Feelings Fingerplay: My Feelings
When I am sad, I feel like crying. (rub eyes)
When I am proud, I feel like trying. (head held high)
When I feel curious, I want to know. (look up, wondering)
When I’m impatient, I want to go! (cross arms, tap foot)
When I feel angry, I look this way. (angry look)
When I feel happy, I smile all day. (big smile)
When I am puzzled I make a shrug. (shrug shoulders)
When I feel loving, I want to hug. (hug yourself)

Making connections with another book
Read together One Lonely Sea Horse by Saxton Freymann (Scholastic, 2000)
Talk about how the two stories are the same and different.
Ideas to introduce —  How do the two main characters feel?
What helps each character feel different or better?
How are the pictures created? (Identify the foods used in the Freymann book)

More Stories about Feelings and Friendship for Readers
Don’t Worry Bear by Greg Foley (Viking, 2008)
Feelings by Aliki (Greenwillow, 1984)
My Friend is Sad by Mo Willems (Hyperion, 2007)
Thank You Bear by Greg Foley (Viking, 2007)
Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day by Jamie Lee Curtis
(HarperCollins, 1998)
The Way I Feel by Janan Cain (Parenting Press, 2000)
When You Are Happy by Eileen Spinelli (Simon & Schuster, 2006)

Friendships in the Sea
These two Leo Lionni classics, Fish is Fish (Knopf, 1970) and Swimmy (Knopf, 1963) provide more thoughtful conversation about friends.
Make a Goldfish Cracker Mosaic

Materials Needed: Fish template and cut-outs, goldfish crackers, glue sticks

Following the reading of *Swimmy*, offer a variety of goldfish crackers for children to use as they fill in a fish cut-out with crackers creating a Swimmy mosaic. Let them choose a different variety of goldfish cracker for Swimmy’s eye.

Create a Pattern Book

In the style and pattern of Bill Martin Jr.’s *Brown Bear Brown Bear What do You See?* (Holt, 1983), use the following sentences as a base to create your own pattern story book.

*I went scuba diving.*

*What did you see?*

*I saw a(n) ____________ looking at me!*

Fill in the blank with a particular fish, such as octopus, squid, etc.

Place each sentence on a separate sheet of paper.

Allow your child to illustrate her new pattern story book.

Allow your child to read and reread her new story to you.

Write Your Story


Help them write their story version down to match the illustrations.

Dramatic Play

Provide children with some pretend tools an oceanographer would use, such as goggles or flippers.

Let them play-act and discover the various ocean creatures.

Read together:

*ABC Under the Sea: An Ocean Life Alphabet Book* by Barbara Knox (Capstone, 2003)

*All About Fish* by Cathryn Sill (Peachtree, 2002)

*Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea* by Gail Gibbons (Little, Brown, 1999)
Puppet Play
Create simple paper bag puppets of the fish characters in *The Pout-Pout Fish* and have children take turns with roles as you read the story aloud.

Readers Theater
Create a script from the text of *The Pout-Pout Fish* and have children take various roles and read and act the story aloud.

Check out *Presenting Reader’s Theater* by Caroline Feller Bauer (Wilson, 1987) for more information on how to develop scripts from literature.

Fishy Humor
Children love silly riddles and offbeat jokes.
Read together: *Fishy Riddles* by Katy Hall (Dial, 1983)
Make up some silly riddles of your own.

More Silly Books to Enjoy
*Such A Silly Baby* by Stephanie Lorig (Chronicle, 2008)
*Silly Lilly and the Four Seasons* by Agnes Rosenstiehl (Toon, 2008)
*What Is A Wise Bird Like You Doing in a Silly Tale Like This?* by Uri Schulevitz (Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2000)
*Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs* by Alan Katz (McElderry Books, 2001)

Poetic Fish
Introduce some creative poetry beyond some of the typical fishy fingerplays.
Read together: *Splish Splash* by Joan Bransfield Graham (Ticknor & Friends, 1994)

More Fish Stories to Enjoy with Readers
*Into the A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet Book* by Deborah Lee Rose (Scholastic, 2000)
*Mr. Seahorse* by Eric Carle (Philomel, 2004)
*Trout, Trout, Trout: A Fish Chant* by April Pulley Sayre (Northwood Books, 2004)
Resources to Create Sea/Ocean Life classroom units
More Predictable/Pattern Picture Books with a Repeated Phrase like *The Pout-Pout Fish*

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Little Spotted Cat* (Dial, 2005)
Fleming, Denise. *Mamma Cat Has Three Kittens* (Henry Holt, 1998)
Fox, Mem. *Boo to a Goose* (Dial Books, 1998)
Hutchins, Pat. *Don’t Forget the Bacon!* (Greenwillow, 1976)
Kalan, Robert. *Stop Thief* (Greenwillow, 1993)
MacDonald, Margaret Read. *The Fat Cat* (August House/Little Folk, 2001)
Plourde, Lynn. *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Mud* (Blue Sky Press, 1997)
Cited Picture Books

