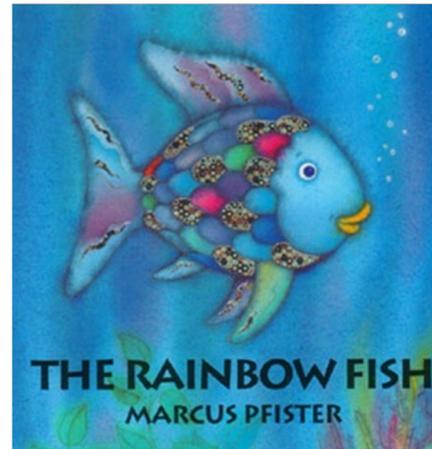


CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

The Rainbow Fish

By Marcus Pfister

The rainbow fish is the most beautiful fish in the ocean because of his shining silver scales. He is lonely though, and eventually learns that while sharing his scales with the other fish makes him less beautiful, it also makes him happier.



ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Shimmering Jellyfish



Materials: two foam or paper bowls (for each child), paint, string, glue, tape, and crepe paper cut into 24-inch lengths

What to do: Paint the inside of one bowl and the underside of the other bowl in bright colors and designs. Let dry. Tape several pieces of crepe paper to the unpainted underside of the one bowl. Spread glue in the unpainted inside of the other bowl and stick bowls together so the ends of the crepe paper are hidden. Tape a string to the top of the jellyfish and hang.

Cool Crabs



Materials: 9- or 12-ounce foam cups (one for each child), pipe cleaners, wiggly eyes, and glue

What to do: Paint the cup any color you wish. Use pipe cleaners to make four pair of legs and stick them through the cup. Make a set of pincers for the front. Use two small sections of pipe cleaners for the eyes on top of the cup and glue wiggly eyes to them.



GAME

Friendly Fish

Supplies: 6-inch half circles (scales) made from construction paper (one for each child), large cut out of a fish made from cardboard or card stock, and glue and glitter (optional)

How to play: Start a conversation about the importance of friendship. As a group, begin to list qualities that make a good friend.

Give each child a scale. Ask each to write a quality they would like a friend to have. They also can write something they would do for a friend. It could be a sentence or a word. The scales also can be decorated with glitter. As the scales are completed, they are added to the large fish.

SNACKS

Rainbow Sparkler Drink

Ingredients: different colors of punch or juice (blue, red, green, orange, purple, etc.), clear drinking cups, clear lemon-lime soda

What to do: Freeze different colors of punch or juice into ice cubes. Place several frozen cubes into a clear cup and pour a clear, lemon-lime soda over the cubes. Enjoy!



Rainbow Fish Cupcakes

Ingredients: Colored frosting (could be an assortment of colors or just one for simplicity), cupcakes, round candy pieces, candy eyes

What to do: Frost cupcakes and decorate with candy pieces and candy eyes

OTHER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean, by Kevin Sherry

Tickly Octopus, by Ruth Galloway

4-H CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

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