

2022 Marine Debris Calendar

Featuring artwork from the
2021 "Keep the Sea Free of
Debris!" Art Contest winners

About this Calendar

This calendar features winning artwork from the 2021 “Keep the Sea Free of Debris!” Art Contest. The NOAA Marine Debris Program received hundreds of great entries from students across the United States in kindergarten through 8th grade showing the impacts of marine debris on our ocean and planet. The program evaluated submissions based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevance to theme, and how thoroughly the students answered the questions:

- *How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes environment?*
- *What will you do to help?*

Thank you to all the students (and teachers) for your participation in the 2021 art contest. Your support and enthusiasm reminds us of why we do what we do every day - work to keep our ocean and Great Lakes clean. The Program hopes this calendar fuels your passion to protect our ocean and drives you to stay involved in finding solutions to prevent marine debris.

NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program's mission is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris. The program achieves this through coordinating regional marine debris efforts, leading research, and conducting outreach to local communities.

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(Grade 8, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)



“Marine debris can injure or kill marine and coastal wildlife. I will reduce disposable products and continue to do beach cleaning. We must protect the beautiful sea.”

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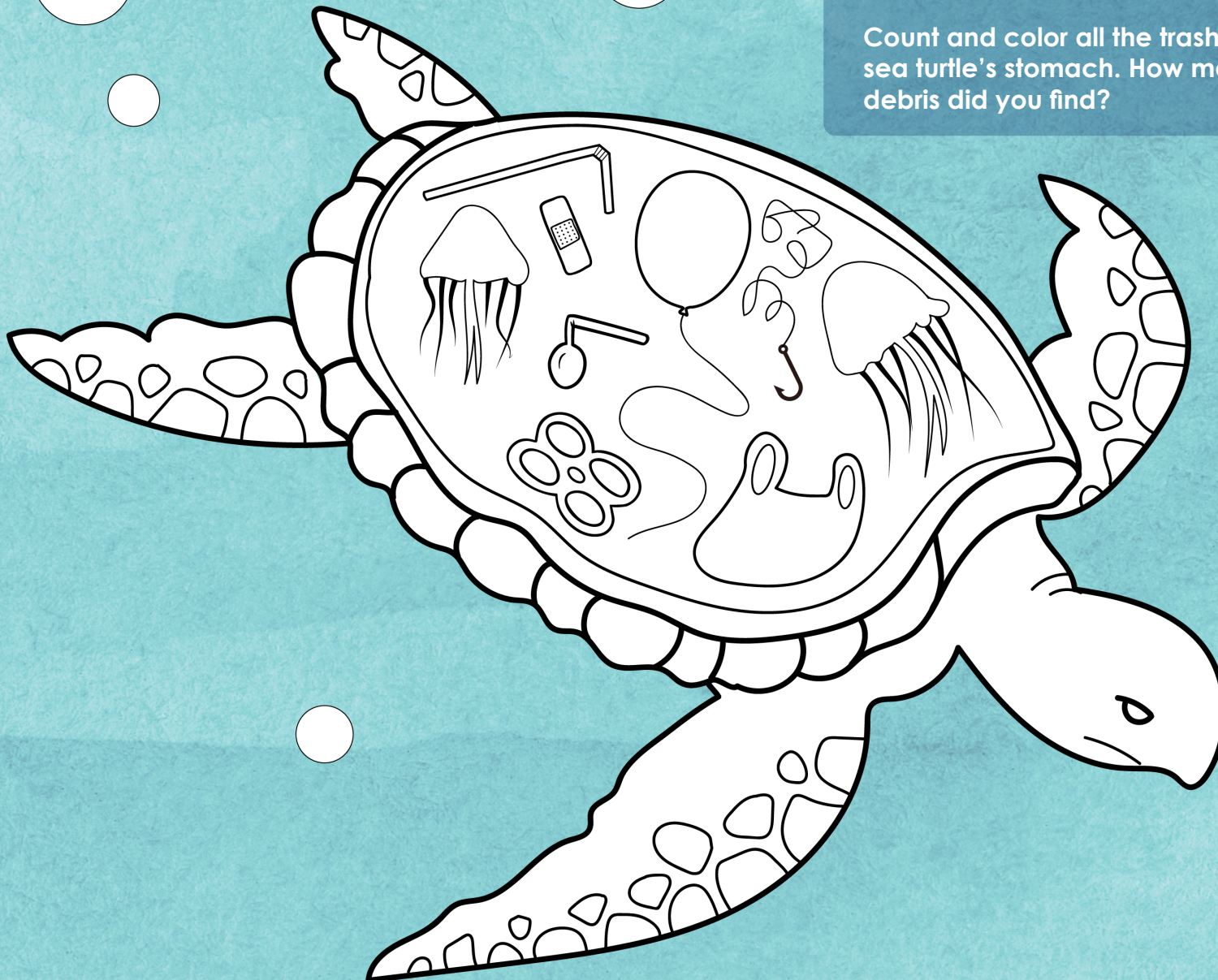


