

# Second Grade

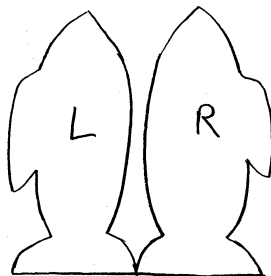
## **Fish**

### Materials needed:

- Box of clay labeled with teacher name (2 pounds per project)
- Spray bottle of water and sponges
- 3 Drying boards – (labeled with teacher's name and date)
- Sample projects (carried in padded box)
- 3 Clay Scrap Bags
- Fish outline templates (in clear plastic folders) \*need to match template halves
- Mats (1 per student)
- Plastic pipe roller (1 per student)
- Wooden slats (2 per student)
- Water bowls (fill with 1-2 inches of water in classroom)
- Newspaper
- White plastic toolbox of cutting tools (for writing names & cutting outline)
- Straws and other decorating tools

### Procedure:

1. Have each child choose a fish shape. They will need both halves of the fish.
2. Roll out clay until roller rests on slats. Place both halves of the fish template the on slab, and use roller to gently press into the clay.
3. Use the sharp cutting tool to cut out the fish shape. Cut out both halves of the fish. Collect most of the scrap clay, but leave a golf ball size of scrap for fins eyes and other attachments.
4. Loosen clay from mat. Flip the cutout fish halves over, rough side up.
5. Score and moisten all around the outside edges (about 1/4 inch), of both halves of the fish. Put a small wad of newspaper, approximately 10" x 10", in the middle of one side of the fish's body and lay the other half of the fish over the paper, joining the scored edges together. Be careful not to use too much paper. Leave the paper in place to hold the shape of the fish during drying. Pinch and seal the edges all around except along the bottom in the middle. Spread the edges apart a little to hold the fish upright.
6. Use small balls of clay to make the eyes. Attach fins behind the eyes. Use straws at an angle to simulate scales. Add gills and a mouth.
7. Write child's first name, last initial and date along bottom edge of the fish.
8. Place projects on drying board and return to Clay Room.
9. Clean up everything that was used and put everything back where it came from. Count tools in white plastic box.



**Be sure to cut out both halves of the fish.**