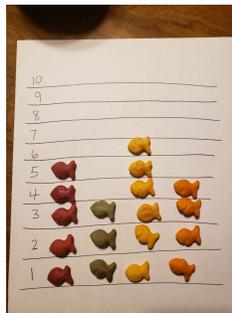


# Mid-Winter Beach Party

January 18th

- Wear your swimsuit in the bathtub! And add props: an empty bottle of sunscreen, sunglasses, music, beach toys etc.
- Visit a beach in the winter. Unfortunately, Brighton Beach is currently closed. You can visit Park Point or the Lakewalk beach. How is it the same as the summer? How is it different?
- Make a fun beach themed snack or lunch with some of these simple ideas. <http://welopebeingmoms.blogspot.com/2011/12/ocean-snacks.html>
- Have rainbow goldfish for a snack. Give your child a small handful and have them sort and count how many of each color they have. They could also make a graph on a sheet of paper.



- For Art, add some salt to paint to give it texture, then paint a beach scene, use empty thread spools to make faux starfish.
- Spread a blanket out on the living room floor and have a picnic.
- Play an indoor beach ball game:
  - Beach Basketball - grab an empty laundry basket and set it across the room. Use masking tape to draw a line on the floor an appropriate distance from the basket. Now; set a timer to see how many baskets your child can make in a minute:)
  - Beach Ball Bowling - Using a hallway, set up your pins(something light like empty cereal boxes or plastic bottles) and use the ball to make a strike.
  - Animal Toss - Have your child stand at a tossing distance, and toss the ball back and forth. As you each catch the ball, make an animal sound. Have fun with silly sounds as you run out of animal sounds.
  - Blanket Toss - This one is for the whole family. Have everyone hold corners or edges of a sheet or blanket. With the ball on top of the sheet, bounce it as high as it will go and then catch it on the sheet. Count how many times you can catch it in a row before it hits the ground.

- Letter/Color Smash: Use colored construction paper to write letters and tape to a wall or door. Draw a line on the floor using masking tape and have your child aim the ball at the letters or colors as you call them out.
  
- [Should I Share My Ice Cream?](#) by Mo Willems, read by Mrs. Remus
- [A House for Hermit Crab](#) by Eric Carle, read by Mrs. Remus
- [Beach Day](#) by Candice Ransom illustrated by Erika Meza read by Mrs Cohoon
- [Biscuit's First Beach Day](#) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli read by Mrs Cohoon
- [The Peace Book](#) by Todd Parr read by Mrs. McIntosh
- [Except When They Don't](#) written by Laura Gehl illustrated by Joshua Heinsz read by Mrs. McIntosh

Vocabulary: lake, ocean, beach, shore, marine, graph, wave