

Learning at Home

with
**little
Sprouts** 

Beach - Creatures

Infant Activities

Creative Expression

Standard: Focus attention on interesting sight or sounds, often in shared experiences with adults
React to stimulation in the environment. This includes drawings, sculptures or painting.

Hand + Footprint Lobster:

<https://www.crafty-crafted.com/animal-crafts/hand-and-footprint-lobster/>

Sign Language

Standard: Remember language heard repeatedly in stories, poems, and interactive language experiences
Sign the words

Lobster: <https://www.signingtime.com/dictionary/lobster/>

Sensory

Standard: Explore objects, activities, and environments

Ocean Sensory Tray with Blue Rice: Just add blue food coloring to some rice, allow it to dry thoroughly and pop it into your freezer. When ready, just add some ocean items and watch the fun as the children experience the cold “sand”! Clothing alert when using food coloring

Music and Movement

Standard: Respond to music by joining in on one or two words in a song or moving physically upon hearing a familiar melody or rhythm

Music Class with Ms. Lindsey: <https://youtu.be/LuVEYGgiM84>

Yoga Class with Ms. Bailey: <https://youtu.be/99pynxHBSuw>

Toddler Activities

Creative Expression

Standard: Small Muscle Movement and Coordination.

Shell wind chimes:

<https://www.mamamiss.com/blog/2013/07/17/kiddo-crafts-beach-memento-wind-chime/>

Shell dolls: <https://funcraftskids.com/shell-crafts-dollies/>

Math/Science

Standards: Math: Attributes, sorting, and Patterns

Science: Investigating and Using Evidence cause and effect

Shell Sorting

Provide a sand pail full of seashells for the children to investigate. Provide plates or bowls for them to sort by size, color and type

Variation: If you do not have seashells, make a matching game with pictures of seashells.

Books and Songs

Standard: Word comprehension, symbolic representation demonstrate enthusiasm for new learning

Lobster Dance: <https://youtu.be/0XkbZdK3eXE>

Down in the Deep Blue Sea: <https://youtu.be/7pMEQsk3c5Y>

Let's Go to the Beach: <https://youtu.be/PgvvLNsO5Q8>

Outside Time:

Standard: Large Muscle Movement and Coordination

Rock balancing/stacking:

Rock balancing, or stone stacking, is a moving meditation, art form, and STEAM activity for kids and adults. Invite children to create balanced stone sculptures by stacking rocks on top of each other in various gravity defying positions to create land art.

Preschool Activities

Creative Expression

Standard: Small Muscle Movement and Coordination.

Shell wind chimes:

<https://www.mamamiss.com/blog/2013/07/17/kiddo-crafts-beach-memento-wind-chime/>

Shell dolls: <https://funcraftskids.com/shell-crafts-dollies/>

Math/Science/Writing

Frozen Animal Rescue:

Materials: (takes a little advanced planning, but easy to set up) collection of miniature ocean creatures, a few plastic aquarium plants, a plastic mixing bowl, food coloring, tap water, a large container pool or tub in which to work and a plastic tablecloth or shower curtain to keep things contained!

Instructions: Create a 'frozen ocean' by freezing water in layers, adding a few more plants / animals and more water in each layer. Prep a couple of fun things to help the melting process along (IE old glue bottles filled with water and a drop or two of food colouring; colored salt (simply made by shaking table salt and a one or two drops of liquid food colouring in a jar or bag). Set everything out, along with some "digging" tools and mini tongs, in a great big shallow basin/tub placed on an old shower curtain.

Books and Songs

Standard: Word comprehension, symbolic representation demonstrate enthusiasm for new learning

Lobster Dance: <https://youtu.be/OXkbZdK3eXE>

Outside Time:

Standard: Large Muscle Movement and Coordination

Rock balancing/stacking:

The background features several decorative elements: a large orange ring with a dashed white inner circle in the top left; a large teal ring with a white inner circle in the bottom right; a large green circle with a white inner circle in the top right; a large yellow circle in the middle left; a large lime green circle in the bottom left; and a large cyan circle in the bottom right. There are also smaller solid circles in pink, green, and cyan, and dashed circles in green and cyan scattered throughout.

Resources and Links:

Crafting with Ms. Lindsey

https://youtu.be/ObEPxIT_Z1g

Music with Ms. Lindsey

<https://youtu.be/LuVEYGgiM84>

Circle Time with Ms. Nini

<https://youtu.be/em0te7uxwYM>