

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

March

Craft: Foldable Fish Craft

Snack: Jello Fish Cups

Story Ideas:

"The Pout-Pout Fish" by Deborah Diesen

"The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister

"Swimmy" by Leo Lionni

"Fish is Fish" by Leo Lionni

Foldable Fish Craft

This little fish project is a really fun use of construction paper!

Materials:

Colored construction paper

Scissors

Blue marker

Googly eyes

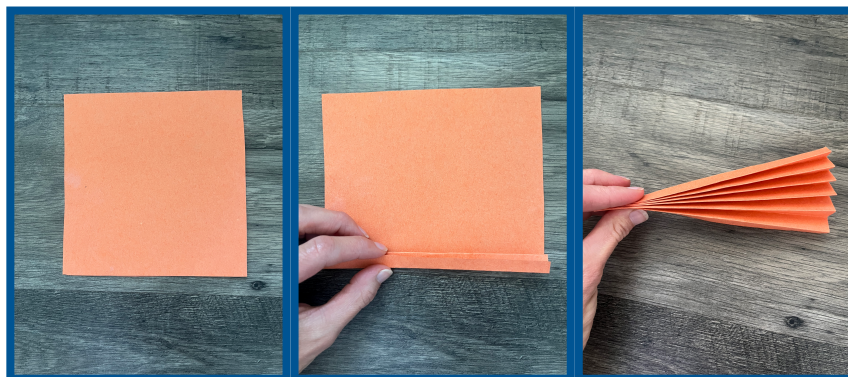
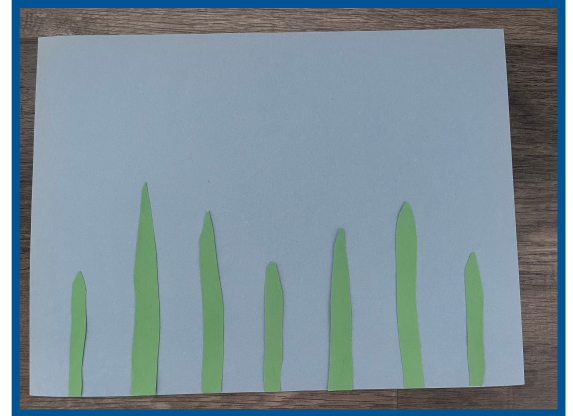
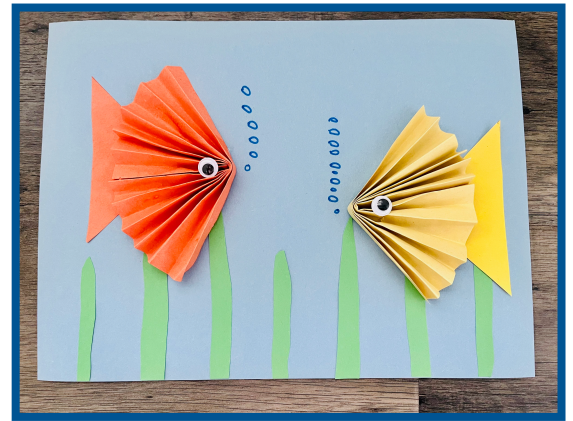
Glue

Stapler (optional)

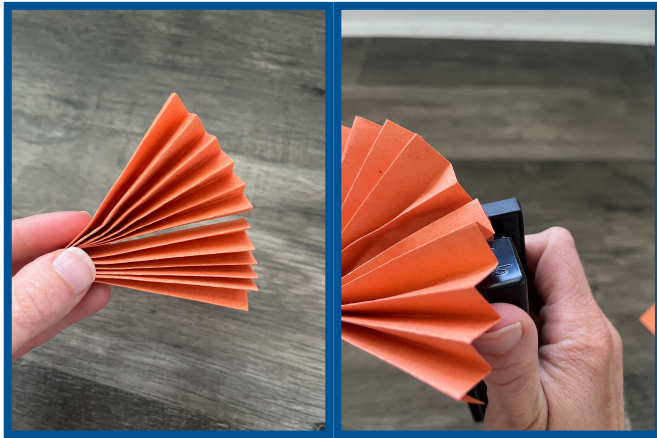
Instructions:

1. Prepare the background. Use green construction paper to cut out pieces of grass in various sizes (approximately 7 pieces). Glue them along the bottom of a blue piece of 9x12 construction paper (horizontal).

2. Take a 6x6 square in whatever color desired for first fish and fold it back and forth, accordion-style, until in one strip like a paper fan.



3. Fold in half and secure the middle with glue or a stapler.

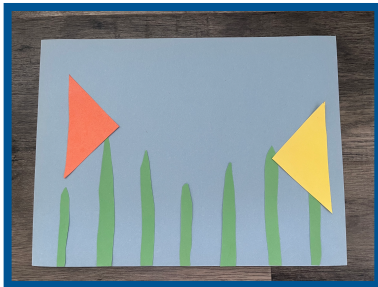


4. Cut a triangle in the color desired for the fish tail.

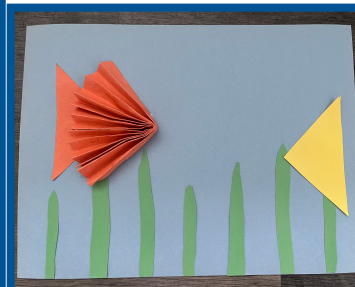
5. Repeat steps for second fish.



