Aileen Fisher  
from I Wonder How, I Wonder Why
  
- “Migration”  
by Georgia Heard  
from Creatures of Earth, Sea, and Sky (p.15)
  
- “Dream of the Tundra Swan”  
by Joyce Sidman  
from Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold (p.6)
  
- “The Last Word of a Bluebird”  
by Robert Frost  
from Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost (p.19)