



March Theme: Jellyfish and Whales

Recommended Books

Focus Book: Spencer and Vincent , The Jellyfish Brothers by Tony Johnston **

Fiction:

To the Sea by Cale Atkinson**

The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson**

Humphrey the Lost Whale by Wendy Tokuda and Richard Hall**

Somewhere in the Ocean by Jennifer Ward and T. J. Marsh**

Following Papa's Song by Gianna Marino**

The Whales by Cynthia Rylant**

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

Non-Fiction:

Do Jellyfish Like Peanutbutter? By Corrine Demas and Artemis Roehrig

All About Jellyfish by Katie Gillespie

Eye Wonder, Ocean by Samantha Gray

Becoming a Jellyfish by Grace Hansen

Blue Whales by Patricia Hutchinson

Learn to Draw Underwater Life by Heather Kissock

Smart Animals, Whales by Lia Rao

Jellyfish by Mari Schu,

Sea Creatures by Seymour Simon

Wish for a Fish by Bonnie Worth

Ocean Animals, Jellyfish by Derek Zobel

Tumblebooks (found on the library's website)

Down by the Bay

Down to the Sea with Mr. McGee

Videos (found on Tumblebooks site)

National Geographic Videos *Bowhead Whales*

National Geographic Videos *Critter Cam Blue Whales*

Craft Project: Jellyfish

You will find in the bag:

*dark and light blue paper patterns

*2 large Eyes

*extra blue paper

*Craftstick

Items needed from Home:

scissors
glue or tape
crayons or markers

Directions:

Cut out the pattern parts from the template. Glue the light blue edge under the dark blue. Cut out and add the eyes above the smile. Take the paper strips and glue them behind the light blue area of the jellyfish for tentacles. Color then glue the craft stick behind the ribbon. This allows you to play with it as a puppet. *Optional: I took the strips and folded them back and for more dimension before I glued them down.

STEM Science Activity: Jellyfish in a bottle

You will need:

- *1 baggie
- *clear plastic bottle (10 oz or larger)
- *blue food coloring
- *thread
- *scissors
- *water
- *optional: colorful sharpie markers and small plastic fish

Directions:

Cut your baggie so that it lays flat. If you use markers, make a small circle in the middle. Then, draw a ring around it with another color. Using another color, draw lines the ring. This is the head of your jellyfish. Fill your bottle half way with water. Then add 3-4 drops of blue food coloring. Now, place the head you drew on the baggie over a glass and carefully pour a small amount of water into the head. You will twist the head and tie a string around it. (If you do not color the head. Place the center of the baggie over a cup and pour the water and tie it with the thread.) Trim the bottom edges of the baggie and cut into thin tentacles. (It's ok if some water leaks out) Place it head first into the bottle. If you choose, you can add a small plastic fish. Then fill the bottle to the brim and place the cap on tightly. Now you can move the bottle back and forth to watch the jellyfish swim. (can be found on pintrest)

Song and activity: Jellyfish song and Dance

On a separate page. As children sing, they can follow the actions. Can be found on Youtube.



The Jellyfish Song and Dance

Repeat after me.

Arms up.

Wrists together.

The jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish.

Arms up.

Wrists together.

Elbows together.

The jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish.

Arms up.

Wrists together.

Elbows together.

Knees together.

The jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish.

Arms up.

Wrists together.

Elbows together.

Knees together.

Feet together.

The jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish, the jellyfish.

Arms up.

Wrists together.

Elbows together.

