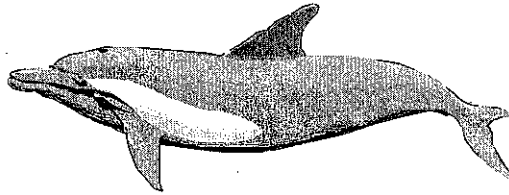


Dolphins



- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about dolphins. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can on dolphins. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Dolphins Reading" chart.
- Make a diorama of a dolphin in its natural habitat. Determine the size of your diorama and then select a variety of appropriate materials. Include the plants, animals, fish and other mammals that might be found in the dolphin's habitat.
- Make arrangements to visit a zoo, marine park, or aquarium. If you are in an area that doesn't have access to a marine life exhibit, consider conducting a virtual field trip at some of the different aquariums around the country.
- Make a dictionary of the different kinds of dolphins. It should include pictures, the name, and some facts about each dolphin. Remember a dictionary is put together in alphabetical order.
- Make a non-fiction pop-up book for young children. Include your own drawings to accompany the story and textured "samples" for feeling.
- Make a chart showing an internal view of the dolphin. Include the various systems such as the skeletal system, respiratory and digestive system. You may decide that that you would like to create color overlays that will enable you to more clearly demonstrate all the system components.
- Conduct research on the Internet to learn about organizations that rescue and protect dolphins. Contact one of the organizations and ask how you can be involved in their projects.



- Dolphins are considered to be very intelligent animals in large part because of their sophisticated communication system. Learn more about how dolphins communicate. Try to find soundtracks of dolphin sounds. Using the soundtrack, help others to understand more about the system of clicks, splashes, and sputtering sounds that the dolphin uses.
- Create a large stuffed dolphin pillow. Decide whether your dolphin will be realistic or whimsical. Choose materials appropriately.

