

Welcome to the July, 2021



OUR FROSTBIT FINS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

the Coral Reef Edition!

"I NEED THE SEA BECAUSE IT
TEACHES ME."
-PABLO NERUDA





HELLO FEATHERFINS!

Hello and Happy July!

We hope you are enjoying your summer! The weather has been perfect, and we had such a great month. In June - we had our booth the North Pen Recreation Service Area's Family Fun in the Sun, and got to meet so many of you that day! Our eagle-eyed FeatherFins were quick to spot me at the ticket booth, where my selkie blood allowed me to work my day job, despite the rain.

Speaking of that job - Swimming lessons are going great and we're having so much fun learning to blow bubbles, float, and move through the water efficiently! My classes have been filled with bright, beautiful, strong kids, and I count myself lucky to be able to share my love of the water and swimming with you all!

We were able to surprise a special little girl for her birthday party in June too - that was a splash! We were happy to be part of her big day, and wish her well in her upcoming surgery. Please join us in sending her good thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Bella! You got this!

We have a lot planned for July too - if you're in the Wasilla Area, AnneMeridia will be in the 4th of July parade with Josh the Otter! She'll also be attending the Community picnic afterwards so be sure and stop by! In Kenai, our pod member and jr. mermaid, Astra will be at our booth on the Green Strip! She can't wait to meet all of you, so be sure and say shell-o!

The Pod will also be at Progress Days in Soldotna July 22nd-24th., and we're gearing up for the big appearance - Star Attraction at the Kenai Peninsula State Fair in Ninilchik! We are thrilled to be part of the fair again this year - it's sure to be a total splash!

Since we've been missing our Reading Hours with you all, we made sure to send another craft to the Kenai Library - Coral Reefs, to match our newsletter! Be sure to swing by to get one before they are gone, and share photos with us when you've completed them! We love to see how creative our FeatherFins are!

That's all for this month - we still have many surprises in store in the next few months, so stay tuned, and as always - we're wishing you

Mermaid wishes and Starfish kisses!
AnneMeridia, and The Frostbit Fins Pod



LET'S READ!



The Coral Kingdom by Laura Knowles

From brightly colored corals to shimmering shoals of fish, the diversity of life on a coral reef is celebrated in this book along with the message about the need to protect this most precious of environments. The Coral Kingdom explores the life cycle, diversity and color of the coral reef ecosystem, as well as the threats the reef faces, and what we can do to save it.

National Dates

- 007/01 International Joke Day
- 07/03 International Plastic Bag Free Day
- 07/04 Independence Day
- 07/07 World Chocolate Day
- 07/11 National Blueberry Muffin Day
- 07/13 National French Fry Day
- 07/15 National Give Something Away Day
- 07/21 National Be Someone Day
- 07/23 Gorgeous Grandma Day
- 07/27 National Love is Kind Day

JULY FIN FACTS WITH

**THE GREAT CORAL REEF**

- There are three main types of coral reefs: fringe reef, barrier reef, and atoll.
- Fringe reefs grow close to shore, while barrier reefs grow far from shore.
- Atolls are coral reefs that grow as a ring surrounding a lagoon of water.
- Some atolls grow so large that people live on them, like Maldives!
- Coral reefs are home to more than 4,000 species of fish!
- Coral reefs are alive. The living part of a coral reef is called coral polyps.
- More than 60% of the coral reefs in the United States are found throughout the Hawaiian Island chain.
- Even though they are under water, coral reefs need sunlight to grow.
- Coral reefs make the sea bed more stable.

Meet our friend Anna!

