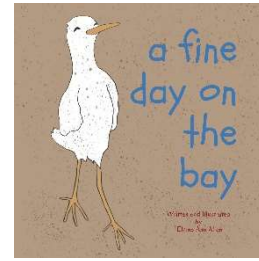


A Fine Day on the Bay

Lesson Plans and Crafts



Discussion: In the story, Sandpiper wants to enjoy his walk on the beach, but trash gets in his way. Ask students:

- Have you ever gone for a walk and found trash in your path?
- How did it make you feel?
- Where did the trash come from?
- Should people litter? Why?
- Is there something you can do to make things better?

Make sandpipers. Have students make their own sandpipers with this easy craft: (Note: complete instructions and a video can be found on my website in the craft section.)

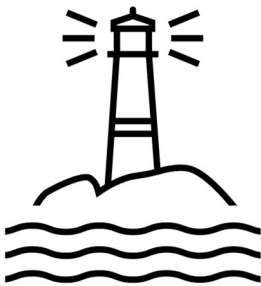


- Materials needed: 1 egg carton shell, 2 Wiggle eyes, 1 Fuzzy white pipe cleaner, 3 Regular brown pipe cleaners, 2 White or brown feathers, Brown and gray markers, Hole-punch, Scissors, Glue

- Directions: First, cut an eggshell from the egg carton. Then using the hole punch, cut two holes for the legs on each side of the eggshell. Using scissors, punch a hole in the top of the eggshell for the head.

- Next, thread a brown pipe cleaner through one of the leg holes. Twist it into place to keep it secure. Then fold the other end into a foot with three claws. Repeat the process for the other leg. The legs should end up being between three and four inches long.

- Next, thread a white fuzzy pipe cleaner through the top hole of the eggshell to make the head. Fold over the pipe cleaner to form a loop and make it long enough to form the head and the neck. It should be about three inches tall. Fold the excess part of the pipe cleaner inside the eggshell into a coil to keep it in place.





- Next, use gray and brown markers to draw dots over the top of the eggshell. This will mimic the brown and gray spots on the feathers of a sandpiper.



- Next, glue the wiggle eyes onto the head. Then cut a piece of the third brown pipe cleaner to make the beak and glue in place. The beak should be about 1 1/2 inches long.



- Finally, glue two small white or brown feathers above the legs. I hope you enjoy making these fun sandpipers with your students!

Make stick puppets: Print out the coloring page of the sandpiper from the **FREE STUFF** page on my website. Have students color and cut out the sandpiper. Glue or tape the image to a craft stick. Optional: add a feather (you can buy feathers in packs from the crafts store or on Amazon.com).

Vocabulary: You can find a word search puzzle and crossword puzzle with key vocabulary terms on the **FREE STUFF** page on my website.

What kids can do: You can find a checklist for things kids can do at home to help Sandpiper and his friends clean up the environment.



More Fun: In addition to the word search puzzle, crossword puzzle, and checklist mentioned above, you can also find a maze as well as craft instructions for turtles, ghost crabs, and ponies on the **FREE STUFF** page on my website.

