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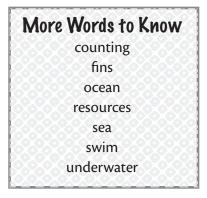
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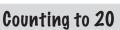
Sea Life

This week, your child will explore the many different animals that live in the ocean. We will talk about caring for the ocean, the plants, and animals that live there.

An Underwater Outing

Visit an aquarium or go to a local pet store to observe the fish, turtles, and snails. Discuss the pretty colors of the fish with your child. Notice the many different kinds of plants and animals. If you can't get to either of these locations, you might choose to watch some videos on YouTube. Talk with your child about how marine animals are different than land animals.





Practice counting to 20 with your child. You can do this in several different ways:

- Count together.
- Take turns counting (you say "1," your child says "2," you say "3" ...)
- Invite your child to count alone.
- Count down from 20 to 0.

Knowing the order of the numbers and how to say each number is an important step in manipulating the numbers. Word of the Week

Marine is a word that describes the sea or the plants and animals that live in the sea. Use the Word of the Week at home. You might say: We call animals that live in the ocean, marine animals. Can you name one?

Paint the Ocean

Have your child draw with crayons on a piece of drawing paper. Your child may choose to draw many different small fish or a single giant sea creature like a whale. Help your child brush blue watercolor over the underwater scene. Crayons are made of wax and the watercolor will not stick to the wax so the drawings will show through the paint. Encourage your child to tell about the painting.

Matching Upper- and Lowercase Letters

One of the skills we are working on at school is recognizing and matching upper- and lowercase letters. With your child, look at the page of a familiar book. Suggest that your child point to and name one letter on the page. Then see if the two of you can locate more examples of the letter in the book. Have your child tell whether each example you find is uppercase or lowercase.

Coming Next Week: We will be learning about birds.