

Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.



# UNDER THE SEA

## Books To Share

- Baby Beluga* by Raffi  
*Bright Stanley* by Matt Buckingham  
*Clumsy Crab* by Ruth Galloway  
*Crabby Crab* by Chris Raschka  
*Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreae  
*The Deep Blue Sea* by Audrey Wood  
*Hooray for Fish* by Lucy Cousins  
*I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*  
by Kevin Sherry  
*Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle  
*The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen  
*Somewhere in the Ocean* by Jennifer Ward  
*Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood  
*Tickly Octopus* by Ruth Galloway  
*Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea*  
by Jan Peck  
*Wiggle! Like an Octopus* by Harriet Zierfert  
*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni  
*The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister

## Fun With Fingerplays, Songs, and More

### **Fish Colors**

There are so many fish in the deep blue sea.

What is the color of the fish you see?

Red, red, this one's red.

This little fishie is red, red, red.

*Continue with other colors.*

### **Five Little Jellyfish**

5 little jellyfish swimming by the shore,  
the yellow one got lost and that left 4.

4 little jellyfish swimming in the sea,  
the bright blue one swam far away and that left 3.

4 little jellyfish in the ocean blue,  
the purple one took a seahorse ride and that left 2.

2 little jellyfish swimming in the sun,  
the orange one took a dive and that left 1.

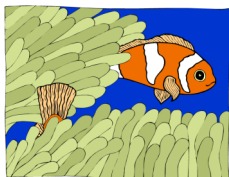
1 little jellyfish swimming all alone,  
it was time for him to go home and that left none!



## Clown Fish Lives in the Ocean

(Tune: Bear Goes Over the Mountain)

The clown fish lives in the ocean  
The clown fish lives in the ocean.  
The clown fish lives in the ocean....  
His neighbor is the seahorse.  
The seahorse lives in the ocean  
The seahorse lives in the ocean.  
The seahorse lives in the ocean....  
His neighbor is the shark.  
The shark lives in the ocean  
The shark lives in the ocean.  
The shark fish lives in the ocean....  
His neighbor is the jellyfish.



*Continue with: jellyfish, octopus, starfish, sea urchin, dolphin, whale, etc.*

## I'm a Little Octopus

Arm #1 goes swish, swish, swish  
(*swing arms back and forth*)  
Arm #2 helps me catch fish  
(*wiggle hand back and forth*)  
Arm #3 pats my head  
(*pat hand on head*)  
Arm #4 makes sure I'm fed  
(*put hand to mouth*)  
Arm #5 swims me to shore  
(*move arms in swimming motion*)  
Arm #6 touches the ocean floor  
(*touch hand to floor*)  
Arm #7 can grab and tug  
(*open and close hands*)  
But all eight arms give me a hug!  
(*cross arms and hug yourself*)



## Two Little Crabs

Two little crabs, sitting on a rock.

(*hold up two fingers*)

One named Tick.

One named Tock.

Crawl away Tick.

(*walk fingers away from you*)

Crawl away Tock.

Come back Tick.

(*walk fingers back to you*)

Come back Tock.



## Handprint Octopus

*Need: washable, non-toxic paint, white and any color  
Black marker*

*Paper for painting*

Paint four fingers and your palm. Stamp on a piece of paper. Paint again and stamp again so that your octopus has eight tentacles. Paint your fingertip white and stamp in the eyes. Use a black marker to draw the eyeballs and mouth to complete your octopus.

<http://crafty-crafted.com/animal-crafts/handprint-octopus/>

One step farther:

Give your octopus a name and write a short story about him or her.



## Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library®

Learning to read begins before your child starts school. Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school. Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children's area.

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