

WEB SITES

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2005

SPLISH—SPLASH: READ!

A to Z Home's Cool Homeschooling Site

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/index.htm>

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/explore/oceancreatures.htm#Creatures>

This web site allows students to research the many sea creatures found in the deep dark sea. The site also includes links to other web sites, web cams and ocean exploration videos, whale songs, and more.

A to Z Kid Stuff

www.AtoZkidstuff.com

Activities for toddlers, preschoolers and school age kids arranged by theme. Themes include Ocean, Rain, Pirates, and Weather. Lots of fun information and activities.

A to Z Teacher Stuff

<http://atozteacherstuff.com/>

Lesson plans, thematic units, printables. Good for school age children. Includes Ocean lesson plan and mini-book.

ABC Teach

<http://abcteach.com/>

5000+ free printables and worksheets. Theme unites and fun activities: puzzles, games, word searches. Themes include dolphins and coral reef.

Activity Cupboard

<http://www.mothers-home.com/activities/sherri2.htm>

Lists Top 100 Craft sites by theme and type.

Activity Idea Place

<http://www.123child.com/>

States that you must have permission to copy. Includes songs, fingerplays, art (crafts), physical activities, games and dramatic play. Themes include: Fish/Under the Sea; Beach Fun and Water.

Aloha Friends

www.alohafriends.com

This site has basic hula steps, party ideas, game, Hawaiian words and phrases, etc.

Amazing Moms

<http://www.amazingmoms.com>

Lots of crafts, but not organized by theme.

Beagle Bay Books: Pirate Facts

http://www.beaglebay.com/pirate_facts.htm

Interesting pirate facts for older kids or adults.

Best Kids Book Site

<http://thebestkidsbooksite.com>

This site has lots of storytime plans that include booklists, crafts, songs and fingerplays. You have to be a paying member to get everything, but it is still worth a visit. Storytimes include: Baths, Beach, Boats, Crabs, Dirt and Mud, Ducks, Fishing, Frogs, Islands, Lighthouses, Octopuses, Pirates, Ponds, Rain, Rivers, Sailing, Seashore, Sharks, Ships, Swimmy, Tadpoles, Thunderstorms, Turtles, Whales.

Billy Bones' Pirate Locker

<http://www.deadmentellnotales.com/>

Billy Bones' Pirate Locker includes pirate-related novelty items (lots of cheap pirate chests, etc.). Billy Bones' Library includes booklists.

Books Ahoy! Vacation Reading Program 2003: Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi

<http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/BooksAhoy/>

This is not the complete manual, but does include lots of links to other web sites.

British Columbia Library Association Summer Reading Club 2000 "Take a Trip Through Time"

<http://www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/src/2000/pirate.html>

Pirate Storytimes for Ages 3-5 and for Grades 1-3 with booklists and activity ideas.

Bus Songs

http://www.bussongs.com/songs/camp_grenada.php

This site has lots of well-known song lyrics. Ocean theme is not among them, but you might find some that are related, such as "The Banana Boat Song."

Can Teach

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems>

Songs, poems and fingerplays arranged by theme: Animals in and around the water: fish, frogs, turtles, whales and others.

Carp Kite 2

www.recreate.com/Pages/articles/abraman.shtml

Describes how to make a carp kite. This craft is fairly complicated.

Coloring Pages

<http://afunk.com>

Most of the coloring pages are not great, but there are lots of images. Each set of images has some random facts about the subject: alligators, crabs, dolphins, fish and much more.

Community Learning Network of British Columbia

<http://www.cln.org>

This site is designed to help K-12 teachers integrate technology into the classroom. Over 5,800 annotated links to educational sites, all organized by theme. Themes include Oceanography; Pirates, Privateers, Buccaneers; and Whales.

Copycat Ideas and Activities for K-3 Teachers

www.copycatpress.com

Copycat is now online. They are no longer printing the magazine.

www.copycatpress.com/images/M-J97Pg.gif

Fishy Business

Corny Pirate Riddles

<http://clevermedia.com/arcade/pirateriddles1.html>

Audio cartoon character. Very corny and repetitious, but fun for the kids!

Dan's Wild Weather Page

www.wildweather.com

This site, maintained by the weatherman of Channel 19 in Huntsville, Alabama, is for kids ages 6-16. It includes facts, learning activities and online puzzles.

Debbie's Theme Unit Factory

www.themeunit.com/index.html

Arranged by theme. Pirates theme includes interactive on-line quizzes and a song with music. It includes only samples. Book has to be ordered to receive all the information.

