

the FeatherFin Flyer

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The A, B, Sea Edition



“Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly.”

-Van Morrison

A Message from the Mermaid and the FrostbitFins Pod!

Hello, FeatherFins!

Spring snow/showers got you down? US TOO! We cannot wait for the snow to go and the sun to warm our fins! There is something to look forward too in April, however! It's the Week of the Small Child Celebration on April 27, from 10-3! Our mermaid, AnneMeridia, will be there to help celebrate, and even do a little bit of face-painting. So come on out to this FREE EVENT and sea us!

In the meantime, have you checked out our Patreon yet? You can join our Sticker Squad, and get a new sticker pack every month! Check it out at patreon.com/FrostbitFins

Enjoy the warming weather - and we will sea you soon!

Sincerely,
AnneMeridia & the FbF Pod

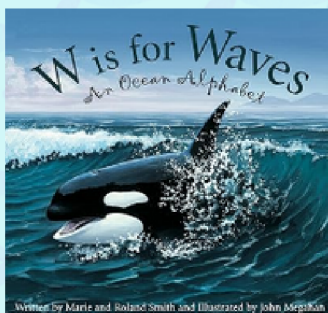
UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 27, 2024: The Week of the Small Child Celebration
May 17th and 18th: Seward Mermaid Festival



W is for Waves: An Ocean Alphabet

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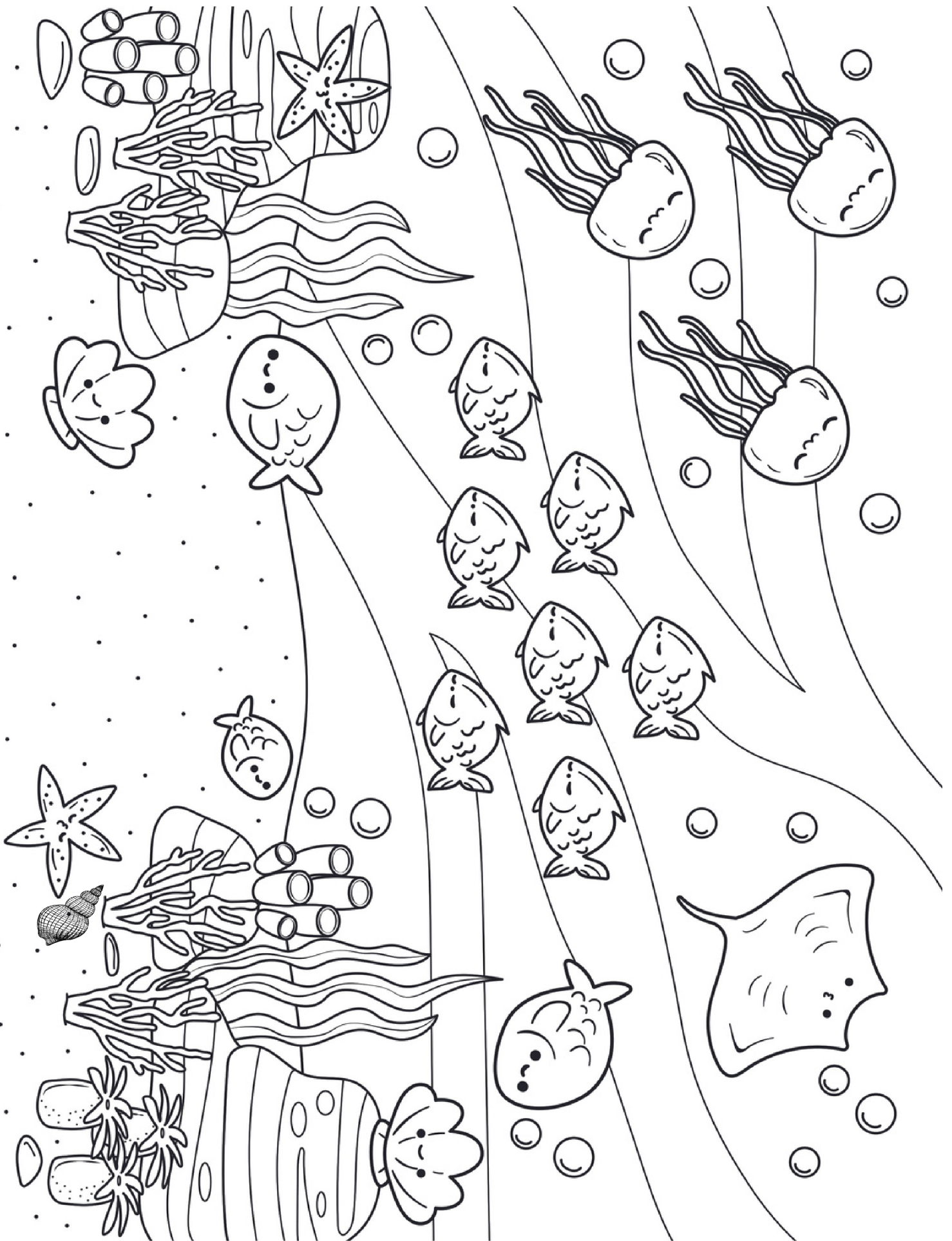
In *W is for Waves: An Ocean Alphabet* water enthusiasts and budding scientists are given an A to Z tour of the ocean's depths and the creatures that inhabit them. Did you know that jellyfish can range in size from one inch to 200 feet long? And what about the mysterious Scandinavian sea monster called the kraken? Was it a myth or did it really exist? Learn about thermohaline currents, dolphin intelligence, and the largest living structure in the world (Australia's Great Barrier Reef). In *W is for Waves* young readers can explore the mysteries of the deep without getting their feet wet.

