



Ashley's Angel Gram

Welcome April

The Great Outdoors

With Daylight Savings already behind us, why not take advantage of the wonderful extra hour of daylight after dinner. There are so many ways to enjoy the great outdoors this time of year. Here are only a few suggestions for adults and children!

- Go for a bike ride.
- Visit the park or local playground.
- Take a walk, even the family dog will love this one!
- Meet the neighbors, this is especially important if you are in a new neighborhood! This will happen naturally while out for a walk.
- Play in your own backyard! Make an evening of it - bar-b-que some burgers for dinner and play afterwards.
- Maybe you're tired after a long hard day of work? What better way to get the

kids to bed early then to let them run around outside, give them a bath and put them down 30 minutes early, so you can relax!

- On the weekends, pack a picnic lunch and visit your local park. You may be surprised how many of your neighbors do the same thing.
- How about having a block party? Plan it at least 30-days in advance maybe planning now for Memorial Day weekend would be perfect! Have everyone bring their own meet and a side dish to share! Assignment paper plates, cups, and napkins to someone and have one neighbor plan some activities for the children or make it adults only and hire teenage babysitters - all parents using the babysitters would pay a flat fee per child! Have them RSVP in advance so you have plenty of teenagers to watch the little ones! Have Fun!

PLAY is the most important thing children do

Here are a few benefits of playing~

- It gives children a sense of power and control
- Play promotes imagination
- It encourages language building and

social skills

- Play decreases stress
- Play allows children to experience different roles

It helps develop a longer attention span
And most important – it's fun!

"Make your heart like a lake;
with a calm, still surface and
great depths of kindness."

~Lao Tzu



Life is a great big
canvas, and we
should throw all the
paint on it we can.



Robin Handprint Art My Spring Robin

I have a little birdie.
It's cute as can be.
It's body is brown
and his tummy is me!

Parent Bulletin

Ashley's Lil' Angels Childcare
**WILL BE CLOSED on APRIL
21, 2008** this is a personal
day and will be **UNPAID**.
It will be up to you to find
alternate care for your
children.

Thank you!

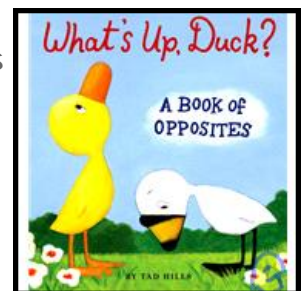
Library: Book Reviews > What's Up Duck?

What's Up Duck? *by Tad Hills*

Little siblings of Duck and Goose fans rejoice! The stars of the bestselling Duck & Goose and Duck, Duck, Goose return in this board book for preschoolers, this time, to introduce basic opposites.

Goose carries an ohso-heavy log, while duck easily balances a light-as-a-feather feather. Thistle is one fast bird, but Goose is slooo-w. And when Duck is sound asleep, Goose is wide awake. With a simple text and colorful illustrations—plus the inimitable characters, of course—here's a wonderful, and humorous, introduction to an important concept. We will have fun as I invite the children to explore our surroundings to find things that are opposite of each other.

Sounds like a fun book for us to examine.



**If you have a favorite book you'd like to bring and share with our group,
please let me know. We welcome parent participation**