

Aqualicious Curriculum Guide

Seashell Treasure Frame

In *Aqualicious*, Pinkalicious spends a day at the beach with her family and collects seashells along the shore. Seashells are beautiful, decorative, and a great way to show off a true treasure! Provide your classroom with enough seashells for each student to decorate a small picture frame. Your students can paint the seashells or leave them natural. They could also decorate them with glitter to be extra *aquamazing!* Once their shells are ready, students can use hot glue or craft glue to stick seashells along the picture frame edge. Be careful not to glue the frame shut while sticking on the shells. Ask students to bring in a photograph they treasure, and once the frame is dry, place the photo in it. Encourage your students to share their frames with the classroom and talk about the reasons behind their meaningful treasure photo.



★ A Mermaid's Home

Pass out an equal amount of clay or similar sculpting material and a shoe box to each student. Have them create a mermaid sculpture with the clay. When they are finished, have each student create a setting for their mermaid by decorating the inside of their shoe box. Use glitter, colored pencils, crayons, pipe cleaners, cellophane—anything you can think of to create a magical mermaid home. When they have created their settings, have your students place their mermaid sculpture inside.

A Variety of Mermaids

Aqua is a merminnie, which is a smaller and rarer species of mermaid. Just like how there are lots of different kinds of fish, there are many different kinds of mermaids. Show your students a few pictures of *Aqua*, and then distribute paper and art materials. Have students create their own pictures of what they think other species of merminnies look like. What size are they? What color are their hair and tails? Are some of the merminnie men? Encourage your class to name their merminnies. Hang them up in your classroom and have a merminnie art show!



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★ Aquarium Activity 🍷

If you have an aquarium nearby, arrange a class visit. If not, use your school or local library to research. Ask your students to learn about one kind of sea creature they had never heard of before or didn't know much about. Have them draw what the animal looks like on a sheet of paper and include a few facts they learned. Once you return to school, hang their drawings around the classroom and have each student present their animal to the class.

🍷 Estimation Jar 🍷

Have your students bring in small items that represent what can be found at a beach (seashells, plastic shovels, beach animal figurines, etc.). Find a large, clear tub or jar and dump all the items inside. Have your students guess how many beach items are in the jar. Whoever guesses the exact number or the one closest to it wins!

★ Beach Treasure Station 🍷

Pinkalicious finds Aqua the merminnie while she is looking for seashells on the beach. Create a search and find activity in your classroom. Fill one large plastic bin with sand and one with water. Bury or drop in beach items such as shells and plastic ocean animals, and have your students take turns searching for beach treasure!

🍷 Let Friendship Shine 🍷

Pinkalicious makes a new friend in *Aqualicious*. Pass out sheets of paper and have each student write a few sentences about friendship: What does friendship mean to them? How can they act like a good friend? How can they be thankful for their friends? Hang up their responses around the classroom as a reminder for everyone to let friendship shine!

★ A Day at the Beach 🍷

Make a list of all the things you can do at the beach. Give each student a large piece of paper and encourage them to write down and illustrate all their favorite things to do at the beach. When they are finished, hang the papers up and go through all of their ideas!

