

# A DAY AT THE BEACH

Or Beach Activities for when you're  
nowhere near a beach

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# SETTING THE MOOD

- Music: Ocean Sounds or Surfing music
- Beach Towels
- Decorations
  - Puppets
  - Plastic table clothes
  - Beach Balls
  - Pool Noodles
  - Beach Tent





# SENSORY BOXES

## Sand Sensory Boxes

- Kinetic Sand works best
  - can buy or make
- Beach toys
- Seashells
- Plastic table cloth underneath



## Water Sensory Boxes

- Add bubbles for more excitement to make sea foam
- Ocean animal toys
- Cut up pool noodles as coral
- Beach towels underneath





# CRAFTS

- Seashell Painting
  - watercolor paints for younger kids
  - acrylic paint or sharpies for older
  - seashell animals
- Starfish Friends
  - with Fruit Loops for extra fun
- Sand Art
- Paper Plate Beach Scenes
- Crab Hats
- Paper Plate Beach Balls





# MORE CRAFTS

- Paper Surf Board
- Sand Paper Sand Castles
  - or get messy with real sand
- Cardstock Flip Flops
- Crab Handprint Art
  - or other ocean animal
- Seagull Paper Plate
- Finger Paint Pineapples
  - or other beachy scenes





# GAMES

- Go Fishing
  - make it yourself or store bought
- Beach Ball Games
  - toss into beach pails
  - or with activities on the ball
  - races and relays
- Limbo
- Bean Bag or Ring Toss
- Volleyball - outside
- Hula Hoop Contest





# ACTIVITIES

- Playdough
  - store bought or can make your own
  - fish and star cookie cutters
- Sensory Bags
  - shells and ocean animal toys
  - hair gel
  - water beads
- Flannel Board Free Play
- Decorate Sun Glasses





# MORE ACTIVITIES

- Tide Pools
  - high tide vs low tide
  - make waves
- Make your own quick sand
  - sand, cornstarch, and water
- Make Sand Slime
  - sand, glue, and liquid starch
- Puffy Sand Paint
  - shaving cream, sand, food coloring





# BEACH BOOKS

## Board Books

- *Pip and Posy: The New Friend* by Nosy Crow
- *On My Beach* by Sara Gillingham
- *Llama Llama Sand and Sun* by Anna Dewdney
- *Making Tracks: Beach* by Cocoretto
- *Who's Hiding at the Beach?* by Katharine McEwen
- *Checkers and Dot at the Beach* by J Torres
- *Beach Babies Wear Shades* by Michelle Sinclair Colman
- *Beach Day* by Karen Roosa
- *Spot Goes to the Beach* by Eric Hill





# BEACH BOOKS

## Picture Books

- *Penguin on Vacation* by Nicola Yoon
- *Hello Ocean: Hola Mar* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Day at the Beach* by Tom Booth
- *Saffron Ice Cream* by Rashin Kheiriyeh
- *The Sandcastle That Lola Built* by Megan Maynor
- *Sandcastle* by Einat Tsarfati
- *Bats at the Beach* by Brian Lies
- *Jules vs. the Ocean* by Jessie Sima
- *Clem and Crab* by Fiona Lumbers
- *Flotsam* by David Wiesner
- *Here Comes Ocean* by Meg Fleming
- *Today is a Beach Day!* by Nancy Viau
- *Ladybug Girl at the Beach* by Jacky Davis
- *How to Code a Sandcastle* by Josh Funk
- *This Beach is Loud!* by Samantha Cotterill
- *If Wendell Had a Walrus* by Lori Mortensen
- *Scardey Squirrel at the Beach* by Melanie Watt



# BEACH BOOKS

## Chapter Books

- *Surf's Up, Creepy Stuff* by Andres Miedoso
- *The Sea Turtle Mystery* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *Sofia Martinez: The Beach Trip* by Jacqueline Jules
- *Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Sharks* by Katie and Kevin Tsang
- *A Daisy at the Beach* by Holly Anna
- *The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste
- *Claude at the Beach* by Alex T. Smith
- *Daisy Dawson at the Beach* by Steve Voake
- *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk



# BEACH BOOKS

## Nonfiction

- *S is for Sea Glass* by Richard Michelson
- *At the Beach* by Shira Evans
- *Look What I Found at the Beach* by Moira Butterfield
- *Seashells: More Than a Home* by Melissa Stewart
- *Saving American Beach* by Heidi Tyline King
- *Clam-I-Am! All About the Beach* by Tish Rabe
- *Sand to Stone: and Back Again* by Nancy Bo Flood
- *In One Tidepool* by Anthony Fredericks
- *Is Sand a Rock?* by Ellen Lawrence



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