ABC Under the Sea: An Ocean Life Alphabet Book by Barbara Knox (Capstone, 2003)
About Fish: a Guide for Children by Cathryn Sill (Peachtree, 2002)
Amazing Baby: Five Fish! (Silver Dolphin, 2003)
Bill Nye the Science Guy's Big Blue Ocean by Bill Nye (Hyperion, 1999)
Blue Sea by Robert Kalan (Greenwillow, 1979)
Boo to a Goose by Mem Fox (Dial Books, 1998)
Bored! Bored! Bored! by Jill Newton (Bloomsbury, 2002)
Bubbles, Bubbles by Kathi Appelt (HarperFestival, 2001)
The Cow Who Clucked by Denise Fleming (Holt, 1998)
Don’t Forget the Bacon by Pat Hutchins (Greenwillow, 1976)
Don’t Worry Bear by Greg Foley (Viking, 2008)
Do You Want To Be My Friend? by Eric Carle (HarperFestival, 1995)
Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea by Gail Gibbons (Little, Brown, 1999)
Fancy That! by Pamela Allen (Orchard Books, 1987)
The Fat Cat by Margaret Read MacDonald (August House/Little Folk, 2001)
Feelings by Aliki (Greenwillow, 1984)
Fidgety Fish by Ruth Galloway (Tiger Tales, 2001)
Fishes by Brian Wildsmith (Oxford U.P., 1968)
Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On by Lois Ehlert (Harcourt, 1990)
Fish is Fish by Leo Lionni (Knopf, 1970)
Fish, Swish! Splash. Dash! Counting Round and Round by Suse MacDonald (Little Simon, 2007)
Fishy Riddles by Katy Hall (Dial, 1983)
Flotsam by David Wiesner (Clarion, 2006)
Gossie & Gertie by Olivier Dunrea (Houghton Mifflin, 2002)
Hooray For Fish! by Lucy Cousins (Candlewick, 2008)
How Are You Peeling? by Saxton Freymann (Scholastic, 1999)
Hugs and Kisses (Baby Faces) by Roberta Grogel Intrater (Cartwheel/Scholastic, 2002)
Into the A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet Book by Deborah Lee Rose (Scholastic, 2000)
Let’s Make A Fish With Everyday Materials by D.M. Heller (Rosen Publishing, 2006)
Little Spotted Cat by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (Dial, 2005)
Lots of Feelings by Shelley Rotner (Millbrook Press, 2003)
Mamma Cat Has Three Kittens by Denis Fleming (Holt, 2005)
Mr. Seahorse by Eric Carle (Philomel, 2004)
My Friend is Sad by Mo Willems (Hyperion, 2007)
Ocean Parade: A Counting Book by Patricia MacCarthy (Dial, 1990)
Oceans and Art Activities by Janet Sacks (Crabtree Publishing, 2002)
Oh, Look! by Patricia Polacco (Philomel Books, 2004)
One Lonely Sea Horse by Saxton Freymann (Scholastic, 2000)
Peekaboo Baby by Margaret Miller (Little Simon, 2001)
The Pigeon Has Feelings Too! by Mo Willems (Hyperion, 2005)
Peekaboo Bedtime by Rachel Isadora (G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 2008)
Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Road by Lynn Plourde (Blue Sky Press, 1997)
Sea Shapes by Suse Macdonald (Harcourt, 1994)
Silly Lilly and the Four Seasons by Agnes Rosenthal (Toon, 2008)
So Say the Little Monkeys by Nancy Van Laan (Antheneum, 1998)
Splash! by Ann Jonas (Greenwillow, 1995)
Splish Splash by Joan Bransfield Graham (Ticknor & Friends, 1994)
Stop Thief by Robert Kalan (Greenwillow, 1993)
Such a Silly Baby by Stephanie Lorig (Chronicle, 2008)
Swimmy by Leo Lionni (Knopf, 1963)
Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood (Blue Sky Press, 2004)
Thank You Bear by Greg Foley (Viking, 2007)
Trout, Trout, Trout: A Fish Chant by April Pulley Sayre (Northwood Books, 2004)
The Way I Feel by Janan Cain (Parenting Press, 2000)
We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 1989)
What is a Wise Bird Like You doing in a Silly Tale Like This? by Uri Shulevitz (Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2000)
When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry by Molly Ban (Blue Sky Press, 1999)
When You Are Happy by Eileen Spinelli (Simon & Schuster, 2006)
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