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Summer Reading Program 2022

Seven Seas, Infinite Stories Storytime Packet

Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around Ocean and Reef life.

All suggested reads can be found in the Brevard County Public Library System and are available to be checked out.

This packet consists of two fully developed storytimes: Babies & Toddlers, and Preschool. Each storytime can be used for any age though and are great for early literacy enrichment and education.

Why storytime?
- Literacy development starts early in life and is highly correlated with school achievement.
- Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, and strengthens your relationship.
- You don't always need to read books! Try looking at picture books, singing rhymes and songs, or telling stories from your culture.

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Babies & Toddlers Storytime

Suggested Books:

"Fish Wish" by Bob Barner

"10 Little Rubber Ducks" by Eric Carle

"Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On" by Lois Ehlert

"If You Want to See a Whale" by Julie Fogliano

"Colorful Coral Reefs" by Thea Feldman

Rhyme/Movement: "A Day at the Beach"

Whoosh goes the wind. *(lift baby's arms and sway them back and forth)*

Sniff, sniff goes my nose. *(tap baby's nose)*

Crash goes the waves. *(clap baby's hands together)*

Splish, splash go my toes. *(kick baby's feet)*

I'll hunt for sea shells. *(hold baby's hands to pretend gathering shells)*

We dig and sift the sand. *(pretend digging and sifting)*

Let's build a sand castle as high as we can! *(pretend building and lift a hand to show how high)*

Oh my! What fun is this day at the beach! *(clap baby's hands)*

Song: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

(do rowing motions as you sing)

Row, row, row your boat,

Gently down the stream.

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

Life is but a dream.

Fingerplay: Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Once I caught a fish alive,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 *(raise one finger at a time until all five fingers on one hand are raised)*

Once I caught a fish alive,

6, 7, 8, 9, 10 *(raise fingers on your second hand one at a time)*

Then I let him go again.

Why did you let him go?

Because he bit my finger so.

Which finger did he bite?

This little finger on my right. *(wriggle right pinky finger)*

Preschool Storytime

Suggested Books:

"Over in the Ocean: in a Coral Reef" by Marianne Berkes
"Fish Wish" by Bob Barner
"Mr. Seahorse" by Eric Carle
"Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On" by Lois Ehlert
"I am a Shark: The Life of a Hammerhead Shark" by Darlene Stille

Rhyme/Movement: The Little Turtle

There was a little turtle.

He lived in a box.

He swam in a puddle. *(pretend to swim)*

He climbed on the rocks. *(pretend to climb)*

He snapped at a mosquito. *(pretend to snap at a mosquito)*

He snapped at a flea. *(pretend to snap at a flea)*

He snapped at a minnow. *(pretend to snap at a minnow)*

And he snapped at me. *(pretend to snap at yourself)*

He caught the mosquito. *(pretend to catch a mosquito)*

He caught the flea. *(pretend to catch a flea)*

He caught the minnow. *(pretend to catch a minnow)*

But he didn't catch me. *(pretend to run away)*

Song: The Waves in the Sea

(sung to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus)

(make a rolling wave by moving one hand up and down

The waves in the sea go,

Up and down,*)*

Up and down, Up and down,

The waves in the sea go up and down,

All day long.

(2 hands together, joined at the wrist to form a mouth, snap open and shut)

The sharks in the sea go,

Snap, snap, snap

The sharks in the sea go snap, snap, snap

All day long.

The fish in the sea go,

Swish, swish, swish *(swim hands around as a fish)*

The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish

All day long.

The crabs in the sea go

Click, click, click *(click fingers or clap hands)*

The crabs in the sea go click, click, click

All day long.

Fingerplay: 5 Little Sea Creatures

Start counting down by holding up 5 fingers:

Five little sea creatures on the ocean floor;

The lobster walked away, now there are four. *(fold a finger down)*

Four little sea creatures living in the sea;

The octopus crept away, now there are three. *(fold a finger down)*

Three little sea creatures wondering what to do;

'Good-bye said the starfish, now there are two. *(fold a finger down)*

Two little sea creatures not having much fun;

Off swam the sea horse, now there is one. *(fold a finger down)*

One little hermit crab sad and all alone;

Back came the sea horse, *(raise a finger up)*

Back came the starfish, *(raise a finger up)*

Back came the octopus, *(raise a finger up)*

Back came the lobster, *(raise a finger up)*

Then all five went home!

Home Activity

Ocean Reef

Home Supplies:

- Construction paper
- Tissue paper
- Crayons
- Glue stick
- Tape
- Hand cut or die cut fish

- Channel stems
- Pom poms (optional)
- Crepe paper streamer (optional)
- Glitter (optional)
- Markers (optional)
- Tissue box or any small box

Instructions:

1. Cut tissue box in half lengthwise, then half again to form an open, low box approx. 4 ½ x 3 ½ inch as shown, to create an open diorama.
2. Use crepe paper or construction paper to cover the box inside and out.
3. Cut, color and decorate fish as desired.
4. Cut channel stems to approx. 6 inches or as desired. Tape fish to the channel stem, then to the 'back' of the diorama.
5. Form channel stems in zig-zag and/or desired shapes to create sea fans, etc. Tape to back of diorama.
6. Ball, cut & crumple the tissue paper to create 'reefs'. Generously use glue stick on the inside base of the diorama box, press down to secure crumpled tissue 'reefs' and pom pom 'reefs'.
7. Continue to decorate your reef as desired. Enjoy!