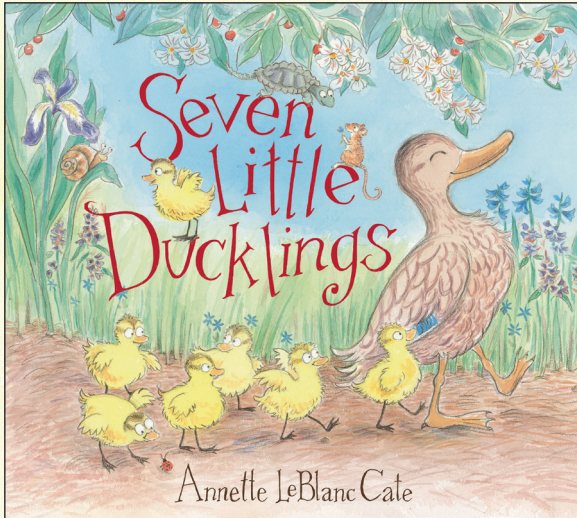


# Seven Little Ducklings

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In this adorable counting story brimming with unconditional love, a mother duck searching for her seven missing ducklings ends up collecting even more “babies” as she goes.

Use *Seven Little Ducklings* in your classroom to discuss nontraditional families and exploring nature.

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- Take the class on a nature walk and ask them to count all the animals they see along their way.
- Show the illustrations to the students and ask them to point out all the animals in the background that are not part of the main storyline.
- Have the students create their own version of this story using simple illustrations.
- Discuss how the mother duck accepted other animals as her babies. Ask the students to share their thoughts on what makes a family.
- Provide cutouts of different animals to the students and ask them to group the ones that they think make a family.



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