Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

**BOOKS TO SHARE**

- **I'm The Biggest Thing in the Ocean** by Kevin Sherry
- **Hooray For Fish** by Lucy Cousins
- **Octopants** by Suzy Senior
- **Swallow the Leader: A Counting Book** by Danna Smith
- **Boats For Papa** by Jessixa Bagley
- **Breathe** by Scott Magoon
- **Fabulous Fishes** by Susan Stockdale
- **Swimmy** by Leo Lionni
- **Mister Seahorse** by Eric Carle
- **Barnacle Is Bored** by Jonathan Fenske

**FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS**

- **Slippery Fish**
  - 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!
  - [Cover your mouth] Excuse me!

- **“Did You Ever See a Fishy?”** [optional: puppet]
  - Did you ever see a fishy, a fishy, a fishy
  - Did you ever see a fishy, swim this way and that?
  - Swim this way and that way, and that way and this way?
  - Did you ever see a fishy, swim this way and that?
MORE FUN!

Note: It can be tempting, when making a craft or working on an art project to do the craft yourself instead of allowing your child to try, struggle, (and sometimes fail) to make the craft 'correctly.'

However, it is the PROCESS, not the PRODUCT that is most important part of making something with a child. Have fun and don't worry about perfection!

Handprint Fish Puppet

Supplies:
- Colorful paper (patterned scrapbook paper or colored cardstock works especially well)
- Glue and/or tape
- Popsicle stick
- Markers (optional)
- Google eyes (optional)
- Gems and/or sequins (optional)

This is one craft that is wonderfully customizable. No two puppets your child makes will be the same!

Trace your child’s hand onto the paper and have them cut it out.

Then, decorate as you see fit (a heart shape cut out of orange paper makes a great fish ‘mouth!’) and glue or tape the fish to the popsicle stick . . . creating your puppet!

Talk with your child about what types of animals and plants live in the ocean. How many can you name together?

Try an easy non-fiction book about the ocean and/or marine life. Non-fiction books can be great vocabulary builders.

5 Little Seahorses (fingerplay)

5 little seahorses play on the ocean floor. One went to swim and that left 4.
3 little seahorses live in the sea. One went to be and that left 3.
2 little seahorses having some fun. One went home and that left 1.
1 little seahorse yes, just one. He swam away and that left none!

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4 little seahorses live in the sea. One went to be and that left 3.
3 little seahorses in the ocean blue. One went to play and that left 2.
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Waves in the Sea
[tune: Wheels on the Bus]

The waves on the sea go up and down,
[Raise and lower arms.]
Up and down, up and down,
The waves on the sea go up and down
All day long.
The giant squid in the sea paints his inky, inky, ink
[use finger like paint brush.]
Paints with his inky, inky, ink.
The giant squid in the sea paints his inky, inky, ink
All the day long.
The shark in the sea goes snap, snap, snap
[Clap your hands.]
Snap, snap, snap, snap, snap
The shark in the sea goes snap, snap, snap,
All the day long.
The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish
[Swish back and forth.]
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish
The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish
All the day long.

Teasing Mr Shark

5 little fish swimming in the sea,
Teasing Mr. Shark, “You can’t catch me!”
Along come Mr. Shark as quiet as can be and SNAPs that fish right out of the sea!
[Verses: 4,3,2,1]

"Beyond the Sea" by Bobby Darin (1959)