



Opening the Gift

Dive In!

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Deep Sea Dive: Lift-the-Flap Adventures by Salina Yoon

Swimming by Cynthia Klingel and Robert B. Noyed

Splish, Splash, and Blue by Christianne C. Jones

Brownie & Pearl Take a Dip by Cynthia Rylant

Sea, Sand, Me! by Patricia Hubbell

Summer Wonders by Bob Raczka

Summer by Tanya Thayer

Splash! by Ann Jonas

Nursery Rhyme: She Sells Seashells

Songs & Fingerplays to Share:

Seasonal Song

(tune: "The Farmer in the Dell")

It's getting kind of hot!
(fan self with hand)
It's getting kind of hot!
Hi-ho, it's summer so
It's getting kind of hot!

Continue with:

You see the lightning bugs...
(open & close hand to represent flashing)
You hear the ice cream truck...
(cup hand to ear)
You have a picnic lunch...
(rub tummy)
It's time to swim and splash...
(pantomime swimming)

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Swimming

I can dive
(hands together)
I can swim
(swimming motion)
I can float
(arms out to side & head thrown back)
I can fetch
But dog paddle
(paddle like a dog)
Is what I do best!



Sun Sense

These are my sun glasses.
(circle eyes with fingers)
This is my great sun hat.
(hands over head)
This is the way I use my hands,
(show hands)
To rub sunscreen, just like that.
(rub hands on arms)
I'll find a shady spot to sit,
(shade eyes)
And lots of cool water to drink,
(pretend to drink)
You can have fun in the sun,
(point to friends)
If your skin doesn't get too pink!
OUCH!



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I Went to the Beach

I went to the beach, And what did I see?
A bird on the sand
(touch thumb & index finger together)
Looking at me!
I went to the beach, and what did I see?
A fish in the water
(palms together, make swimming motion)
Splashing at me!
I went to the beach, and what did I see?
A shell in the sand
(make a fist and tap with finger)
Sparkling at me!
I went to the beach, and what did I see?
A crab in its shell
(palms down, place one hand on other and wiggle fingers)
Waving at me!

In My Swimming Pool

(tune: "Do Your Ears Hand Low")

I can stay real cool,
In my little swimming pool.
On a sunny summer day,
I can splash around and play.
When I wear my bathing suit,
I'll be cool and I'll be cute.
In my swimming pool!

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More Books to Share:

Wave by Suzy Lee

Tuck in the Pool by Martha Weston

Swimming with Dolphins by Lambert Davis

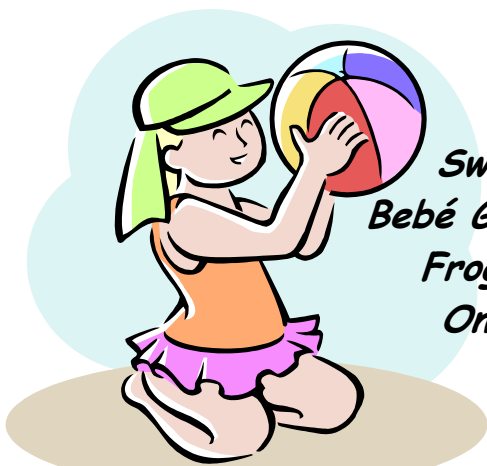
Bebé Goes to the Beach by Susan Middleton Elya

Froggy Learns to Swim by Jonathan London

On the Way to the Ocean by Henry Cole

Scuba Bunnies by Christine Loomis

Hello Ocean by Pam Muñoz Ryan



Activity Ideas:

Beach-Ball Bounce: Invite little ones to pretend they are sitting on the beach. Then have youngsters pass a beach ball around the circle as you lead them in singing the song shown. When the song ends, have the child with the ball call out a friend's name; then have him bounce the ball to that child. Repeat the process until each child has had a turn to bounce the beach ball to another. *The Mailbox, Preschool Edition June/July 2009*

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(sung to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")  
One little, two little, three little beach balls,  
Four little, five little, six little beach balls,  
Seven little, eight little, nine little beach balls,  
Bounce around the shore.  
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Wave Bottles: Fill a plastic soda bottle half way with water that has been tinted with blue food coloring. Then add vegetable oil. Secure the bottle's cap tightly. Just tip the bottle to make waves! childcarelounge.com



Musical Sprinkler Freeze: The great thing about this game, is that everyone's a winner (and everyone gets soaked!!). Start with the sprinkler turned off. Players must move around the sprinkler area, jumping, dancing or striking funny poses. Then, when the sprinkler is turned on, they must freeze in position and get drenched until the sprinkler is turned off again.

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Book of the Month:

Play and Find Out about Nature: Easy Experiments for Young Children by Janice VanCleave PTC J574 V

"Come and find out! How? By choosing one of the 50 simple experiments in Janice VanCleave's Play and Find Out about Nature. Your child will discover the answers to lots of fun questions as you team up to play together and explore the wonder of our world. Each experiment includes illustrations, a list of easy-to-find materials, and simple, step-by-step instructions." Includes activities about Basic Life Forms, Predators and Prey, Body Temperature, Animal Movement, Plant Growth, Plant Parts, and Flowers.



Road to Reading Tip:



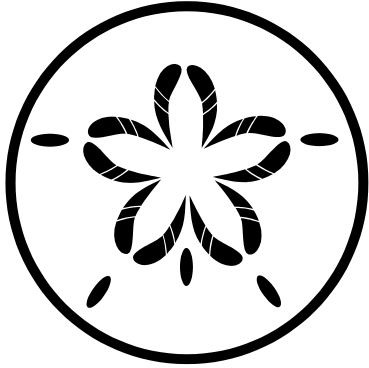
Read to Me, Please! It has been a pleasure to share storytime with the children in daycare this year! I hope you will continue to nurture your child's love of books and visit your library often! Our Summer Reading Program is popular with all ages, and, especially for pre-readers, we offer "Read to Me, Please!" Parents, grandparents, siblings and caregivers are encouraged to read to their preschoolers; after sharing 25 books, the child is awarded a certificate and other surprises! Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program beginning June 11th.

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS? Call Melinda Chase, Bel Air Branch, at 410 638-3151, ext. **2279**, e-mail: chase@hcplonline.org
If you have an urgent message for me, please speak with the operator at 410-638-4800 (beginning at 8 AM).

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EARLY LITERACY EXTRA : PLAY WITH WORDS!

Researchers have found that one of the early literacy skills to help children be able to learn to read is **phonological awareness**. This is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Help your child hear the sounds that repeat in this tongue twister:

She sells seashells by the seashore.

Make up your own silly rhymes!