

Ocean Commotion

Lesson #5



Age:
3rd Grade

Objective:

- Students will write to communicate ideas and information effectively.
- Students will understand the nature and power of language.

Materials:

Ocean Commotion by Julie Woik

Pencils or Pens and Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils

Paper (letter/legal/ledger) on which to draw their town.

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 dream up their OWN town and illustrate it on a large piece of paper. Then have them write up dialog for a TV commercial that will "sell" the town to potential new residents. Students can refer to the worksheet for ideas as to what they might want to include in their ad.

Assessment:

Students learn to write for a particular audience or purpose. They will recognize that language formality varies according to the situation or particular audience base. They will understand that word choices can shape perception.