

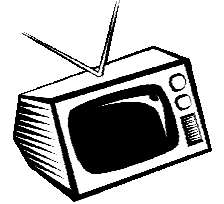


## Under the Sea

Kids are captivated by the creatures of the sea. From whales and dolphins to swordfish and crabs, kids love to find out about how the other side lives. Use these ideas to help your child develop an understanding of the vastly different life under the ocean.

Use this opportunity to try this Learning Triangle out with your child and learn about sea creatures and their habits. First, view an episode of *Franny's Feet* and learn how the how different creatures move under water. Then read *At the Beach* to teach your child about popular beach activities. Next, choose one of the many suggested activities to further expose your child to the sea life. Encouraging exploration of the outside world at an early age can serve as a great learning tool as they grow older.

## VIEW:



**Franny's Feet (#212)**  
***Under the Sea***

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 @ 11 a.m.

Franny finds herself in the ocean, where she meets Gus, an excitable young fish who becomes separated from his family. With Franny's help, Gus rejoins his family. Franny and Bobby help the audience learn how sea creatures like fish, crabs, and octopi move under water.

### **While You're Watching...**

*How do different sea creatures move? How is it different from the creatures of the land?*  
*What was the largest sea creature you saw?*  
*What was the smallest?*

## READ:

### At the Beach

By Anne Rockwell



A young preschooler accompanies her mother to the beach and in a first-person narrative describes familiar beach activities such as putting on sunscreen and chasing sandpipers. The clear and simple watercolor illustrations have a traditional Rockwell look to them with softly rounded shapes rendered in seaside tones. The book captures the joy of a child's day at the beach in clear, vivid images as they explore the world of the seashore through the eyes of the very young. (Amazon.com)

### Other Recommended Books:

*Dolphins*, by Robert Morris

*Fish Eyes*, by Lois Ehlert

*Fish is Fish*, by Leo Lionni

*A House for Hermit Crab*, by Eric Carle

*The Rainbow Fish*, by Marcus Pfister

*The Seashore Book*, by Charlotte Zolotow

## DO:

### Sea Life Activities

Here's just a few suggested activities to help expose your child to the sea life experience!

- ❖ Pretend to be crabs and have a race with both hands and feet on the ground—walking sideways!
- ❖ Make an edible aquarium by making blueberry gelatin in a clear bowl. Add gummy fish. Let gelatin set and enjoy!
- ❖ Write a big book on sea life, starting from A to Z.
- ❖ Write a letter to an octopus or shark, describing life on land. Ask it questions regarding life under the sea.
- ❖ Make fish fins, tails, and scales out of paper for your child to wear.
- ❖ Compare shell shapes and patterns. Listen to the shells. Do you hear any sounds?
- ❖ Take a trip to an aquarium!
- ❖ Listen to a recording of humpback whales or dolphins "singing".