

April Theme: Animals with Shells

Recommended Books

Focus Book: *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle**

Fiction:

The Legend of the Sand Dollar by Chris Auer

There Might be Lobsters by Carolyn Crimi**

The Crab Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

****Books read aloud on Youtube for Kids**

Non-Fiction:

Japanese Spider Crabs by Emma Bassier

Seashells by the Seashore by Marianne Berkes

Underwater World Lobsters by Deborah Coldiron

Shells by S. Peter Dance

Starfish by Edith Thacher Hurd

Hermit Crabs by Ellen Lawrence

Life Under the Sea Lobsters by Cari Meister

Next Time You See a Seashell by Emily Morgan

Ocean Life Up Close Sea Stars by Rebecca Pettiford

Spiny Lobsters by Lindsay Shaffer

Seashells More Than a Home by Melissa Stewart

Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars by Christiane Kump Tibbits

What Lives in a Shell by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Tumblebooks (found on the library's website)

Turtle, Turtle Watch Out! by April Pulley Sayre

Crab Moon by Ruth Horowitz

Videos (found on Tumblebooks site)

Critter Cam Leatherback Turtles by National Geographic

Craft Project: Stick Crab

You will find in the bag:

3 large craft sticks
red paper template
Googley eyes

Items needed from Home:

scissors
glue or tape
crayons or markers

Directions:

Cut out each part as listed on the red paper. Trace copies for any that show two. You should be able to find places on the paper to trace and cut out. If needed, color your craft sticks red. Glue each stick onto the red triangle to make the crabs body. (I used double sided tape and left the edge with the tape out to stick the parts on) Take the two parts that have an oval at the end and glue the straight side down behind a long end. The circular part should show. This will hold the eyes. Take the 2 large claws and glue each onto the far ends by the eyes. Take the two smaller claws and glue onto the short end across from each other. Then, glue three of the smaller legs down the other two long sides, Add the eyes.

STEM Science Activity: Animal Ocean Zones

You will need:

*1 liter plastic bottle
*crayons
*scissors
*tape or glue

Directions:

Color the sections according to the directions. Cut out the name of the zone and glue it into the correct box. Cut on the dotted lines and glue the sections onto the plastic bottle. Optional, look for pictures of other sea animals to add to each zone.