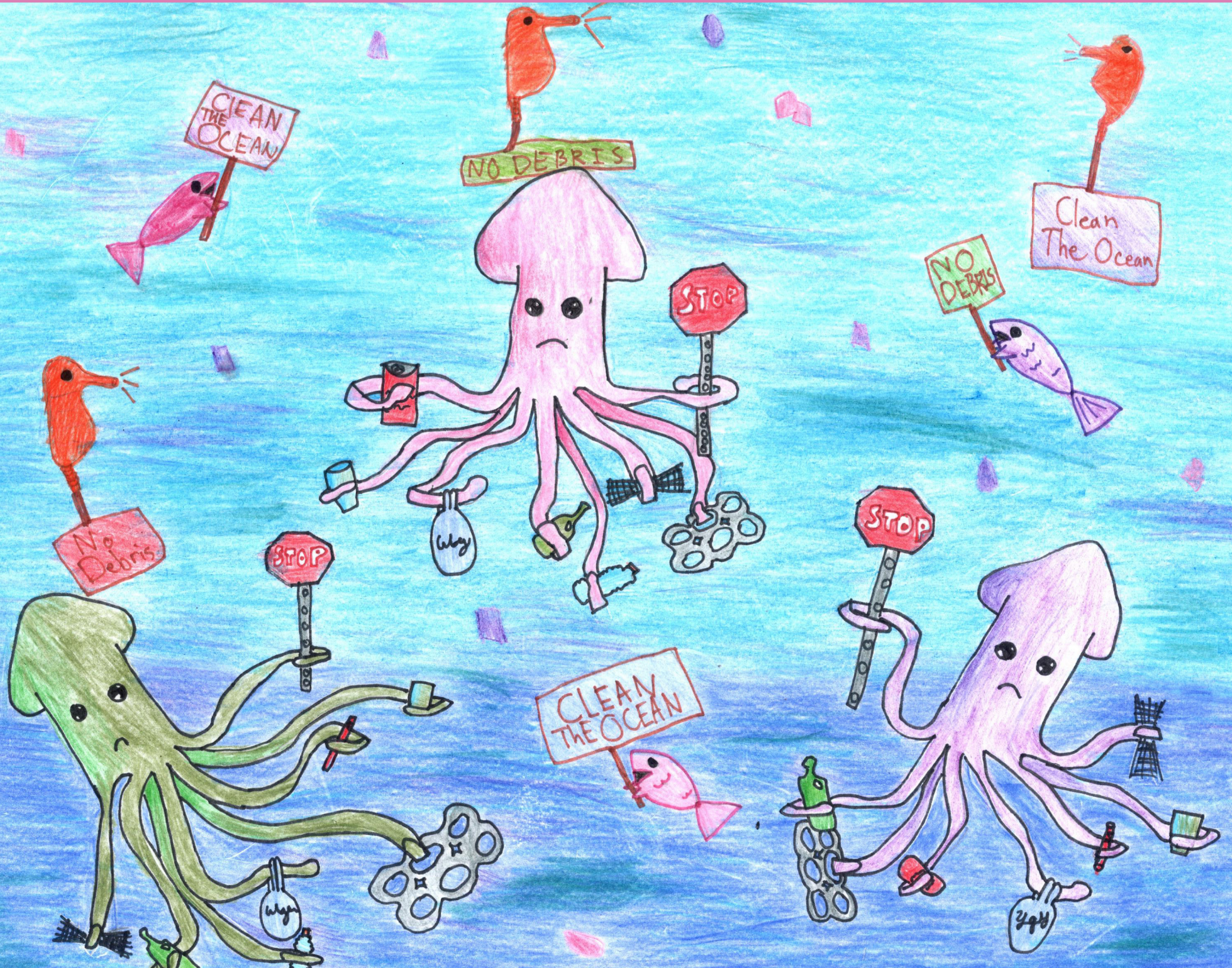
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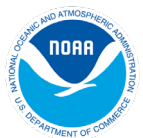
Coloring Activity

Sometimes sea turtles mistake trash in the water for food. Plastic bags and balloons can look like jellyfish, one of sea turtles' favorite snacks! When swallowed, debris can block a turtle's stomach, causing them to feel full and eat less than they need to survive.

