Optional Read-Alouds

Many of the lessons include a list of optional read-aloud story books that may be read to the children at any point during the lessons. The lessons include all the information necessary for the children to learn and understand the unit concepts. The optional read-aloud books are suggested as additional information to complement the unit, if you choose. The books listed can typically be purchased online or found at your local library.

F=Fiction, NF=Nonfiction, B=Biography

K—6=indicates interest level of the book from kindergarten through sixth grade

Lesson 1 - Ocean Characteristics
- *A Day in the Deep* by Kevin Kurtz [NF, K–4]
- *I Wonder Why the Sea is Salty* by Anita Ganeri [NF, K–6]
- *The Berenstain Bears: Under the Sea* by Mike Berenstain [F, K–3]

Lesson 3 - Marine Life
- *Ocean Animals* by Laaren Brown [NF, K–6]
- *The Usborne Big Book of Sea Creatures* by Minna Lacey [NF, K–6]

Lesson 4 - Coral Reefs
- *Coral Reefs* by Steve Parker [NF, K–6]
- *Coral Reefs: A Whole New World Under the Sea* by Baby Professor [NF, 2–6]
- *Here is the Coral Reef* by Madeleine Dunphy [NF, K–6]
- *Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef* by Marianne Berkes [NF, K–2]

Lesson 5 - Marine Invertebrates: Part 1
- *Jellyfish (A Day in the Life: Sea Animals)* by Louise Spilsbury [NF, K–3]
- *Seashells by the Seashore* by Marianne Berkes [F, K–3]
- *Star of the Sea* by Janet Halfmann [NF, K–4]
- *Starfish* by Edith Thacher Hurd [NF, K–2]
- *Starfish: The Stars of the Sea* by Peter Roop and Connie Roop [NF, K–3]
- *Next Time You See a Seashell* by Emily Morgan [NF, K–6]

Lesson 6 - Marine Invertebrates: Part 2
- *An Octopus is Amazing* by Patricia Lauber [NF, K–4]
- *Gentle Giant Octopus* by Karen Wallace [NF, K–6]
- *How to Hide an Octopus* by Ruth Heller [NF, K–3]
- *Octopus (A Day in the Life: Sea Animals)* by Louise Spilsbury [NF, K–3]
Lesson 7 - Marine Reptiles

- Follow the Moon Home by Philippe Cousteau [NF, K–6]
- One Tiny Turtle by Nicola Davies [NF, K–6]
- Sea Turtle (A Day in the Life: Sea Animals) by Louise Spilsbury [NF, K–3]
- Turtles in My Sandbox by Jennifer Keats Curtis [NF, K–5]
- Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out! by April Pulley Sayre [NF, K–4]

Lesson 8 - Fish

- Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea by Chris Butterworth [NF, K–6]
- Swimmy by Leo Lionni [F, K–3]
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister [F, K–6]
- What’s It Like to Be a Fish by Wendy Pfeffer [NF, K–3]

Lesson 9 - Sharks

- If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams [NF, K–4]
- Shark Baby by Ann Downer [F, K–4]
- Sharks and Dolphins: A Compare and Contrast Book by Kevin Kurtz [NF, K–5]
- The Best Book of Sharks by Claire Llewellyn [NF, K–6]

Lesson 10 - Marine Mammals: Part 1

- Oceans by Johnna Rizzo [NF, K–6]
- Ocean Seasons by Ron Hirschi [NF, K–6]
- See What a Seal Can Do by Chris Butterworth [NF, K–5]
- Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean by Gail Langer Karwoksi [NF, K–6]

Lesson 11 - Marine Mammals: Part 2

- Amazing Giant Sea Creatures by DK [NF, K–3]
- Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies [NF, K–6]
- Dive, Dolphin! by Shira Evans [NF, K–1]
- Dolphins by Seymour Simon [NF, 2–6]
- Dolphin Baby! by Nicola Davies [NF, K–4]
- Little Gray's Great Migration by Marta Lindsey [F, K–4]
- Our Amazing World: Dolphins by Kay de Silva [NF, 2–6]
- Our Amazing World: Whales by Kay de Silva [NF, 2–6]

Lesson 12 - Marine Birds and Animal Reports

- A Day in the Salt Marsh by Kevin Kurtz [P, K–4]
- High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs by Lisa Kahn Schnell [NF, K–6]
- Henry the Impatient Heron by Donna Love [F, K–4]
- If You Were a Penguin by Wendell and Florence Minor [NF, K–2]
- The Emperor’s Egg by Martin Jenkins [NF, K–4]

Lesson 13 - Ocean Exploration

- Submarines and Submersibles by Deborah Lock [NF, K–4]
- Super Submarines by Tony Mitton and Ant Parker [NF, K–4]
- Weird Sea Creatures by Laura Marsh [NF, K–6]