Want to learn more about the Ocean? Visit your local library today!

April Fin Facts

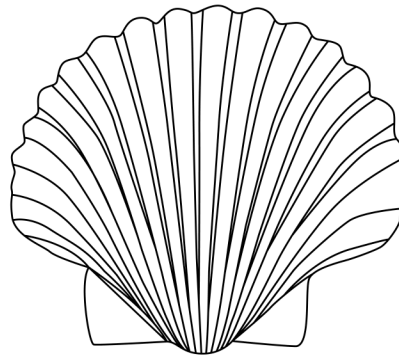
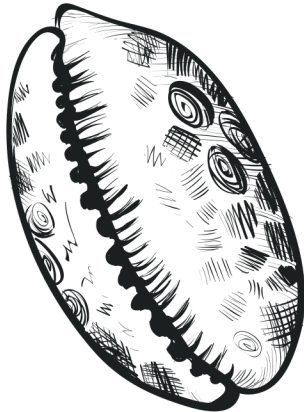
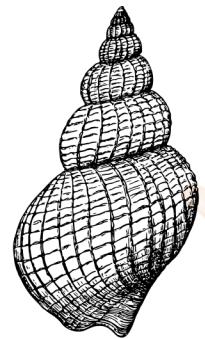
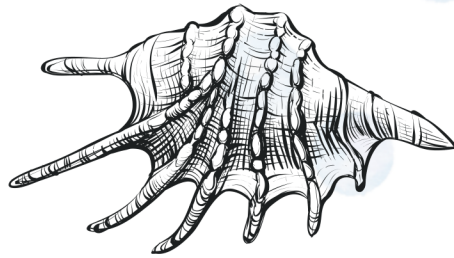
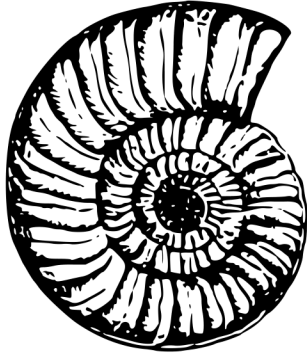
The A, B, Seas!

