

Sample Books and Activities on Alliteration

Picture books with alliteration on a ocean theme

My Visit to the Aquarium by Alik

The Ocean Alphabet Book, a Jerry Pallotta Alphabet Book

A Swim Through the Sea, by Kristin Joy Pratt

1. Read the book you've chosen to the class once, so they can enjoy the story.
2. Reread the book to the class, stopping after each letter to have the children share other words beginning with that letter of the alphabet.
 - As you are reading, invite younger readers to focus on the initial alphabet letter.
 - For older readers, focus not only on alliterating an initial alphabet letter, but also on the rhythm of the sentences. Urge students to share alliterated words fluently, rather than in singsong voices.

Specific Example using *My Visit to the Aquarium* by Alik

1. Read the first half of the book, *My Visit to the Aquarium* by Alik, to the class. (The first half of the book is about an ocean aquarium, but the second half is about freshwater fish.)
2. Slowly reread the first half of the book, asking students to volunteer *S* words while reading. There are over 50 great ocean *S* words.
3. Write these *S* words on a chart to display in the room.
4. Other possible letters for alliteration brainstorming in this book include *C, P, A, F, W, B* and *R*.