

# The Beach



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We go to the beach. Mom,  
let's go swim !



We look for a spot to set up the mats.



But look! So much trash!



**Mom, I can help !**  
**We can pick up the trash.**  
**I will get rid of the mess.**



I see a bag from a shop. I put it in the trash can.



I see a bag of chips. I will  
get rid of it. I put it in the  
trash can.



I see a shell. That is OK!  
I left it on the sand.



We find a spot and set up the mats. We munch and chat.



**“I see a fin!” said Mom.  
“Is it a whale? Is it a fish ?”**



**“Is it a big shark fin ?”**





Mom and I have lots of fun.

## Talk about the Text

1. What happens at the beach?
1. How are the child and the parent caretakers of the Earth?

## About the author and illustrator

Dear Scholars,

I am known as Ms. Elysee-Brown to my students and colleagues in Boston Public Schools. I have been working as an elementary school teacher for the past 11 years. I have enjoyed helping my students to become readers and authoring this book has been so much fun.



I chose the beach because I love going to the beach. The best part of summer are beach days. The only thing I don't like about the beach is when there is trash. I feel it is very important to recycle and take care of our Earth. So if you go to the beach make sure you clean up after yourself. I suggest you try one of my favorite beaches Nantasket, in Hull.

Happy Reading!!

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Dear Readers and Artists,

My name is Meghan Shea, although many of my friends in Boston Public Schools will know me better as Ms. Shea. I teach students at the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School in East Boston, where I get to speak the Spanish I learned growing up with my Peruvian mother every day!

A few years ago, I taught first graders at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Jamaica Plain. However, the first time I saw



Jamaica Pond was when I was learning how to be a teacher in Ms. Nason's class at the Curley Elementary School many years ago. Since then, my students and I visit the pond every year.

I really like to watch birds (like ducks), go for walks, and learn new things like how to play guitar. I've always enjoyed drawing and I really like to use computer programs to make my illustrations look the way I want. What do you like to do?

Sincerely,  
Meghan Shea

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*Focus on K2*

Unit 4, Week 8, Book B

Decodability	93%
Letter-sound Focus	CVC words, suffix -s, digraphs
Fundations Alignment	Level K, Unit 5
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	look, we, go, to, for, have
Vocabulary Words and Challenge Words	beach, whale, shark, seal
Topic Connection	Caretakers of the Earth

## Set K

Aligned with the units of study of *Focus on K2*

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