Seashore

Developing literacy can be done on a trip to the beach!

- Make a list of items to take to the beach and let your child participate in creating it and packing it
- Pack different size containers for measuring and pouring sand
- On a map, locate the beach where you are going and show your child the route you will take to get there
- On the way to the beach, point out signs for places that you saw on the map
- As you walk on the beach, talk about the different shapes of shells and rocks
- Bring along an egg carton for your child to collect shells and rocks, sorting them into different compartments. Draw them on a piece of paper and label them. Return the items to the beach
- Tell your child the story of listening to a shell and hearing the ocean. Ask your child to describe what they hear
- Write your names in the sand
- Build sand castles using the different sized containers – count the number of buildings in your castle
- Take time to listen to the sounds of the beach. Talk about what you both hear

Books about beaches and the sea:
Come Away from the Water, Shirley by John Burningham
This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
Senses at the Seashore by Shelley Rotner
I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry
A Walk on the Beach by Jo Waters
Harry by the Sea by Gene Zion

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