

# Ocean Commotion

## Lesson #1



"YOUR  
Thoughts?"

**Age:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### **Objective:**

- Students will use listening strategies effectively.
- Students will construct meaning from and respond to a work of literature.

### **Materials:**

Ocean Commotion by Julie Woik

Pencils or Pens

Print out form that correlates with this lesson.

Optional - Send home letter to parents regarding this lesson.

See attached *Letter for Parents*

### **Activity:**

Gather the children in a circle and read *Ocean Commotion*, showing everyone the detailed illustrations. After the reading, have the students discuss the story and its message, perhaps rereading some of the important paragraphs. Then hand out the form in which students will provide their own opinion regarding Lilly's lesson from this story.

### **Assessment:**

Students will listen and respond by asking questions and making a contribution to the discussion regarding the storyline. They will recognize the difference between fact and opinion, and understand how the cause of events in the text compare with those in his or her own life.