

Adventure Friends



Grade Two

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Dear Mom,

I would be happy for you to use my school writing projects as exemplars in your work.

Love, Jenna

NOTE: Jenna based her story on the picture book Dazzle the Dinosaur by Marcus Pfister. She wrote it using a new setting and different characters.

Curling, ocean waves rolled endlessly one after another. Waves spouted water high into the air while the sun warmed their backs. A school of cardinalfish were gathered around all their eggs which were nestled beside the only piece of sea grass in rock vally. Suddenly the little Jelly eggs began to shake. All at once the eggs popped! Wriggling out, the tiny fish entered a new world.

"Oh they're so beautiful," cooed the mothers.

At that very moment the only piece of sea grass in rock vally began to move! Out shot a sparkling deep blue fluffy creature!

"It's beautiful!" gasped one.

"What is it?" asked another. Pushing his way through the crowd, a wise old fish took a good look. "This looks like a jellyfish. They sting but not unless they're in danger or hungry. Now then, who's going to look after it?"

"I'd love to," volunteered Mrs. Bubbles.

"Good. Now let me look at that weed. That's not sea grass! It is a polyp and that's where baby Jellyfish come from! better keep an eye on it," the wise old fish said in a low voice. All the babies wiggled. "I'll call you Glimmer," smiled Mrs. Bubbles, "and I'll call you Scater," she said to her own new baby. Bobbing behind, Glimmer followed Mrs. Bubbles and Scater home. First Mrs. Bubbles told the two youngsters to never leave Rock Valley. "Why not?" asked Glimmer

curiously.

"Long ago we used to live in a wonderful place called Sea Grass Swamp. One day a ferocious shark forced us to leave," said Mrs. Bubbles seriously. "Now I understand," Glimmer said more interested than ever. Over the next week the little fish explored every rock in Rock Vally until they were bored. Early the next morning, Glimmer and Scater whispered to each other, "We've got to go to Sea Grass Swamp and chase out the monster!"

Silently they crept out of the nest, padding over the rocks past the seaweed and into the deep waters. snuck Glimmer and Scaler. A few minutes later Glimmer spotted three large rocks.

"If we climb these rocks we might be able to spy sea grass swamp!" grinned the jelly fish. Gliding above the rocks they landed gently. Right that moment the rocks began to rumble. "Tsunami!" yelled Scaler. "Swim for your life!" "What Tsunami?" asked a deep voice.

"Oh no! We're sitting on a rock monster!" screamed Glimmer and Scaler together.

"I think you little fellas are mixed up. We're not a tsunami and we're not a rock monster. We're sea turtles!" "Ohhhhh," sighed the pair in relief. "Which way to sea grass swamp?"

"A wicked shark lives there!" We won't tell you because it's too dangerous for young ones. Now get on home!" ordered the sea turtles. Glimmer and Scaler were disappointed.

Gliding through the water, they headed back to Rock Valley.

When the little fish could not swim any longer they sank to the bottom of the ocean floor. Instantly Scater felt a deep sharp pain in his tail! Snap! Glimmer's tentacles were thrbbing! Hundreds of clams were snapping their shells! "Let's get out of here!" Scater called. Darting away from the clams, they got all mixed up about which way was which!

"Stop!" yelled Glimmer, "look at all the colours!" Bright orange, pink, yellow, green plants swayed all around them.

"Where are we?" gasped Scater.

Looking up in awe Glimmer's eyes widened, "We must be in Sea Grass Swamp!" Suddenly the grass began to quiver and out shot a dark finger.

"Aaaaaaaa!" The shark squealed the pain.

"I'm not the shark, but he's right behind me!" shrieked the clown fish. At that moment they heard a strange popping sound and the sea grass sprayed in all directions! Two gleaming eyes and a mouth full of sharp teeth appeared! The shark had arrived!

"let's get out of here!"

"Oh please don't leave!" begged the shark. "I'm so lonesome." All the fish stopped and stared.

"A long time ago I came to Sea Grass Swamp to make friends with all the beautiful Cardinal fish," began the shark, "but I frightened them with my hick-hick-hick up-s!"

Suddenly a water wave gushed out of the shark's mouth and sent the three sprawling!

"I see what you mean," growled Glimmer, "those hick ups are LOUD!"

"There's plenty of room here if you'd like to stay," offered the shark. "My name is Hickster. What is yours?"

"My name is Glimmer and this is Scaler. We WOULD LOVE to stay in Sea Grass Swamp if our families can come to," they said with their eyes bugging out.

"Stupendous! I'll never be lonely again!" beamed Hickster.

One day later a crowd of cardinal fish arrived!

"hick hick hooray!" cheered Hickster, swimming in circles. The clownfish cried "It's party time!"

Gathering the babies on his back, Hickster zipped through the seaweed.

"Ugh! Here it comes again!" warned Hickster. hick, hick, hick, hick up! Baby fish flew everywhere! "Weeeeee! This is the life!" squeaked the little fish as they were scattered in all directions!

"I don't know how I can repay you two for restoring our homeland," Mrs. Bubbles smiled at Glimmer and Scater.

"We just want to play with Hickster. Can we?" asked the pair. "Of course!"