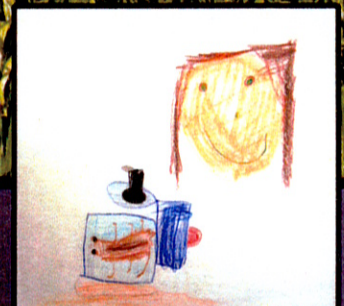
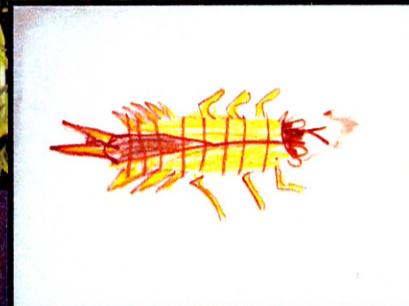
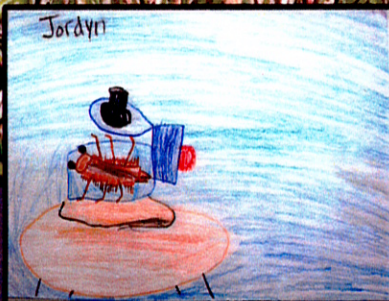
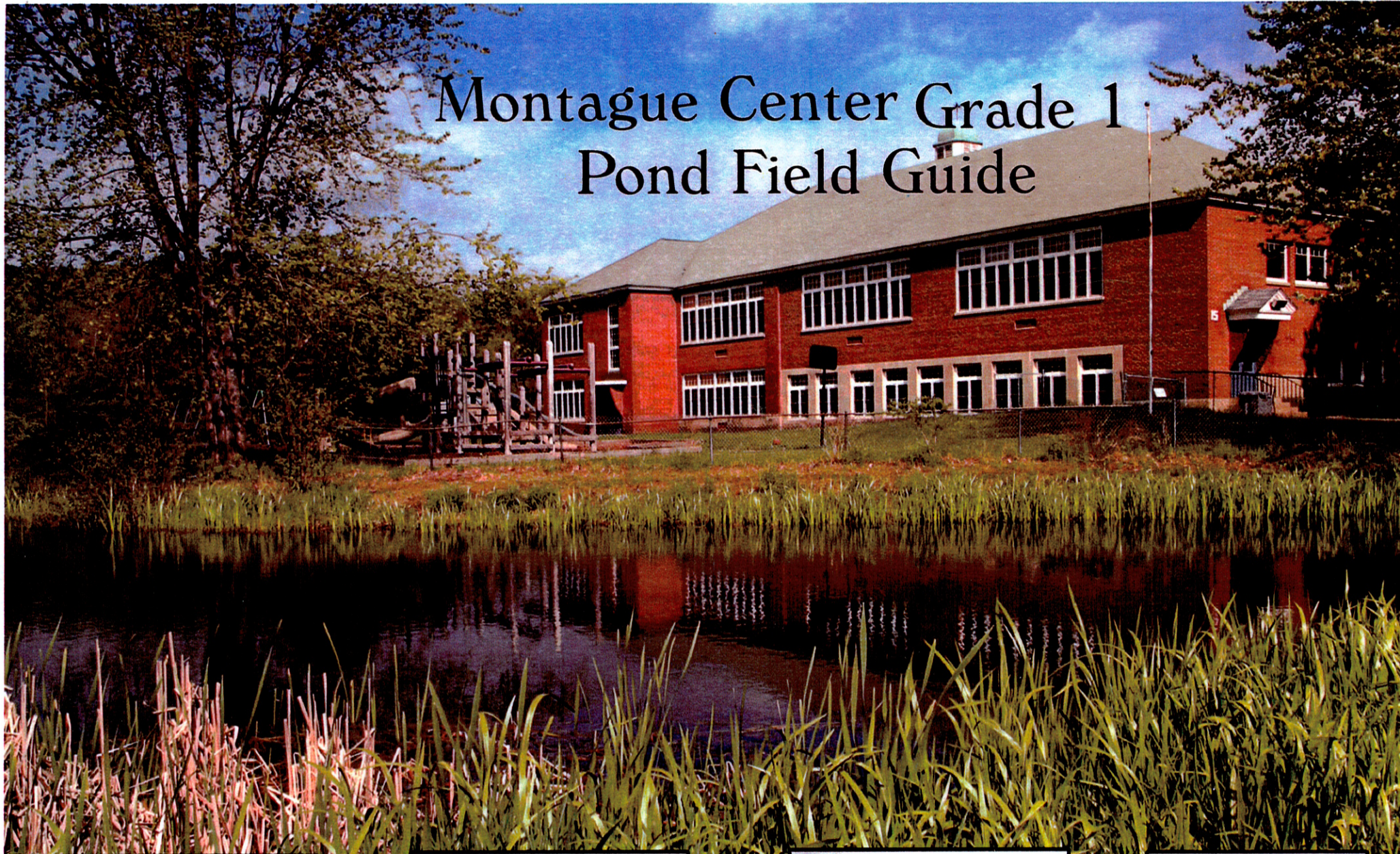


Montague Center Grade 1 Pond Field Guide



Creatures you might find in our pond



Mayfly larva. They use gills to breathe. they have 3 filaments on the tip of their abdomens and slender legs.



Green Tadpoles have long thin tails with spots. They overwinter under the ice and change into frogs the next summer.



Bullfrog Tadpoles take 2 or more years to become adults. They grow very large. Their bellies are creamy white or pale yellow.



Water Scavenger Beetles are small and oval shaped. They have clubbed antennae. They come up to the surface head first to look for the tiny plants and insects that they eat.



Crayfish are crustaceans. They shed their tails and grow new ones. They eat plants and sometimes other crayfish. They are found on the bottom of the pond



Green Frogs have a pair of ridges along their back. They live in fresh water. They eat earthworms, small mice, beetles, caterpillars and more.



Snails have hard shells that protect them and keep them from drying out. They burrow into the mud in the winter. They move along the bottom eating leafy bits.



Mudpuppies are brown salamanders that live in water all the time. They can grow to be 16 inches long! They have 3 red gills on the outside of their heads.



Fingernail clams are very small. They are cream colored. Be careful not to crush them! They eat tiny bits of leaves and live 1-2 years.



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Pumpkinseed fish have stripes. They swim in schools near the shore of ponds. At night they rest in protected areas near the bottom.