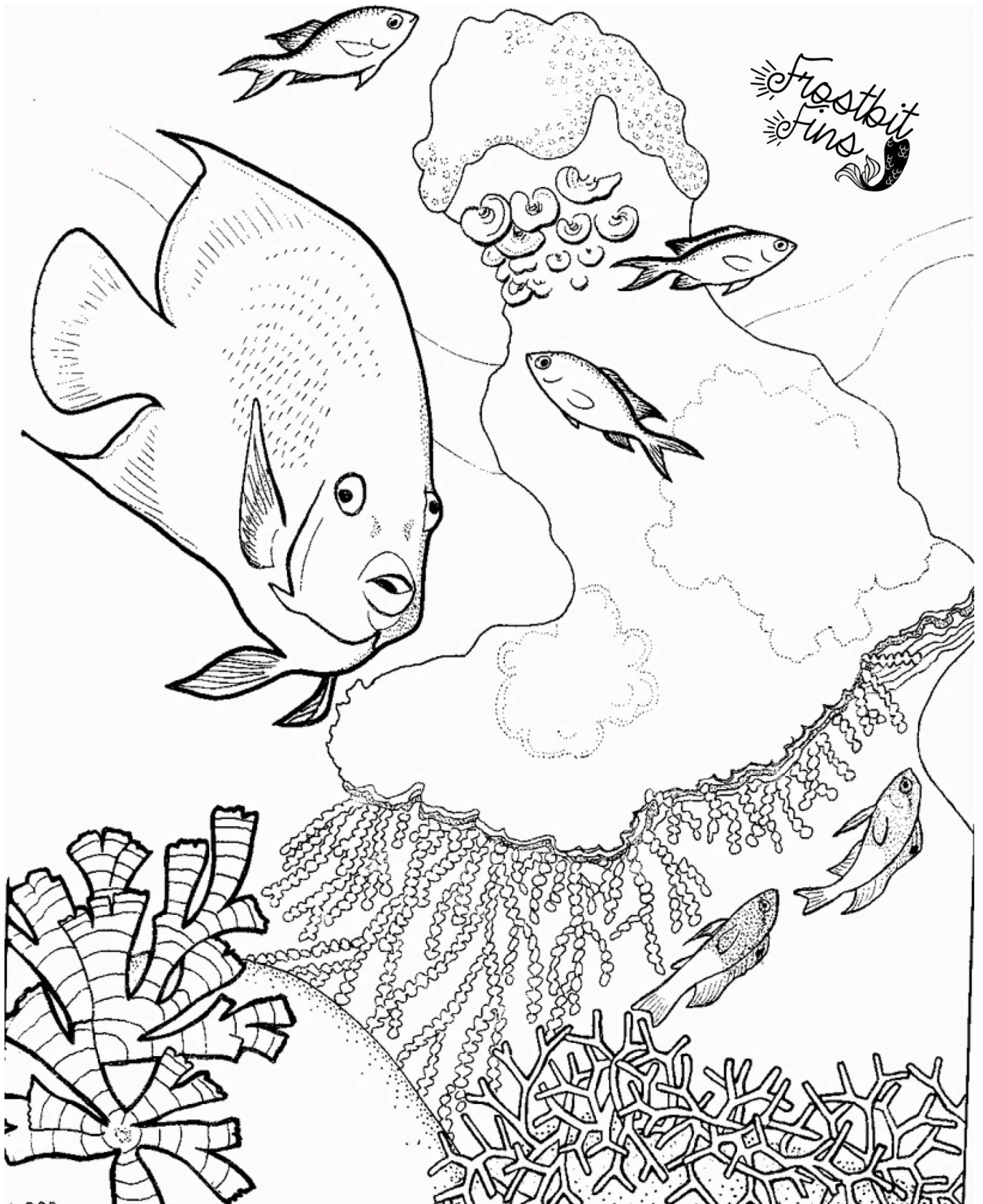
Hello, My name is Anna Widman. I have been an art teacher with the Kenai Peninsula School District for the past 12 years and have taught art for 15. I work summers at Boys and Girls club as a tutor. I Love Alaska summers. Camping, hiking, running, biking, and travel are a few of my interests. Art is what grounds me and how I share with others. I believe that art and culture should be woven into learning and life. Art can be so many things and appreciated in so many ways. Community involvement through the arts is something I love. I hope these coloring sheets bring joy.

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Coral Reef

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butterfly fish sea horse star fish clown fish waves urchin sponge
 spiny lobster shrimp shark scuba salt dome reef polyp parrotfish
 octopus moray eel marine debris manta ray loggerhead turtle jellyfish
 current crab conch brain coral boat barracuda Algae

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Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page/s? Have mom and dad put them on Social Media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured in next months FeatherFinFlyer!

Fin Funnies!

What kind of music is the Great Barrier Reef famous for?

Choral!

Why did the coral reef watch the news?

To keep up on current events!

What did the fish have to pay to get past the coral reef?

Atoll!



Guppy Goodies

Finding Dory Coral Reef Rock Candy

Ingredients:

1 cup water

3 cups granulated sugar

Food coloring

Candy flavoring

Lollipop sticks

Glasses

Clothes pins

An adult to help with boiling water and pouring hot sugar

Patience to wait while your coral grows

Directions:

To each glass add one drop of food coloring and flavoring.

Dip the lollipop sticks into water where you would like the crystals to grow.

Set aside to dry.

Measure sugar into a bowl and set aside.

Add water to a large pot and bring to a boil.

Add one cup of sugar at a time to the water. Stir until dissolved.

After all the sugar is added and fully dissolved.

Pour into each glass and stir to combine the food coloring and flavoring.

Let sugar come to room temperature.

Submerge the lollipop sticks in the glass and secure them with clothes pins.

Wait for your coral reef to grow.

When it reaches your desired size, reef or atoll, enjoy!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

07/01 Eden Austin

07/07 Cassidy Saunders

07/09 Tristen Hilleary

07/10 Alexander Quinn

07/14 Aven Sanchez

07/15 Ava Hines

07/15 Nick DiCarlo

07/16 Charlotte O'Connor

07/19 Maisie Moseman

07/19 Suzy

07/22 Eliana Cope

07/24 June

07/26 Brooklyn Crouse

07/26 Olivia Crouse

07/28 Delilah Marlin

07/30 Ellie Adair

07/31 Ingrid Pederson

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