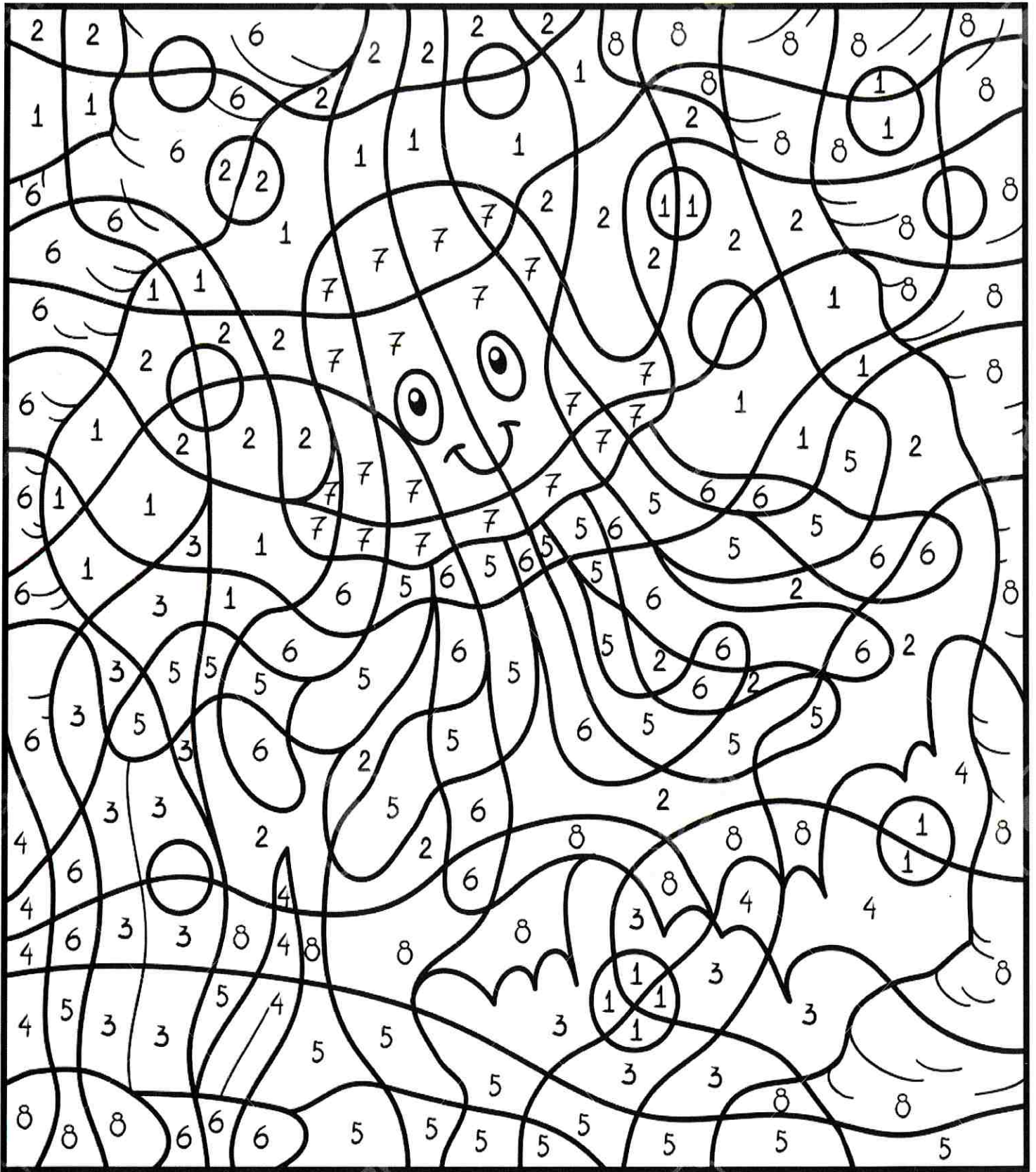
Knees together.

Feet together.

Head back.

