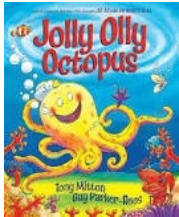




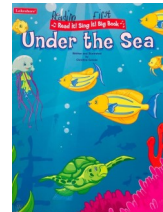
Oceans

Earth's oceans and ocean creatures are not fully explored. Adventure is awaiting you under the sea! Read with us about unusual and interesting sea life. By the way, what kind of water is in the ocean?

Click on a book cover below to open the read aloud in YouTube.



Weekly Read Aloud



Literacy Activity

J for Jellyfish



Talk about how the word jellyfish starts with a J,j. Talk about the sound the letter /J,j/ makes and give examples of words that start with the letter J,j. Identify uppercase J and lowercase j.

Scroll to page 2 to see directions for making a paper plate jellyfish.

Dramatic Play or Music Activity

Ocean Sensory Bin



Click on the pictures to watch Ms. Sue make an ocean sensory bin.

Math Activity

Rainbow Goldfish Color Sorting

This is a fun and inexpensive way to practice sorting with your child at home! All you will need are colored goldfish and bowls.

1. Line up a bowl for each different color of goldfish you have.
2. Have your child sort the goldfish by color into each bowl.

Science Activity

Let's explore the difference between the fresh water of lakes and rivers and the salt water of the ocean! Why are so many very large animals, like whales, able to live in the ocean but not in freshwater lakes? To find out, let's conduct a simple experiment.

Scroll to page 2 to see written directions.



Click on the image to see Ms. Lynn's activity.



Excited to Learn More?

Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

Read Aloud



Paper Octopus

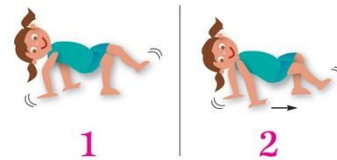


Click on the picture and watch Ms. Sue make a paper octopus.

Walk Like a Crab!

Get down on all "fours" to walk like a crab.

Crab Walk



Fresh Water Vs. Salt Water

Experiment

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Here's what you will need:

1. 2 buttons
2. 2 tall, clear glasses or two 16 oz. clear plastic cups

Directions:

1. Pour fresh water in both cups.
2. Carefully place a button in each glass or cup. The buttons will sink to the bottom.
3. In one cup, add two tablespoons of baking soda and stir. What happens? The salt water becomes cloudy and more dense.
4. Continue to add baking soda (salt) and stir until the button rises.

Notes:

1. The button will float because it will weigh less than the water with baking soda.
2. The buoyancy of salt water helps large mammals, like whales, support their massive body weight in the ocean. Do you float better in salt water or fresh water?
3. Be sure to recycle your plastic cups when you're finished!

Paper Plate Jellyfish Directions

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1. Cut a paper plate in half.
2. Color one side of the plate all different colors.
3. Draw or glue eyes on your jellyfish.
4. Hole punch five holes and label them one through five.
5. Take pipe cleaner and wrap it around the holes to make the jellyfish's tentacles.
6. Count and place the appropriate amount of beads to match the number written above the hole.