



Water Wonders

The Water Wonders BCTC AquaVan Program provides exciting, educational experiences that complement the learning objectives of the B.C. Ministry of Education’s Integrated Resource Packages. (Please see the Curriculum Links section for a detailed description of program-curriculum links.)

The following activities are designed to introduce ocean life and the some of animals that the students will observe during their BCTC AquaVan visit.

OBJECTIVES OF THE

WATER WONDERS PROGRAM

- ★ inspire a respect and appreciation for aquatic animals and the marine environment

- ★ introduce children to the aquatic life from our B.C. shores and waters

- ★ help develop basic observation skills

- ★ make simple connections between animals, the environment and ourselves

Activities

- 1) Read Sea Stories:** Read stories about the seashore to your class. A selection of recommended story-books is listed in the *Stories For Your Class* section on the following page.

- 2) Amazing Aquatic Animals:** Cut sponges into the shapes of sea stars, crabs or sea anemones. Your students can dip their sponges into paint and then press them onto brightly coloured construction paper to create amazing aquatic scenes.

- 3) Pinky Pledge:** Discuss the concepts of kindness and respect for all living things. Practice the pinky pledge before touching live animals.

*I promise to treat all animals with care and respect
and to only use my pinky finger*

Stories For Your Class

Blanchet, Muriel Wylie. 1983. *A Whale Named Henry*. Madeira Park, B.C.: Harbour Pub. Co. Ltd.

Bourgeois, Pauline. 1986. *Franklin in the Dark*. Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd.

Cameron, Anne. 1987. *Orca's Song*. Madeira Park, B.C.: Harbour Pub. Co. Ltd.

Carpenter, Mimi G. 1981. *What The Sea Left Behind*. Camden, Maine: Down East Books.

Dickinson, S. 1991. *All on the Sea*. Auckland, N.Z.: Ashton Scholastic.

Koss, A.G. 1987. *Where Fish Go in Winter and Answers to Other Great Mysteries*. Los Angeles: Price Stern Sloan.

Lewis, Paul. O. 1989. *Davy's Dream: A Young Boy's Adventure with Wild Orca Whales*. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Inc.

McFarlane, Sheryl. 1992. *Jessie's Island*. Victoria, B.C.: Orca Book Publishers.

McMillan, Bruce. 1990. *One Sun: A Book of Terse Verse*. New York: Holiday House.

Morton, Alexandra. 1991. *Siwiti: A Whale's Story*. Victoria: Orca Book Publishers.

Patkau, Karen. 1990. *In the Sea*. Willowdale, Ont.: Annick Press Ltd.

Pechter, Alese and Morton Pechter. 1989. *What's in the Deep? An Underwater Adventure for Children*. Washington D.C.: Acropolis Books Ltd.

Say, Allen. 1989. *The Lost Lake*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Waber, Bernard. 1965. *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Waterton, Betty. 1996. *A Salmon for Simon*. Toronto: Douglas and McIntyre Ltd.