

Home Letter

At Home in the Ocean Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week, we'll dive into the story **At Home in the Ocean** and learn about different types of creatures that live in the sea, such as whales and turtles. This informational text will help children explore the question, "What kinds of plant and animals would you find in the ocean?" We'll also read the informational text **Water** to find out what all living creatures need to survive.

This week's...

Words to Know: blue, cold, far, little, live, their, water, where

Phonics Skills: Digraph *th*; base words and *-s*, *-es*, *-ed*, *-ing*

Vocabulary Strategy: Classify and categorize—color words

Comprehension Skill: Author's purpose—tell why an author writes a book

Comprehension Strategy: Analyze/evaluate—tell how you feel about the text and why

Writing Focus: Informative writing—sentences that inform (use adverbs)

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Ask your child to use this week's **Words to Know** to make up a song about an animal that lives in the sea.

Which Animal Is It?

Take turns playing a guessing game. Think of an animal that lives in the sea. Have your child ask you questions to try to figure out what that animal is. Then trade places.

Sea Animals

Have your child draw a sea animal on one side of a piece of cardboard, and write a few sentences about that animal on the other side.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week's selection.