



What Happens Under the Sea?

Practice your student's creative writing skills as they learn about Fort Wayne Children's Zoo marine species. The ocean is full of colorful, diverse species swimming around and interacting with each other. See below for a variety of questions to engage your students even further:

- ✎ What do you think happens in the sea?
- ✎ What does your marine animal like to do?
- ✎ What does your animal look like? Why?
- ✎ What does your animal like to eat?
- ✎ What are some issues they face in the oceans?
- ✎ How can we help your animal?

Have your students write a creative story about marine species, and their lives in the oceans. Encourage your students to be creative with the animals in the sea, but still provide accurate information about their animal. If the students write more than the provided sheet, provide them extra lined sheet of papers for them to continue writing. Answer students' questions the best you can as they write individually on their animal. Once they completed their story, have them share their story to the class and how we can help the animal they wrote about. As an extension, have students draw colorful fish, corals, mammals, and other creatures. Decorate the classroom with their artworks.

Although marine animals at our zoo always receive what they need to live long, healthy lives, their wild counterparts face new pressures each year. The animals face limitations of space, food & water supply due to climate change, pollution, and overexploitation. You can do your part by going to the zoo to visit, dispose trash properly, ditch the disposables, and spread awareness to your friends and family. Be on the lookout for other aquatics animals at the zoo and ask zookeepers or instructors questions to learn more! Share your lessons with the Fort Wayne Children' Zoo. Tag #fwkidszoo or email education@kidszoo.org to express how you used these supplemental activities!



PROGRAM GOALS

- ✎ Write a coherent story about ocean life
- ✎ Uses knowledge about animals and their behaviors

GRADES

3rd to 5th

MATERIALS

- ✎ Pencils
- ✎ Papers

STANDARDS

- ✎ SCI.4.3.3
- ✎ SCI.5.3.1
- ✎ SCI.6.3.1
- ✎ SCI.6.3.5

RECOMMENDED

ASSESSMENT

- ✎ Check students' work for grammar and accuracy