Disney On-line. Family Fun

www.familyfun.com/magazine

Arts and Crafts, Family Fun and Party ideas. Party themes include Pirate Party, Fishing Fest, Mermaid Party and Pool Party (Make a Big Splash).

Go to side bar and use "tools" to find items.

Dive Into Reading! Tennessee Summer Reading Program 2003

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/p&d/srp2003/>

This is Tennessee's SRP Manual as a PDF. It is terrific. I borrowed lots of ideas from it for the Louisiana Manual.

DLTK-Kids

<http://www.dltk-kids.com>

Great site. Includes crafts, coloring pages and songs for Pirates, Fish and Ocean Animals. Crafts have good instructions.

DLTK-Teach

<http://www.dltk-teach.com>

Good site. Click on children's books on sidebar to get activities for books.

EarthWatch Weather on Demand

www.earthwatch.com

This site allows you to view Atlantic and Pacific satellite images and track severe weather.

Enchanted Learning

www.enchantedlearning.com

Great site. Facts, activities, printouts, and crafts. Includes "All About Oceans and Seas" with specific themes focused on fish, ocean, sharks and whales. Under Habitats are Ponds, Freshwater Marshes, Swamps and Intertidal Zones (these are mainly facts, but good illustrations and information).

Everything Preschool

www.everythingpreschool.com

The site name says it all—here you will find songs (ex. “The Fishy Pokey”), art activities, games, coloring pages snack ideas, and more, all organized by theme. Themes include: Beach, Ducks, Frogs, Hawaii/Luau, Sea life/animals, Turtles, and Umbrella. Includes an Ocean lesson plan for grade school. There are lots of coloring pages under the topics Fishing (and fish) and Sea Animals.

Family Crafts

<http://familycrafts.about.com>

Lots of good craft ideas. No patterns.

<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/fishcrafts/a/bloctopuslarge.htm>

Paper Bag Octopus

Federal Emergency Management Agency Kids Page

www.fema.gov/kids/huclasf.htm

This web site is very kid-friendly and fun. Herman the Hermit Crab interactive story is cute. The site allows children to explore all types of dangerous weather situations (floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, thunderstorms, etc.) and gives instructions for safety. It includes facts, history, quizzes and interactive games.

Free Coloring Pages

<http://www.free-coloring-pages.com/printable.html>

General coloring pages. Includes Boats.

Free Printables

<http://www.free-printables.com>

Lots of different formats. Not really theme related.

Gayle's Preschool Rainbow

<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/insect-rhymes.htm>

Some theme-related rhymes and activities: Five Little Ducks, Tiny Tim (bath), Ten Little Fish and other fish rhymes, Frogs, Turtles.

It's Storytime!

<http://www.geocities.com/mystorytime/index.htm>

Themes for storytime include Bath (Tubby Time), Beach and Rain. Storytimes include books, poetry, flannel boards, fingerplays and crafts. Very nice site.

Jerrie's Curriculum Hotlists

<http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek3/curriculum.htm>

Includes numerous links appropriate for school age children to a variety of themes including pirates and lighthouses.

Kiddyhouse

<http://www.kiddyhouse.com>

The resource center for kids and teachers. In “Teachers Corner” there are lesson plans, crafts, songs and on-line puzzles. There is a kindergarten unit called “Under the Sea.”

Kididdles: MoJo's Musical Mouseum

<http://www.kididdles.com/mouseum/index.html>

Song lyrics arranged alphabetically. 100s of songs. Some of them include an instrumental audio-tune, so that you know what the tune is. The songs are not arranged by theme, so you have to know the title or just hunt.

Kids and Crafts

<http://www.kidsandcrafts.com>

Organized by month. August is "fish." Includes crafts, but they are fairly complicated.

Kinderart

www.kinderart.com

<http://www.kinderart.com/littles/undersea.shtml>

Undersea activities.

Louisiana Coast Coloring Book

<http://lacoast.gov/education/kids/coloringbooks>

Limited, but there are several coloring pages.

Louisiana Songs

<http://www.louisianasongs.com>

Endorsed by the Louisiana Music Commission. Includes CD by Louisiana Polliwogs that looks good.

Michaels

<http://www.michaels.com/art/online/projectsheet?pid=21044c>

Terra cotta clam craft.

Mrs. Ayers' KinderThemes

<http://www.angelfire.com/la/kinderthemes/index.html>

Themes include Ocean: A Whale of a Tale; Swimmy; Rainbow Fish; Splash Day! Crafts, games, songs and fingerplays.

