



December Theme: *The Coral Reef*

Recommended Books

Focus Book: *A Swim through the Sea* by Kristin Joy Pratt

Fiction:

The Brilliant Deep Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs by Kate Messner

Over in the Ocean, In a Coral Reef by Marianne Berkes

Coral Reefs by Jason Chin

Pout-Pout Fish Christmas Spirit by Deborah Diesen

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

Non-Fiction:

Coral Reefs Undersea Rainbows by Meighan Melsheimer

Sea Urchins, Ocean Life Up Close by Heather Admanson

Clownfish, Animals of the Coral Reef by Lindsay Shaffer

Coral Reefs, In Focus Oceans by Claudia Martin

Clownfish, Ocean Life by Pamela W. McDowell

Tumblebooks (found on the library's website)

Down by the Bay

Clown Fish National Geographic Video

Corrals National Geographic Videos

Great Barrier Reef National Geographic Videos

Craft Project: Coral Reef Diarama

You will find in the bag:

*Construction paper

*baggie with stickers

*chenille stems

* animal color page

Items needed from Home:

shoebox

scissors

glue or tape
crayons or markers

Directions:

Cut the construction paper to fit the back and inner sides of the shoebox. Stand the box on a side. Take the chenille stems and cut them into sizes you choose, and glue or tape in the box. Then, place the stickers and colored sea animals around to form your coral reef diorama.

STEM Science Activity: Ocean Current Movements

You will need:

9x13" clear pan
cold water
boiling water
ice cubes
Red and blue food coloring
plastic or rubber sea animals and sea shells

Directions :

Fill the tray about half way with cold water. Mix in blue food coloring. Mix a cup of ice cubes. Then, add sea animals. Next, boil 2 cups of water and mix in red food coloring until it's a dark red. Then, slowly pour the hot water into the blue cold water and watch the currents form. Then, the child can blow over the water and watch what happen. This shows how ocean currents move.

Game/Song: The Slippery Fish

Children will act out the parts of the song. First swimming as a fish, then octopus, tune fish, shark, and whale.

Save

The Slippery Fish Song

Slippery fish, slippery fish, sliding through the water,
Slippery fish, slippery fish, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!
Oh, no! It's been eaten by an?

Octopus, octopus, squiggling in the water
Octopus, octopus, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!
Oh, no! It's been eaten by a?

Tuna fish, tuna fish, flashing in the water,
Tuna fish, tuna fish, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!
Oh, no! It's been eaten by a?

Great white shark, great white shark, lurking in the
water,
Great white shark, great white shark, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!
Oh, no! It's been eaten by a?

Humongous whale, humongous whale, spouting in the water,
Humongous whale, humongous whale,
Gulp! ? Gulp! ? Gulp! ? BURP!
Pardon me!

Songs & lyrics by Charlotte Diamond

