**Sea Life**

**Fingerplays/Flannelboards**

Octopus, Octopus

Octopus, octopus, turn around.
Octopus, octopus, touch the ground.
Octopus, octopus, reach up high.
Octopus, octopus, swimming by.

Five Little Fish Flannelboard

*Cut five different colored fish out of flannel.*

One little fish all alone in the ocean
  Blue,
Finds another and that makes two.
Two little fish swimming in the sea,
Find another and that makes three.
Three little fish, swimming through a
  Sunken ship’s door,
Find another and that makes four.
Four little fish decide to dive,
They find another and that makes five.

“One Little Ocean Friends”

*Perform with felt pieces, fingerpuppets, or possibly stuffed animals/large puppets.*

Four little ocean friends living in the sea
The turtle slides away now there are three
Three little ocean friends looking for a clue
  “Glub, glub,” said the lobster now there are two
Two little ocean friends not having much fun
Off swam the sea horse now there is one
One little octopus sad and all alone
Back swims the turtle, back swims the lobster, back swims the sea horse
And they played in the sea foam, safe in their home.

*Credit: Modified from Beach Fingerplays from Carroll County Public Library*

“One, Two, Three, Four, Five”

One, two, three, four, five, (hold up fingers one by one, while counting)
Once I caught a fish alive. (put hands together and wiggle like a fish)
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, (hold up fingers one by one, while counting)
Then I threw it back again. (make throwing motion)
Why did you let it go? (hold hands out asking why)
Because it bit my finger so. (shake hand, as if hurt)
Which finger did it bite? (hold hands out asking why)
This little finger on my right. (wiggle pinky finger)

*Credit: Childhood*

**Songs**

**All the Fish**

- Sharks
- Octopus
- Lobsters
- Crabs
- Polar bears
- Whales

**Crafts**

Jellyfish

**MATERIALS:**

- Coffee filters
- Hole punch
- Watercolors and paint brushes
- Water
- Markers
- Yarn/ribbon

**DIRECTIONS:**
- Fold each coffee filter in half. Punch one hole at the top of the folded edge so that two holes appear near the center of the filter when you lay it flat.
- Punch five holes around the edges of the filter
- Using watercolors, paint the coffee filter. The wetter the paint, the more the color will spread along the filter. (For quicker, less messy variation, use markers to decorate the filter, then spritz it with water to spread the color.)
- Once the filter is dry, thread a piece of yarn through the center holes so that the coffee filter hangs flat, making the top of the jellyfish. Add colorful yarn/ribbon to the holes around the edges to make tentacles.

**Fish Bowl**
- Cut a big fish bowl out of blue paper
- Decorate with sea life stickers

**Paper Plate Fish**
- Cut a triangle in one side of a paper plate to make the mouth
- Glue the triangle to the other side to make the tail
- Decorate the fish

**Books**
- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish- Dr. Seuss
- Over in the Ocean- Marianne Berkes
- I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean- Kevin Sherry
- Big Fish, Little Fish- Ed Heck
- Rub –a-Dub Sub- Linda Ashman
- Secret Seahorse- Stella Blackstone
- Fish Swish Splash Dash- Suse Macdonald
- Hooray for Fish- Lucy Cousins
- Sly Piranhas

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