Mrs. Seagraves' Quest Class and Thematic Units

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Atrium/5924/index.html>

Very nice site with activity ideas and on-line puzzles for grade school students. Includes Pictures of Marine Biology Unit, a Virtual Pond activity, an Under the Sea Unit and more.

National Geographic Coloring Pages

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/coloringbook/archive>

Includes dolphins, octopuses, sharks and whales.

National Geographic Pirates

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/pirates/>

This site will appeal to school age children.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Educational Resources

www.education.noaa.gov/sweather.html

Excellent site with a "field trip" to learn about weather. Good links to other sites.

Ocean Adventure

<http://www.theoceanadventure.com>

Wayne and Karen Brown, experts in oceanography have created a wonderful kid-friendly site. The kids page includes jokes, weird and amazing ocean wonders and gross and disgusting things under the sea. They do school assemblies and have interactive internet expeditions.

Pallota, Jerry. Author

<http://www.alphabetman.com/aboutjerry.html>

Information about Jerry Pallotta, author of *Underwater Counting* and lots of other ocean-related books. The site includes an autobiography, a bibliography and how to contact him for a library visit. It has a challenging interactive game "Hang Man" that is all about fish. Good link for the kids.

Patti's Preschool Resources

<http://www.geocities.com/soogal99/index.html>

Includes an Under the Sea unit with fingerplays, songs and movement activities.

Pirate Annie's Pirate Site

<http://pirateannie.fateback.com> Annie Silverjink's Pirate Kingdom: The Pirate Site for Kids includes an on-line interactive story, plus booklists, movie lists, tales and very readable biographies of well-known pirates.

Pirate Riddles

www.pirateriddles.com

Pirates by Rochedale State School, Queensland, Australia

<http://www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au/pirates/>

Famous pirate biographies, costume ideas photos, interactive treasure map and more for school age children.

Pirates! Fact and Legend

<http://www.piratesinfo.com>

Very detailed, interesting factual information about pirates. Dispels some of the common myths about pirates and does not romanticize them. This site is best for older kids and adults.

Preschool Coloring Book

<http://www.preschoolcoloringbook.com>

Lots of simple, cute coloring pages of fish and other items.

Preschool Education: Arts and Crafts

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/art.shtml>

Click on side bar for Animals, which has units on Sea and Ocean and Beach and Ocean.

Preschool Fun Zone

<http://www.angelfire.com/fl/preschoolfunzone/sealife.html>

Fingerplays, songs and activity ideas about sealife.

Reef Relief

<http://www.reefrelief.org/kids/index.shtml>

Coloring pages of coral reef fish.

Rochdale Library, U.K.

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/living/libraries.asp?url=piratefun>

British site with pirate booklists and information

Scatty.com

<http://www.scatty.com>

Includes Fish and Sea Jokes

Scholastic Family At Home Activities for School Age Children

http://www.scholastic.com/schoolage/activities/k_2/deepsea.htm

Deep Sea Diorama instructions.

Shanties and Sea Songs

www.rendance.org/shanty

This site includes the lyrics to shanties (short work songs used on square rigged ships of the Age of Sail) and sea songs. Lots of songs and other interesting information.

Songs for Teaching

www.songsforteaching.com

Resource for familiar song lyrics.

Splish Splash Read – New York Public Library Summer Reading 2002 Manual

http://kids.nypl.org/read2002/prek_k/index.html

Lots of good ideas.

Step by Step Day Care

<http://www.stepbystepcc.com/sea.html>

Includes an Under the Sea theme with booklist, songs, snack, activities and links.

Story Place: The Children's Digital Library. Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, N.C.

<http://www.storyplace.org>

Wonderful site available in English and Spanish with Preschool Library, Book Hive (lots of elementary school booklists), print outs, and on-line interactive stories called Topsy Turvy Tales. This site is terrific for librarians and for kids. Themes include Bath Time, Crocodiles and Alligators, and Fish.

<http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/activities/fishtakehome.asp>

Paper Plate Fish Craft with nice illustrations.

Tennessee State Library "Dive into Reading" Summer Reading Program 2003 Manual

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/p&d/srp2003/>

PDF files of this manual has lots of good ideas. I have used a lot of them in our Louisiana manual.

US Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/espp/coloring/doc8.htm>

Includes a coloring book (lots of pages) of sea animals.

World of Kindergarten

<http://www.coe.iup.edu/worldofkindergarten/>

Ideas and information are organized alphabetically. Themes included are Fish, Hermit Crabs, Ocean and Water.

Youth on Line

<http://www.youthonline.ca>

This site has lots of ads, but it also includes lots of pirate crafts with templates, plus interesting activity ideas and facts about pirates.