



## Project: Moving Oceans

Grade: 2

Content Area(s): Literacy, Science, Math

Arts Area(s): Sculpture, Illustration

Unit Length: 8-10 weeks

Side x Side hours: 8-10

### Key Features

- Aligned with Common Core and Next Generation standards and Maine learning results in Visual and Performing arts
- Integrated with school and grade level curriculum
- Learning focused on conducting research to answer questions; writing concise, informative nonfiction; using art to explore characteristics of marine life
- Students impart results of research and learning through informational writing, line illustration and 3D sculpture
- Customized programming schedule with approximately 8-10 teaching artist hours in classroom
- Program Kickoff with content expert: marine scientist and author
- Program Showcase event during which students reteach using their visual prompts
- All project supplies and materials provided
- Detailed program documentation: lesson plans, supply and resource lists, arts and content connections
- Established connections with local organizations for support and program enhancement

### Benefits

- Fully engages students
- Creates better readers and writers
- Expands vocabulary
- Supports audience and listening skills
- Develops critical thinking skills: comparing, hypothesizing, critiquing
- Reinforces sense of scale and knowledge of measurement
- Promotes visual thinking
- Applies reasoning skills
- Enhances creativity
- Fosters persistence