

One Nighttime Sea

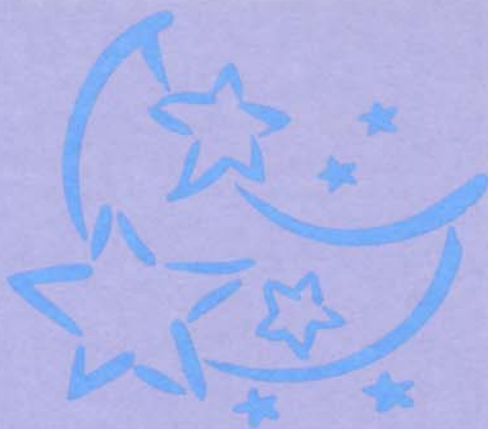
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Illustrator: **Steve Jenkins**
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Materials

Computer with Internet access, printout of the *Internet Hunt* found at <http://www.libraryjam.org/hunt/> and pencil or marker.

Activities

Show the children how to find the *Internet Hunt* on a computer at home, at school or in the library. Give each child a printout of the webpage. Let the children do the *Hunt* on the computer and record their answers on the printout. They can pretend they're deep sea divers. Goggles would be fun! The children could work in pairs, taking turns with clicking the mouse and writing down the answers. Very young children can be directed to the Initial Consonant activity and the numbers at the bottom of the page where they will find activities that do not involve writing.



Polar Bear Night

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Illustrator: **Stephen Savage**
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Materials

Stuffed bears for snuggling, blue construction paper, crayons and markers, star stickers or cut-out stars that can be glued to a drawing, other polar bear books from the library.

Activities

When you are using this book, kindergartners or preschoolers may enjoy having snuggle time with stuffed bears during reading time or at the beginning of nap time. Read other polar bear books, like *Bear at Home* by Stella Blackstone and *Bear's Dream* by Janet Slingsby. Those books may be found in the children's section at the school or public library.

Ask the children to draw a polar bear picture on blue construction paper and then glue stars in the sky. Encourage them to arrange some of the stars falling from the sky, as in the story.

Older children can read other nonfiction stories about polar bears. Books such as *Why Don't Polar Bears Have Stripes?* by Katherine Smith and *What's It Like to Be a Baby Polar Bear?* by Honor Head can be found in the library's nonfiction section under j599.786. Talk about the books after the children read them, and compare what the children learned.

Joel Says

Before the book is read, ask...

Where do polar bears live? Would you like to live there?

Stop during the book and ask...

What in the moonlit stillness do you think "beckons" the polar bear cub? Has your mom or dad ever walked outside with you at night? What did you see, or what would you imagine you might see?

After reading the book, ask...

What did you like best about the story? What comforted the cub when he returned to his home? What comforts you at night?

Joel Says

Before the book is read, ask...

There are some creatures in this book that you might know about. Listen for some others that have very strange sounding names.

Stop during the book and ask...

Have you ever heard of a firefly squid, elephant seal, (or name any of the unusual sea creatures in the book)?

After reading the book, ask...

Have you ever used a computer to find answers to questions you might have?

