**Rhymes And Fingerplays**

**Ocean Shore**
I found a great big shell one day
Upon the ocean floor
I held it close up to my ear
And heard the ocean roar
I found a tiny shell one day
Upon the ocean sand
The waves had worn it nice and smooth
It felt nice in my hand.

**Five Little Seashells**
Five little seashells sleeping on the shore
(Hold up 5 fingers, bending down one for each verse)
Swish! went a big wave, and then there were four
(Move arms, palms up, to make the waves)
Four little seashells quiet as can be
Swish! went a big wave, and then there were three
Three little seashells pearly and new
Swish! went a big wave, and then there were two
Two little seashells having great fun
Swish! went a big wave, and then there was one
One little seashell lying in the sun
Swish! went a big wave, and then there were none
Five little seashells gone out to sea,
(Point out to sea)
Wait until morning and they’ll return to me.
(Point to self)

**Digging Holes in the Sand**
I dig hole in the sand with my fingers
(mime digging)
I dig holes in the sand with my toes
(mime digging with toes)
I pour some water in the holes
(mime pouring water)
I wonder where it goes?

**Catching a Fish**
One, Two, Three, four, Five
(count fingers on left hand)
I caught a little fish alive
(catch fingers on right hand with left hand)
Why did you let it go?
(release fingers quickly)
Because it bit my fingers so.
(shake right hand)
Which finger did it bite?
The little finger on the right.
(point to little finger on right hand)

**Seashell**
(Holding up a seashell)
Tightly to my ear.
(Other hand holds finger to lips),
Shh! It’s telling me a secret
That only I can hear!

**Things to do together**
- Cut out paper fish in three or four different sizes. Shuffle them out and have your child sort them into size groups.
- Let your child explore the shapes and textures of the sea—sand, shells, pebbles etc. Taste the difference between salt water and fresh water and talk about that difference. Use descriptive words and encourage your child to do the same
- Toss beach balls into the air and see how high you can count as they stay aloft
- Make a list of activities you can undertake at the sea
- Look at a map of the world and talk about the size and shape of the oceans. Which one is biggest etc.

**Other Resources**
Let’s Go: Travel, Camp and Car Songs by Susie Tallman (CD)