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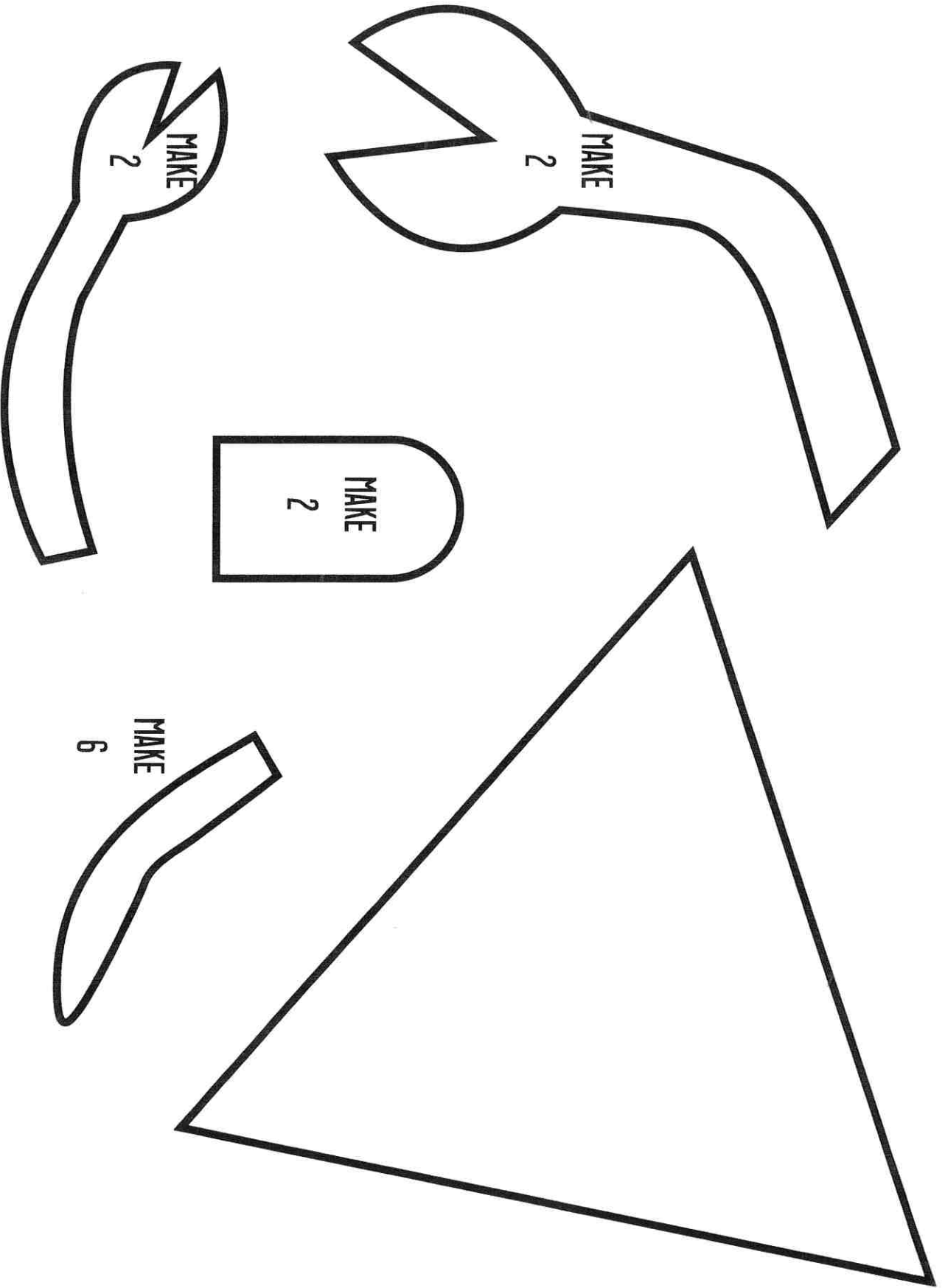
Memory Game

Cut out all cards. Mix them up and then lay face down in even rows. The youngest goes first. On their turn, each player turns over two cards. If the cards match, the player gets to keep them and try to make another match. If the cards don't match, they must be turned back over in the same spot, and the player to the left takes their turn following the same procedure. This continues until all cards are matched. The player with the most matches is the winner.

Song: Hole in the Bottom of the Sea

Sing a long: <https://youtu.be/R1Qn2bcZRT0>

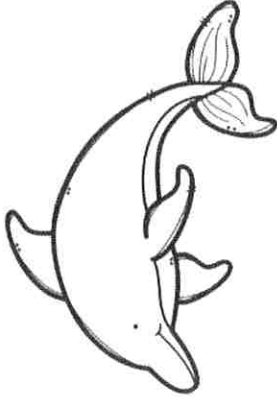
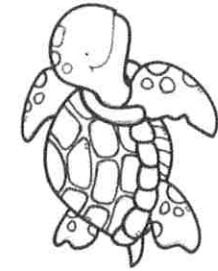
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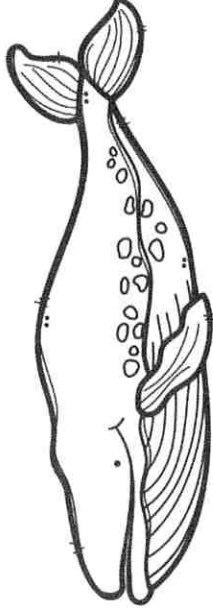
Name: _____

Ocean Zones

Sunlight rarely penetrates beyond this zone. Color this zone light blue.



Sunlight decreases with depth. Color this zone teal.



Sunlight does not penetrate this zone. Color this zone a dark blue.



sunlight
zone

midnight
zone

twilight
zone

Cut and glue

