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On April 25th we went outside behind our school on the nature trail. The time was 1:17 pm. We went to our vernal pool off our trails and went to see if we could discover some life there. We found a bunch of mosquito larvae and that was pretty much it. We found frog eggs and no salamander eggs, which was very surprising because normally salamanders lay a lot of eggs during this time of year along with frogs like the wood frog. When we went out to the vernal pool behind our school we saw tons of critters like a redback salamander. We saw frog eggs we didn't see any frogs though we saw tons of mosquito larvae and one of our blocks found a horsehair worm, which is a worm that lives in the water and it looks just like a hair that's why they call it a horsehair worm. We also caught mosquito larvae. After seeing all of these creatures I wonder if the creatures are born in the same vernal pool as they lay eggs?

After researching my question I came up with the animals are born at the same vernal pool they lay their eggs in but they travel a thousand feet which is about a quarter-mile to search for food and maybe another Vernal pool but that's unlikely most of them stay and lay in the same pool they were born in and that will be the same as the baby. It was a great experience that every class went out and got to look in the vernal pool to see if they could find any life.



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