MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK
PICTURE BOOK AWARD

It Is (Not) Perfect
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Related Books:
Day at the Beach by Tom Booth
The Sandcastle That Lola Built by Megan Maynor
Bears at the Beach by Shirley Parenteau
Jules vs. The Ocean by Jessie Sima
Jasper & Ollie Build a Fort by Alex Willan
This is (Not) Enough and other “(Not)” books by Anna Kang

Rhymes:
“The Sandcastle”
Sandcastle on the beach,
I built you big and strong.
A wave washed in upon the sand,
And whoops! You were gone.

Source: Pre-K Fun - http://prekfun.com/A-F/Beach/Beach_Songs.htm

“Five Pretty Sandcastles”
(can be a flannelboard or an action rhyme)
Five pretty sandcastles standing on the shore,
The tide came in (whoosh!) and then there were four.
Four pretty sandcastles standing by the sea,
The tide came in (whoosh!) and then there were three.
Three pretty sandcastles standing by the ocean blue,
The tide came in (whoosh!) and then there were two.
Two pretty sandcastles standing in the sun,
The tide came in (whoosh!) and then there was one.
One pretty sandcastle just out of reach,
The tide came in (whoosh!) but it stayed on the beach!

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“My Sandcastle”
I went down to the beach
To build a sandcastle this high;
It started out small without many rooms
But soon it was touching the sky;
We stayed at the beach in the warm sunshine
Watching seagulls all day;
Then the waves splashed onto the shore
And washed our sandcastle away!

Source (edited slightly): Pre-K Fun - http://prekfun.com/A-F/Beach/Beach_Songs.htm

Songs:
“Beach Song”
Sung to “Wheels on the Bus”
The sun at the beach is shining bright,
Shining bright, shining bright;
The sun on the beach is shining bright,
All through the day!

(repeat with: the waves of the sea come rolling in; the seagulls up above come diving down; the crabs near the rocks go pinch, pinch, pinch; the sand underfoot goes crunch, crunch, crunch; the kids at the sea shore splash and play)

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“We’re Going to the Beach!”
Sung to “Farmer in the Dell”
We’re going to the beach,
We’re going to the beach.
I think we’ll see some sand there!
We’re going to the beach.

(ask kids what else they’d see at the beach and repeat; ex: some water, some fish, a beach ball etc.)

Source: Storytime Secrets - https://storytimesecrets.blogspot.com/2011/08/flannel-friday-were-going-to-beach.html

Activities:
Sandpaper Sandcastle – Cut up sandpaper into shapes to make a sandcastle and glue it onto a piece of paper. You can color around your sandcastle to make a beachy scene. Optionally, you can pre-cut assorted shapes and challenge your kids to arrange them into a castle.

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Sand Painting – Mix sand and paint (approximately a 1:1 ratio) to create sand paint! It should be fairly thick. When it dries, the painting will have a nice gritty texture.

Sand Foam – For a fun sensory experience, mix shaving cream and sand together until the desired consistency is reached (there is no exact recipe). You can hide objects in the sand foam for a seek-and-find game or draw letters, numbers, and/or shapes with your fingers in the foam. [https://www.learning4kids.net/2015/05/26/how-to-make-sand-foam/?utm_content=bufferec430&amp=&utm_medium=social&amp=&utm_source=pinterest.com&amp=&utm_campaign=buffer]

Sand Dough – Unlike with the sand foam (above), this activity will result in a sandy dough that is easier to build with! Mix the following ingredients together by hand. When mixed, you should be able to grab a chunk of the dough and be able to mold it without it falling apart. You may need to adjust the flour or oil if the consistency is off:

- 3 cups of play sand
- 3 cups of flour
- 1 cup of baby oil
- Optional: play tools, cookie cutters, and a container/bin to play with it in [https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/sand-dough-sensory-play-geometric-shapes-activity/]

Saltwater Sink or Float Experiment – Explain that the ocean is made of saltwater. Then, try this simple sink or float experiment! Pour water into two clear glasses/containers. Pour salt into one of the containers and mix it until it’s dissolved (kids can help with the pouring and mixing!). Then, test whether a variety of objects will float or sink in each container of water. You can also explain that the salt makes the saltwater denser, or heavier, than the regular water. This will make some of the objects that sank in the regular water float in the saltwater. You can also demonstrate this experiment using eggs and have your kids guess whether the egg will float or sink. [https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/simple-salt-water-density-science-experiment-saturday-science/]

Ocean Waves in a Jar – Fill a mason jar or clear water bottle half way with water and add as much blue food coloring as desired. Fill the rest of the container up with baby oil or vegetable oil (try to fill it as full as possible). Tightly screw the cap on. Finally, gently tilt and shake your container to make waves and see how waves move!

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