**Summer Reading Craft Ideas**

1. **Early Learners: Paper Plate Fish Aquarium**

**Source:** [Director Jewels: Paper Plate Fish Aquarium Preschool Craft](https://www.directorjewels.com/2015/03/paper-plate-fish-aquarium-preschool.html)

**Supplies:**

* Paper plates
* White beans, cheerios, water stones or other round materials
* Foam paper fish (either cut out or premade)
* Pipe cleaners
* Scissors
* Paint, crayons, or markers
* Stick or craft glue

**Steps:**

Cut the paper plate into a fish bowl shape by choosing a side to be the flat bottom and cutting straight across. Leave the rest of the plate round.

Color the paper plate with ocean colors like green and blue. You can color it with paint/scented markers/crayons/pastels, etc.

Direct the child’s hands to notice the round top of the aquarium and the straight edge of the bottom.

Find the bottom of the aquarium and pour/spread glue across the “floor”. You can use a paint brush to spread the glue as well.

Take a handful of white beans and press into the glue. It’s okay if things get sticky!

Cut or grab the pre-cut pipe cleaners into smaller pieces and stick to the glue to resemble kelp or coral.

Stick foam paper fish throughout the blue surface