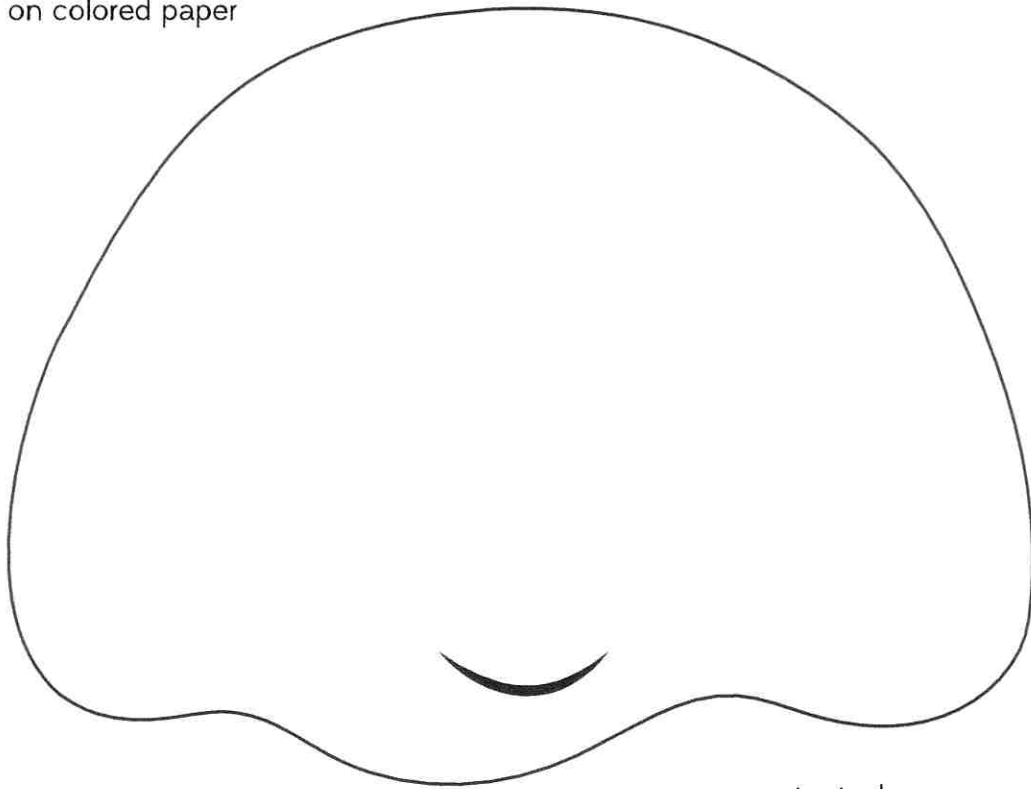
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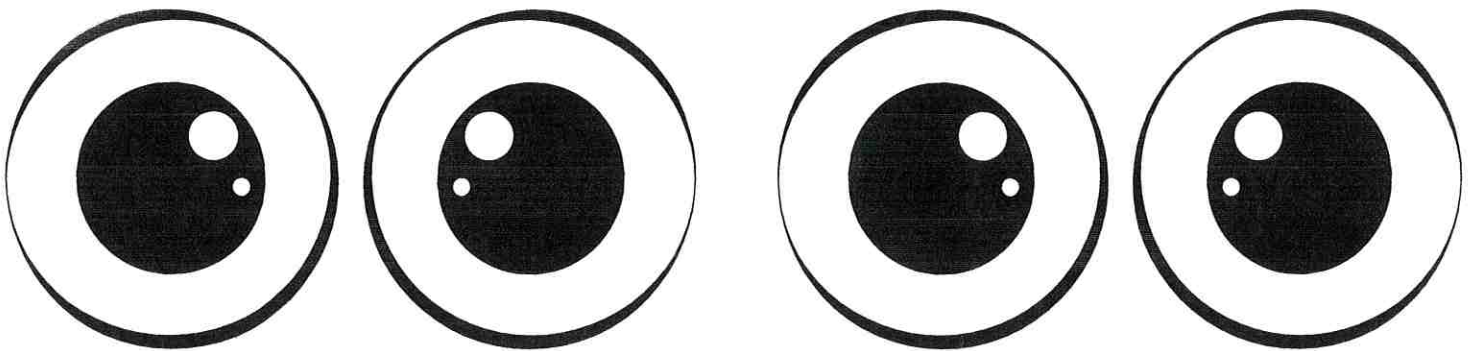
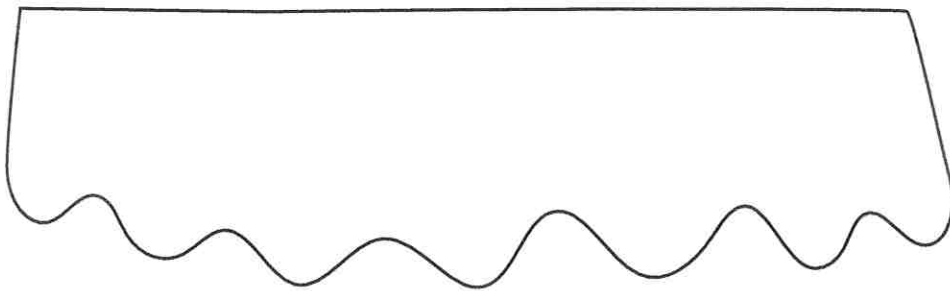


1 - light blue 2 - blue 3 - green 4 - dark green
5 - yellow 6 - orange 7 - pink 8 - brown

body
trace on colored paper



upper tentacles
trace on colored paper



eyes
cut out

