PICTURE THE SETTING

Comprehension is making sense of text.

Materials:
• Picture frame page (provided)
• Book (see provided list for theme-related suggestions)
• Markers or crayons

Preparation:
• Print picture frame pages. You will need enough copies to give one to each family that participates.
• Select an age-appropriate book that has an interesting setting.

Activity Instructions:
1. Invite families to sit around the table.
2. Read the book aloud.
3. After the book is read, ask parents to write character descriptors in the frame. Ask children to draw a picture in the center of what they imagine the setting looks like.
Suggested Book List for Under the Sea

The Earth is Mostly Ocean by Allan Fowler
Hello, Ocean! by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins
A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle
Jump Into Science: Coral Reefs by Sylvia Earle
Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle
My Visit to the Aquarium by Aliki
Ocean Commotion: Life on the Reef by Janeen Mason
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
Way Down in The Deep Blue Sea by Jan Peck
Whales Passing by Eve Bunting
National Geographic Readers: Weird Sea Creatures by Laura F. Marsh
Ocean Fairies #1: Ally the Dolphin Fairy: A Rainbow Magic Book by Daisy Meadows
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker #9: Dolphins and Sharks by Mary Pope Osborne