Packing List

Objective:
Students will strengthen their vocabulary as they imagine what they might need during a visit to a coral reef.

Materials:
copies of suitcase below
construction paper
scissors
glue
crayons
pencils

Action:
1. Ask students to imagine that they're about to take a trip to explore a coral reef. What would they pack in their suitcase? Write their answers on the board. The finished list could include the following:

- mask
- fins
- snorkel
- swimsuit
- lifevest
- beach chair
- cooler
- drinks
- sandwich
- towel
- sunglasses
- hat
- underwater camera
- underwater slate (for writing notes about what you see)
- shirt
- ruler (for measuring organisms you discover)
- sunscreen
- first aid kit

2. Give each student a piece of construction paper and a copy of the suitcase, or a pattern to trace a large suitcase onto the construction paper.

3. Have students draw and label pictures inside the suitcase of what they would take on their adventure. If your students are using a copy of the suitcase in this book, have them cut it out and glue it to construction paper.

Deeper Depths:
Collect many or all of the items on the packing list and place in a learning center. Or have students develop a play about visiting a coral reef using the items.