- **Anchovy** is a small saltwater fish that is a food source for many other animals. There are over 140 species of anchovy.
- **Banded Sea Krait** is a poisonous sea snake with venom 10 times as powerful as a cobra's.
- **Copepods** are tiny crustaceans that are known as insects of the sea. Their name comes from Greek for oar-footed.
- **Dugong** is a sea mammal that is related to the manatee. Baby dugong calves suck on their flippers when they are hungry, almost like a human baby sucking on their thumb.
- **Exclamation Point Rasboras** are very small freshwater fish that live in swampy areas of Asia. The largest grow to around $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch long!
- **Flameback** is a type of sea slug that has brightly colored structures along its back that resemble flames.
- **Gar** are long skinny fish with teeth. The alligator gar is one of the largest of all freshwater fish.
- **Hapuku** is a deepwater reef fish found in the Indo-Pacific oceans. It is known as a type of wreckfish, commonly found among shipwrecks.
- **Icefish** live in icy arctic waters and have antifreeze proteins in their blood that prevents ice crystals from forming and damaging their cells.
- **John Dory** are known as one of the ugliest fish in the world and has no known relatives.
- **Kiwa Hirsuta** are also called the yeti crab. They have no eyes and are completely covered in blond hair!
- **Leafy Sea Dragons** are a fish that lives in the waters off of Australia. It has leaf like fins that help camouflage it among the seagrasses and a tube-like mouth that works like a drinking straw.
- **Marlin** are very large fish. The blue marlin, specifically, is one of the largest and fastest fish in the world!
- **Nautilus** are mollusks that are related to octopus. They are an ocean species that has not changed in millions of years.
- **Orange Roughy** is a large deep-sea fish that can live up to 149 years!
- **Plankton** are very small organisms that cannot swim against currents. Many sea creatures have plankton as a major source of their diet.
- **Quahog** are a hard clam found mainly on the east coast of North America.
- **Ragfish** have a skeleton that is made up mostly of cartilage. Its body is also scaleless and limp.
- **Sarcastic Fringehead** is a small and ferocious fish that is known for its extremely aggressive behavior.
- **Tilefish**, especially the golden tilefish, will burrow headfirst in cone-shaped sand and clay piles on the ocean floor.
- **Unicornfish** have a prominent elongated snout that resembles a unicorn's horn.
- **Vaquita** are a type of porpoise that is the world's rarest marine mammal.
- **Wahoo** have the ability to change color based on their mood, behavior, and surroundings.
- **Xantic Sargo** are small nocturnal fish native to the central Pacific Ocean. They are commonly called "Sweetlips" because of their pouty mouths.
- **Yarrell's Blenny** is an uncommon European fish that has distinctive bushy fern like tentacles above each eye.
- **Zigzag Cowrie** is a type of sea snail that has a very beautiful shell. Their shells are so beautiful that many cultures have used them as currency and for crafting jewelry.



Sea-shell Search!

Throughout this month's newsletter there are 7 hidden seashells. Can you find them all? Check them off below!



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 on our page and in next month's FeatherFinFlyer!

Last Month's Answers

- UNMOVESO Venomous
- IFOLSHNI Lionfish
- YURHFSTIKE Turkeyfish
- IIFFHRES Firefish
- TLRUFTYBE OCD Butterfly Cod
- VINESVIA Invasive
- TIAPEEPT Appetite
- AEFZHRISB Zebrafish
- OILRATERIRT Territorial
- DRAPRTOE Predator
- NHRTOY INFS Thorny Fins
- NOULOOPAVROETI Overpopulation
- YCSOEEMTS Ecosystem
- FROSNIPOHCIS Scorpion Fish

LET'S CELEBRATE

🎂 Birthday Club! 🎂

Wishing a FIN-tastic Birthday to:

- 04/01 Amy F
- 04/03 Willow
- 04/03 Wesley
- 04/07 Meg Y
- 04/08 Aria O
- 04/09 Eliza H
- 04/09 Daughn C
- 04/10 Leila D
- 04/16 Ophelia S
- 04/18 Addison P
- 04/19 Gensie K
- 04/19 Leoryk N
- 04/20 McKenzie K
- 04/21 Guinevere N
- 04/21 Holly N
- 04/23 Adriona N
- 04/26 Arabella B
- 04/27 Sunny W
- 04/28 Cambria N
- 04/29 Christina T

🐟 Fin Funnies! 🐟

How do you cut the ocean in half?

With a sea saw!

What game does a coral reef like to play?

Hide and sea-k!

What's a sea monster's favorite snack?

Ships and dip!



🌞 Dates Of Interest 🌞

- 4/01 April Fool's Day
- 4/02 Children's Picture Book Day
- 4/05 National Peeps Day
- 4/06 Jump Over Things Day
- 4/10 National Farm Animals Day
- 4/16 National Librarian Day
- 4/17 National Kickball Day
- 4/18 National Animal Crackers Day
- 4/21 Big Word Day
- 4/23 National Picnic Day
- 4/25 World Penguin Day
- 4/26 National Pretzel Day
- 4/28 National Blueberry Pie Day



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🐠 Guppie Goodies 🐠

Green Flop Jell-O

Ingredients:

- 2 cups room temperature lemon-lime soda
- 2 packages (3 oz each) lime gelatin
- 6 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups lemon-lime soda, chilled
- 1 carton (12 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

- Microwave the room temperature soda for 1-2 minutes, until hot.
- Place hot soda and gelatin in a blender and process until the gelatin is dissolved.
- Add cream cheese and process until blended.
- Transfer to a large bowl and stir in the chilled soda.
- Whisk in the whipped topping.
- Refrigerate, covered, until firm, about 4 hours.



🌟 Fintastic Deals! 🌟

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