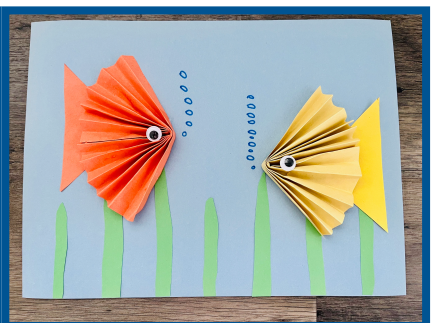
6. Place the triangle tails on the blue piece of paper as desired and glue down (leaving room to put the "fan" part of the fish body as well).



7. Glue the back of the "fan" and place on top of the matching tail. Repeat for other fish.

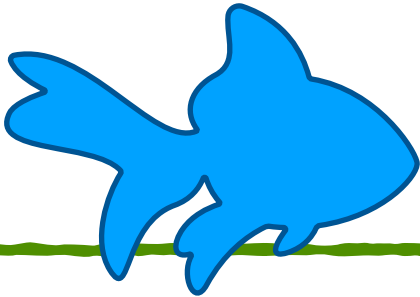


8. Glue on googly eyes and draw bubbles with a blue marker.



***This craft was found at easypeasyandfun.com

Jello Fish Cups

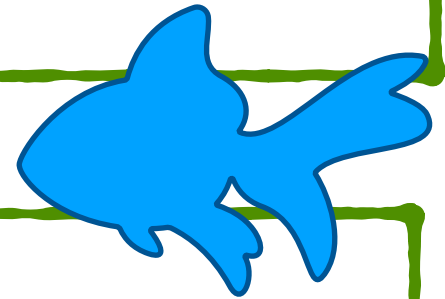


Ingredients:

Blue jello (4 boxes will make 12 8-10oz cups)

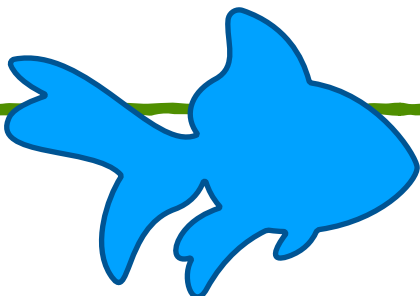
Cool whip

Gummy fish/Swedish Fish Candy



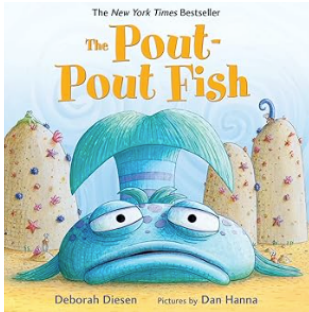
Directions:

1. Prepare jello according to directions and pour into cups.
2. Chill for about 1-1 1/2 hours.
3. When somewhat set, insert a gummy fish and then allow to set the rest of the way.
4. Once set, spread 2 heaping spoonfuls of thawed cool whip on top of each cup.

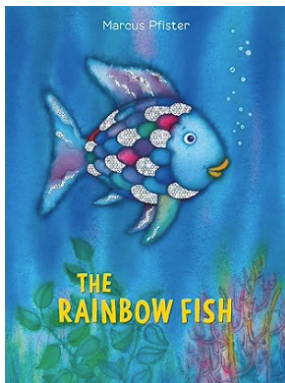


Fish Read-Alouds for Kids

Note to Parents: These books are merely suggestions. Keepsake Curriculum does not endorse or review them. Research as necessary before reading with your children

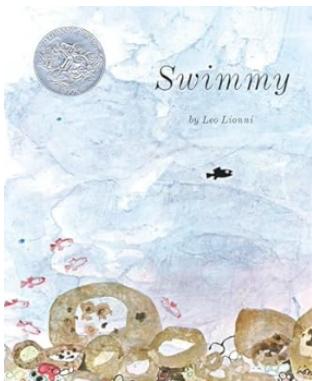


“The Pout-Pout Fish” by Deborah Diesen - Swim along with Mr. Fish as he discovers that being glum and spreading “dreary wearies” isn’t really his destiny. Bright ocean colors and playful rhymes come together in this fun fish story that’s sure to turn even the poutiest of frowns upside down. (Amazon description)

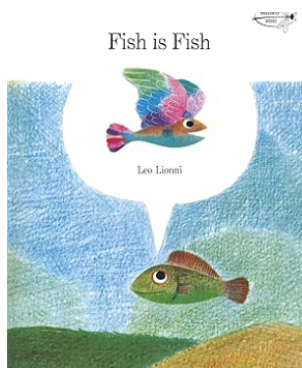


“The Rainbow Fish” by Marcus Pfister - The rainbow fish with its iridescent scales is the most beautiful fish in the whole ocean. But since he is also vain and proud, he becomes more and more lonely over time. Then he realizes that you can’t win friends through beauty. He overcomes his pride and begins to distribute his glitter scales to the other fish.

Eye-catching foil stamping, glittering on every page, offers instant child appeal, but it is the universal message at the heart of this simple story about a beautiful fish who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions that gives the book its lasting value. (Amazon description)



“Swimmy” by Leo Lionni - Deep in the sea lives a happy school of fish. Their watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding . . . until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends how—with ingenuity and team work—they can overcome any danger. (Amazon description)



“Fish is Fish” by Leo Lionni - Two best friends, a minnow and a tadpole, are practically inseparable until the tadpole grows legs and decides to explore the world beyond the pond. When the tadpole, now a frog, returns to tell his friend of the extraordinary things he’s seen, the minnow, now a fish, tries to follow in his footsteps, but quickly finds that land is not what he expected. Friendship truly saves the day in this imaginative tale of a fish out of water. (Amazon description)