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 Lauren 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

- A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle [F, K—4]
- 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]
- Giant Squid: Mystery of the Deep by Jennifer Dusling [B, K—5]
- 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
- *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]