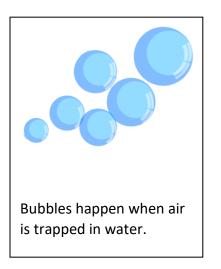
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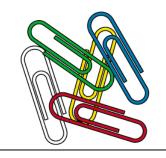


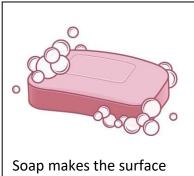
# All About Bubbles (K-2)

## The SCIENCE of BUBBLES:



Surface Tension is when the surface of a liquid is strong enough to hold an item like a paperclip.





soap makes the surface tension of water stretchy, so the bubbles don't pop right away.

### **READ:**

<u>Trouble Gum</u> by Matthew Cordell is a fun place to start thinking about bubbles! Don't have this book at home? You and the kids can read the <u>online version</u> too.

### ACTIVITY:

Materials: dish soap (Dawn or Joy work best), water, bowl and/or plate, straw, fork, paper clip, pipe cleaner (optional)

- 1. Pour water in the bowl/plate. When the water is still, challenge yourself to "float" the paperclip on the surface!
- 2. Using a straw, blow bubbles in the water.
- 3. To make longer-lasting bubbles, add 1-2 drops of dish soap. Stir with the fork and try blowing bubbles again.
- 4. To make more bubbles, add more soap!

**What is happening?** Soap makes the surface tension of the water more flexible. The air you add by blowing through the straw put air pressure inside the water, making a bubble!

### For step-by-step instructions, watch the video at: <u>Bubbles STEM</u>

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