Count and color all the trash and food in Sophie the sea turtle's stomach. How many pieces of marine debris did you find?







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		Chinese New Year	Groundhog Day			
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						Lincoln's Birthday
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	Valentine's Day					
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	President's Day					
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"DON'T POLLUTE THE OCEANS!"





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Spring Equinox						
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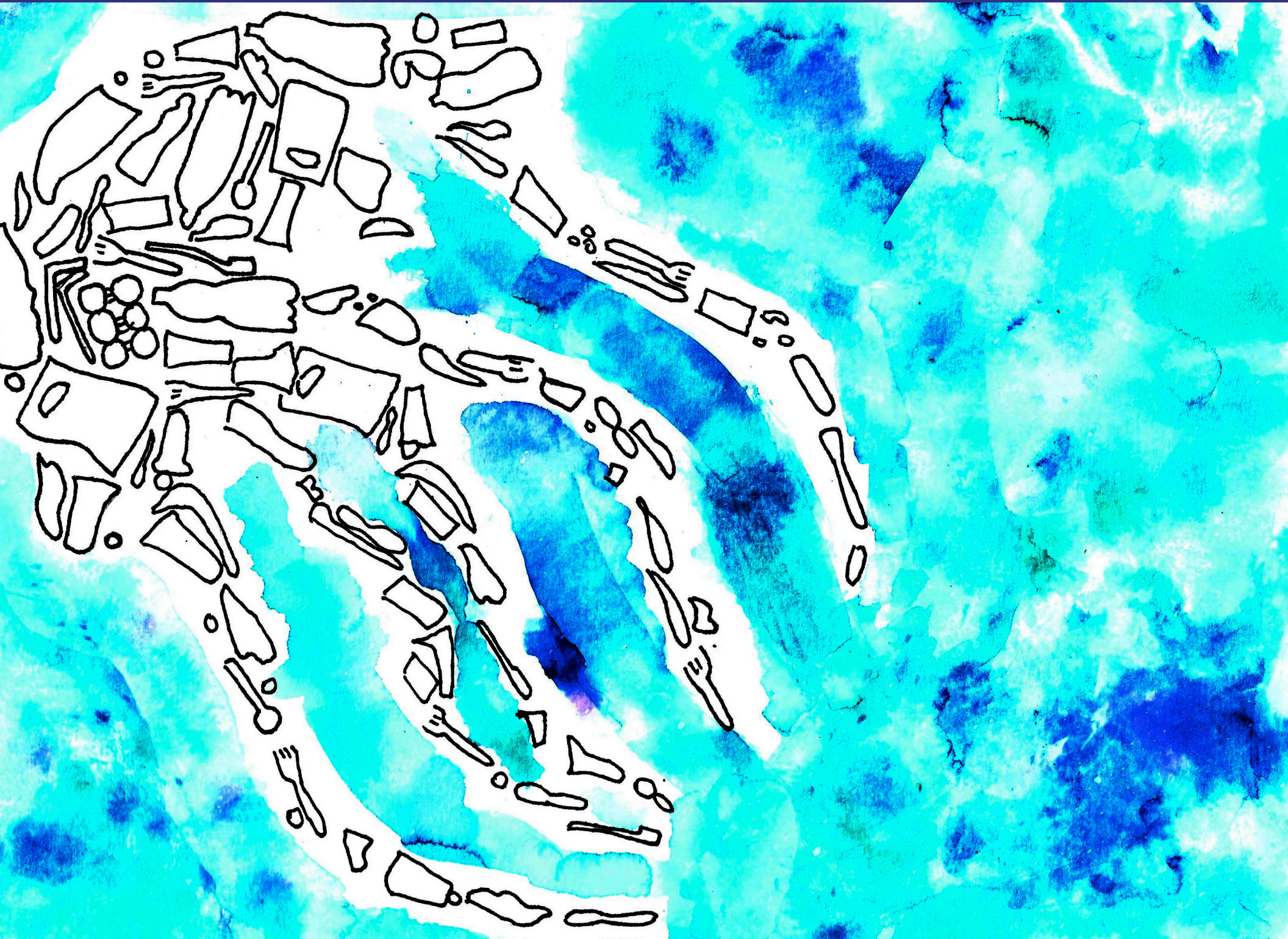
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					Passover Begins		
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Easter Sunday	Tax Day				Earth Day		
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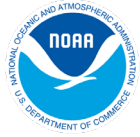
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				Cinco de Mayo		
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Together we can make the ocean

FREE
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DEBRIS!





