**BOOK TITLE:**  Dolphins on the Sand  
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**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** A group of dolphins beach themselves and are unable to return to the water. Human rescuers keep them safe from threatening sharks until they are strong enough to swim away.

*BFORE READING* (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

1. Look at the cover of the book: What do you think this book will be about?  
2. What kinds of animals live in the ocean? Which is your favorite?  
3. What does sand feel like on your skin?

**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

1. Look at the other creatures on the pages; what are they doing? What would they be thinking?  
2. Why are the people helping the dolphins?  
3. How does the dolphin calf feel at different times in the story?  
4. Point out the shells on the different pages; what does your child think about them?

**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

1. Talk about the living things that may be found in water near your home; are they different from the ones in this book?  
2. Have your child draw a picture of the water near her home or when she visited a beach.  
3. What do you think a dolphin’s “clicks” might sound like?  
4. Read the last page of the book: “Why do you think dolphins beach themselves?”

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