# #UREADYKIDSCAMP



# FREE AT HOME SUMMER CAMP

SENSORY PLAY, ARTS + CRAFTS, BOOKS, ONLINE RESOURCES + MORE!

SESSION 2-JULY 2020

Our second week of July is all about the beach! We are learning about all things ocean, sand and sea creatures. Get a little taste of the shore even if you can't make it there in person!



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### OCEAN PUPPET SHOW



#### MATERIALS:

- Puppet theater, table or cardboard box with a hole cut out of it
- Stuffed animals, puppets or sea creature cut outs glued to popsicle sticks

### WAYS TO PLAY:

- Perform a puppet show
- Retell a story about sea creatures using puppets
- Create your own sea creature puppets
- Design a sign or a flyer for your puppet show

### BEACH PLAY DOUGH PUZZLE



### MATERIALS:

- Kinetic Sand or Play Dough
- Sea Shells
- [Optional] Plastic beach animals, sticks, rocks, wooden letters, "treasures"

#### WAYS TO PLAY:

- Press objects into sand/play dough + set aside for your little one to find
- Create their own puzzles
- Stamp beach-themed vocabulary into the sand/dough
- Free play with sand/dough + loose parts

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### SAND CASTLE SENSORY



### MATERIALS:

- Sensory table or large plastic bin
- Kinetic Sand or beach sand
- Sand tools, small buckets, castle molds or cups
- Seashells and other nature objects [Optional] Small dolls or figurines, flags + other castle decorations

### WAYS TO PLAY:

- Scoop + pour
- Build a sand castle + decorate
- Do this activity outside in the sand box or at the beach
- Small world play

# RECYCLED FISH CRAFT



#### MATERIALS:

- Plastic water bottle (remove label)
- Paint
- Glue or Glue dots
- [Optional] googly eyes, sharpies or chalk markers, scissors, stapler, ribbon

### WAYS TO CREATE:

- Squirt two colors of paint in bottle
- Add a tiny bit of water into the bottle
- Put the cap back on tightly and shake.
- Draw eyes or stick google eyes on the top sides of the bottle with glue or glue dots. Draw scale designs and gills.
- Crinkle and twist the bottom part into a tail, or make cuts on sides +bottom + staple closed. Add ribbon if desired.

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# OCEAN POTIONS



#### MATERIALS:

- Sensory table or large plastic bin
- Jars, bottles, bowls
- Oil, Vinegar, Baking Soda, Ice, Salt
- Medicine droppers
- Food Coloring [Optional] Plastic fish, water beads

### WAYS TO PLAY:

- Pour, scoop
- Experiment with fizzy chemical reactions, mixing color, ice melting, buoyancy
- Make sensory "calm down" bottles
- Add water beads or plastic fish
- Add shells or sand

## SAND ART ALPHABET



### MATERIALS:

- Alphabet printable
- Glue
- Q-tip
- Sand or salt (natural or colored)

#### WAYS TO PLAY:

- Trace the letters in glue + sprinkle salt/sand over the letters
- Use a dropper to add watercolor watercolor to plain salt/sand letters
- Draw one large letter on a paper for younger children
- Use finger, q-tip, paintbrush or glue bottle to apply glue



### MIXED-MEDIA BEACHES



### MATERIALS:

• Sandpaper or brown Kraft paper

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- White Paper
- Oil, water + food coloring
- Baking tray
- Glue
- Seashells or shells cut out of paper

#### DIRECTIONS:

- Fill a shallow tray with water + blue food coloring. Stir in a few drops of oil to create a marbling effect.
- Press paper gently onto the top of tray. Lift and repeat with another paper.
- Let dry.
- Tear marbled papers into strips.
- Glue sandpaper to the top of a piece of paper. overlap torn paper strips. Trim the bottom if necessary,
- Create paper pulp with wet torn paper + glue to the tops of the waves
- Add seashells

Check out beach photos by contemporary photographer Gray Malin for inspiration

> Discuss the oil + water mixture. Why don't they mix?

Learn about collage + mixed media artists. Discuss overlap and layering.

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# SNACKTIVITIES

- Blue jello and graham crackers, swedish fish
- Snack on goldfish crackers
- Make a Virgin Pina Colada drink
- Make a string cheese octopus by peeling the bottom part into legs
- Boardwalk themed snacks like french fries, ice cream, cotton candy, caramel corn and salt water taffy
- Make edible sand out of crushed graham crackers, nilla wafers
- Try fish, shellfish or seaweed for dinner



# **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

- Go to the beach or the pool
- Clean the ocean sensory play.
  Scoop plastic trash out of the water to save the fish!
- Make an edible sand sensory bin out of crushed cheerios
- Take a virtual underwater
  Scuba diving field trip
- Trace the shape of a surfboard with painters tape and practice "surfing"
- Pass a beach ball back and forth. Toss it up the steps and catch it when it bounces back down
- Fill the bathtub with toy fish or stick reusable fish stickers on the tub and pretend to Scuba dive
- Have a "beach" picnic outside on a beach towel

Check out #UREADYKIDSCAMP\_BEACH for more ideas!

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# CHILDREN'S BOOKS

*Mermaid School* by JoAnne Stewart Wetzel

*Flotsam* by David Wiesner

*How to Code a Sand Castle* by Josh Funk

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

*The Big Book of Blue* by Yuval Zommer

*The Blue Whale* by Jenni Desmond

*Mr. Sea Horse* by Eric Carle

*Beach Feet* by Kiyomi Konagava

The Sandcastle that Lola Built by Meghan Maynor

# **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Virtual Swimming with Sharks from **National Geographic** <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rG4jSz\_2HDY</u>

Surf and Swim Yoga from **Bari Koral** <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLIXfjUztco</u>

Fintastic Fish Maker Game from **PBS** <u>https://pbskids.org/splashandbubbles/games/fintastic-</u> <u>fish-maker</u>

The Amazing Life of Sand from **Deep Look** <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkrQ9QuKprE</u>

Games and activities from **The Monterey Bay Aquarium** <u>https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/for-</u> <u>educators/curriculum-and-resources/games-and-activities</u>

Virtual Beach Field Trip from **Caitie's Classroom** <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZMFsnsKScc</u>