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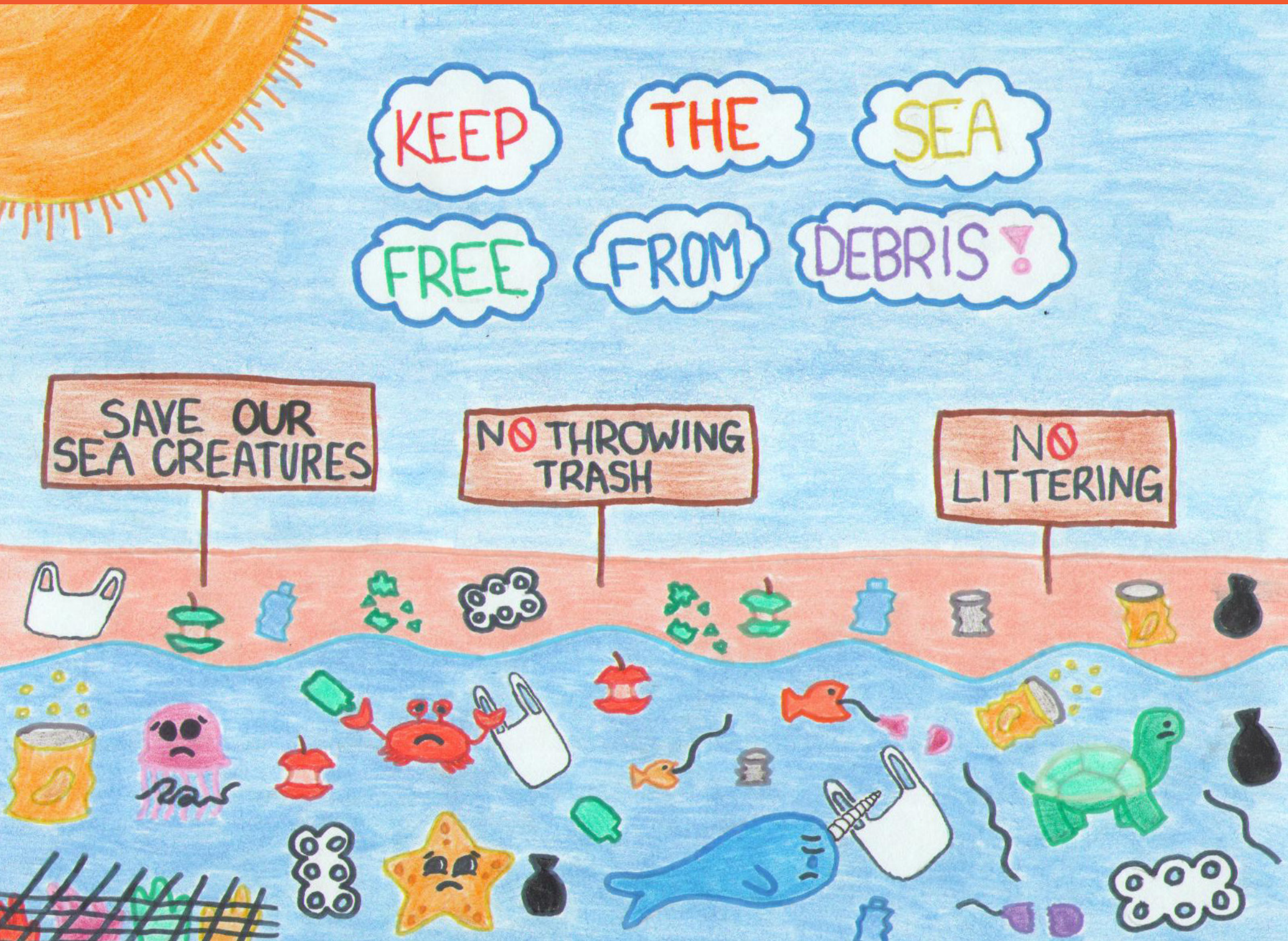
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5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Ocean Day	9	10	11
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19 Juneteenth Father's Day	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

KEEP THE SEA
FREE FROM DEBRIS!

