



Dear CCS Students:

The story for this week is The Rainbow Fish written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister. This is an award-winning book about a beautiful fish who finds friendship and happiness when he learns to share. The book is best known for its morals about the value of being an individual and for the distinctive shiny foil scales of the Rainbow Fish.

**Before listening** to the story, think about:

1. What do you know about fish?
2. Why is it nice to share?
3. How does it make you feel if a friend doesn't share with you?

Go to <http://www.storylineonline.net/the-rainbow-fish> to listen to the story.

**After listening** to the story:

1. Retell the story to your parent. You may turn down/off the sound and watch the story again to help you.
2. Parent: Ask your child, "What did Rainbow Fish learn?"
3. Discuss together what we need to do to be a good friend.

For extra fun, make a rainbow fish! Directions are on the next page.

We hope you enjoyed this story!

Your Library Ladies

Make a Rainbow Fish!

Materials:

Cone-shaped coffee filter

Paint: black, purple, blue, green, yellow, and red

Celery sticks (about 5 of them)

Glue

Glitter (or small pieces of foil cut into fish scale shape)

Pencil

Instructions:

1. Explain that the smaller end of the filter is the head of the fish, the wider end will be the back.
2. Dip the eraser end of the pencil in the black paint. Use this to create the eye. Dip the sharpened end of the pencil in the black paint and use this to draw a mouth.
3. Dip the ends of the celery sticks into the different colors of paint to create the scales on the fish. Press these ends onto your fish to create the scales. Let dry.
4. Spread a little glue on your fish and apply glitter. Another option is to cut foil into small scale shapes and glue them on your fish to create shiny scales.

Create an entire school of rainbow fish if you like!