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Class Activities for Grades K-2

1. Pollution –Things down the storm drains

Have you seen the signs, “No Dumping, Drains to Ocean”? Show three different signs. Whatever goes down those drains goes directly to the ocean. So even if you live far away from the ocean, what you get rid of can affect the ocean. Would you put paint, coffee, oil, or plastic bottles down the street drains?

Let's list some of your favorite water animals you would like to see happy and healthy and make a sentence about keeping our ocean plants and animals in a healthy environment. *Could be a shark, sea urchin, dolphin, whale, jellyfish, salmon or even you!*

2. Balloons, plastic straws or bags in the ocean

Have you seen balloons, straws, plastic bags or other trash on the beach or in the ocean? (*Show pictures of ocean trash and turtle with plastic soda holder around it*) Do you know what is the problem with this? Fish and turtles can eat them thinking that they are jellyfish, or something else that is tasty and swallow or be caught in those things and then be injured or die. Is this something we can prevent? (*Yes, do not let balloons go, clean up trash*).

Let's write a great sentence that remind people in the world about how we all could protect the ocean animals. *Teacher and students can compose sentence(s) together.*

3. Write a short letter

Write a short letter to your favorite animal telling it about how Dr. Earle is trying to protect them.

4. Write a thank-you note

Write a thank-you note to Dr. Earle describing your appreciation for all of her work with oceans, sea animals and plants.