



Brevard County Libraries Summer Reading Program 2022

Seashells Storytime Packet

Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around Shells and the shoreline.

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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Storytime, Tween, and Teen Packets created by Youth Services Librarians

Babies & Toddlers Storytime

Suggested Books:

- "Beach Baby" by Laurie Elmquist
- "Beach Day" by Douglas Florian
- "Sea, Sand, Me" by Patricia Hubbell
- "We Are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom
- "Beach Feet" by Kiyomi Konagaya

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: Sand and Sun

Sung to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Beach, beach, sand, and sun
Playing by the sea
Summertime is just for fun
A special time for me.

Digging in the sand
Happy as can be
Summertime is just for fun
A special time for me.

Fingerplay: Ten Little Sea Shells

Sung to the tune of 10 Little Indians

Count by holding up fingers

One little, two little, three little sea shells,
Four little, five little, six little sea shells,
Seven little, eight little, nine little sea shells,
Ten little sea shells by the shore.

Ten little, nine little, eight little sea shells,
Seven little, six little, five little sea shells,
Four little, three little, two little sea shells,
One little sea shell by the shore.

Preschool Storytime

Suggested Books:

"On the way to the Beach" by Henry Cole

"Blue" by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

"Fish Wish" by Bob Barner

"At the Beach " by Anne F. Rockwell

"All the World" by Elizabeth Scanlon

Rhyme/Movement: I Went to the Beach

I went to the beach, and what did I see?

A bird in the sand (make thumb and index finger touch to form bird)

Looking at me! (point bird beak toward your face)

I went to the beach, and what did I see?

A fish in the water (use hand to mimic a fish swimming)

Splashing at me! (Make hand movement like splashing water)

I went to the beach, and what did I see?

A shell in the sand sparkling at me!
(make a fist with one hand and have the other finger tap top of fist)

I went to the beach, and what did I see?

A crab in its shell (make a crab with all fingers wiggling; one hand on top of the other)

Waving at me!

Song: Down by the Shore

Sung to the tune of Down by the Bay

Down by the shore

In the sand and the sun

I like to dive

And splash and run.

As the waves roll in,

I'll get warm in the sun

And have lots of fun. Down by the shore!

Fingerplay: Five Little Seashells

Count by holding up fingers, show each wave with arms.

Five little seashells lying on the shore;

Swish! Went the waves, then there were four.

Four little seashells cozy as could be;

Swish! Went the waves, then there were three.

Three little seashells all pearly new;

Swish! Went the waves, then there were two.

Two little seashells sleeping in the sun;

Swish! Went the waves, then there was one.

One little seashell left all alone,

Whispered 'shhhhhh' as I took it home.

Home Activity

Shells on the Beach

Home Supplies:

- ¼ sheet of fine sandpaper
- 1 blue construction paper sheet
- crayons
- glue stick
- hand cut palm tree, sun, beach ball, etc.

Instructions:

1. Cut sandpaper lengthwise in a wavy, sloped 'beach shape'. Glue at the bottom of lengthwise blue paper to create a beach.
2. Glue tree, beach ball, sun, and any other shapes where desired.
3. Draw water, shells, birds, and any other scenery as desired.



