

Storytime Ideas



Book Title: Hello Ocean/Hola Mar

About the Book: Dive into this playful poem about the draw of the shore and the effect the ocean has on all five senses. Crisp, realistic illustrations fill the pages with the rush of surf and the warmth of sun-baked sand.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun!

Dress up in your best beach outfit!

What's in the Mystery Bag?

Use your mystery bag to pull out different items you would take to or find at the beach. Create your own beach setting.

Whiteboard Activities:

Draw a picture of the beach. What can you see at the beach? What does the water feel like? What can you hear? What does the beach smell like? Include this in your picture.

Actions & Transitions:

- **Before Reading:**
 - Show the cover of the book. Invite children to name where this book takes place.
 - Senses Activity: Ask children to close their eyes and be very quiet. Ask children to think about what they hear, what they feel, what they taste.
- **During Reading:**
 - As you read the story, try the senses activity again. This time, ask children to pretend they are sitting on the beach. What do they think they would hear, see, smell, taste and touch?
- **After Reading:**
 - Invite children to say other places that they would like to go. Try another senses activity with another setting such as outside in the snow, at a carnival, etc.

Vocabulary:

- ✓ Taste
- ✓ Touch
- ✓ Smell
- ✓ Hear
- ✓ See