

Hudson RiverKids Story Hour

Paper Plate Ocean

Activity Time: ~ 20 minutes

Activity Summary:

This week's story is *Nerdy Babies: Ocean* written and illustrated by Emmy Kastner. In *Nerdy Babies: Ocean*, follow our intrepid infants into the watery depths. Check out animals, plants, and fish that live in the ocean. Plus, learn about the unique ecosystem in this simple text written in question and answer format.

We invite you to follow along with this story during Hudson RiverKids Story Hour on Facebook Live and use the instructions below to create an ocean and critters using a paper plate, construction paper and a few other common craft materials.



Materials:

- Paper Plate
- Hole Puncher
- Dark Blue and Light Blue Paint/Markers
- Paint Brush
- Construction paper
- Dark blue yarn, string or ribbon
- Scissors
- **Optional** Googly eyes and glue

Instructions

1. Paint or color your paper plate, half light blue for the sky, and half dark blue for the ocean.
2. While your paint dries, cut out sea critters from construction paper and decorate. You can glue on googly eyes or draw on features.
3. Punch holes along the edge of the dark blue half of your paper plate.
4. Weave dark blue yarn, string, or ribbon through the holes punched on your plate so that it stretched



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across the front of your plate. This will be the water that your sea critters can swim in. you can tie the ends of your yarn/string/ribbon behind your plate and tape them down to secure.

5. Optional: You can decorate the sky on your plate with a sun, clouds and/or birds.
6. You're done! Tuck your sea critters into the layers of yarn/string/ribbon so they look like they're swimming in the water.