SAVE OUR
SEA CREATURES

NO THROWING
TRASH

NO
LITTERING







AUGUST 2022

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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 International Coastal Cleanup	
18	19	20	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24	
25 Rosh Hashanah	26	27	28	29	30		





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6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
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Pollutants are harming animals. But they aren't the only ones being trapped.





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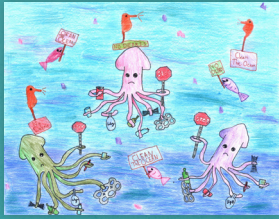
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Hanukkah Begins			Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve
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Christmas Day						New Year's Eve

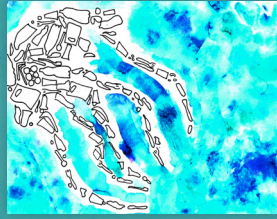
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JANUARY

"The marine debris is impacting the world by polluting the seashore with glass, plastic, fishing nets, and parts of goggles. When I walk on the beach I'm always scared that I might step on pointy glass. I hear on the news that sea animals are getting hurt or killed because of marine debris. I took action by cleaning up the fishing nets and plastic and joining beach cleanups."

- Cameron Y. (Grade 3, Hawai'i)



MAY

"Marine debris is bad for the ocean. When trash goes into the ocean animals think it's food. When they eat it they die. To fix this we should recycle more and make sure to throw our trash away in the right place."

- Jayden M. (Grade 7, Hawai'i)



SEPTEMBER

"Marine debris impacts our oceans and lakes, and we are responsible for all the pollution and garbage that is hurting our marine wildlife. But it's not too late, we can still help our sea creatures and bring awareness to everyone and if we do small things we can all reach a common goal. It doesn't have to be big, anything can help out our poor marine wildlife."

- Olivia M. (Grade 5, Washington)



FEBRUARY

"Marine debris makes sea creatures sick and pollutes the sea. It has a bad effect on people too. I want to help plants and animals under the sea by removing all marine debris with a garbage truck."

- By Daniel N. (Grade 5, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)



JUNE

"Too much debris will damage the living room of the sea creatures in the ocean. I will recycle more and persuade other people to recycle more with my drawing."

- Rose L. (Grade 2, Virginia)



OCTOBER

"Marine debris affects our world in many ways. It can kill and hurt sea animals and decrease the quality of life for animals in our oceans and Great Lakes. There are many things we can do to help. I like to pick up trash whenever I can and I used reusable containers and bottles. I always try to do what I can to improve the quality of life for the sea animals and help to change this economic problem."

- Emerson H. (Grade 8, Florida)



MARCH

"Carelessly throwing away trash on our oceans and Great Lakes pollutes our nature and kills innocent sea animals. Please do not litter trash and always recycle plastics to protect our oceans and sea creatures."

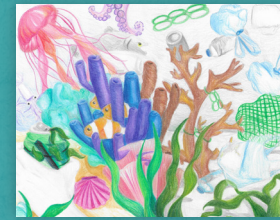
- Jeu S. (Grade 4, California)



JULY

"The most effective way to prevent marine debris is to prevent waste, reduction, and pollution prevention. We can reduce waste by using biodegradable materials such as paper bags, and reusable container products as well. Let's keep our marine environment and great lakes DEBRIS FREE!"

- Arianna E. (Grade 5, Guam)



NOVEMBER

"Marine debris contaminates our oceans and Great Lakes. It also harms marine life and their habitats as well. In order to keep our ocean debris free, I will recycle what needs to be recycled and also volunteer in community clean-ups."

- Janet L. (Grade 6, Virginia)



APRIL

"People throw trash and other things that can pollute the ocean and sea creatures might eat it like food. They can also get trapped by some fishing lines or trash bags. The oceans and great lakes getting polluted is really bad for our nature. Millions of sea creatures died just because humans are polluting the ocean with trash. I will absolutely not pollute marine debris."

- Ziqian W. (Grade 3, New York)



AUGUST

"Marine debris makes fishes ill and die. I want to invent a machine that goes underwater to pick up all the debris and rescues all the sea animals."

- Simone L. (Grade 1, Michigan)



DECEMBER

"Litter that gets to our oceans impacts the health of marine animals and the ecosystems they live in. Animals such as fish can get stuck in plastic containers and die. This can then impact other animals in the fish's ecosystem, and even us. However, we can reverse this by recycling and throwing away our trash when needed."

- Margaret H. (Grade 6, Maryland)