

MS. LACHELLE'S INCRENTION

A Tale of Curious Contraptions & Boundless Books



Ms. Lachelle's Magical Mermaid Mission

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Ms. Lachelle said, 'Class, gather 'round, a magical secret has just been found! Step on the bus, it's time for a ride, to see the wonders the deep oceans hide.' Ms. Lachelle, an energetic African American woman with brown locs, stands by a bright yellow bus that looks like a sleek submarine. Chelcey, DShunda, and Keyarah are excitedly boarding while the rest of the class follows behind with backpacks and goggles.



The bus started glowing a brilliant blue, it shrunk to the size of a pebble or two! Kyla and Anoosha let out a cheer, as the giant blue waves began to appear. The bus, now a tiny and glowing submarine, splashes into the sparkling blue ocean water. Anoosha, wearing a colorful hijab, and Kyla are looking out the circular windows with wide, amazed eyes as bubbles rise around them.



Down through the bubbles, they started to glide, with Melanie and Stephanie right by their side. The coral was pink, the anemones green, the prettiest garden they'd ever seen! The submarine swims through a vibrant, glowing coral reef teeming with life. Melanie and Stephanie are pointing at a family of orange clownfish darting in and out of a swaying green sea anemone.



Danielle and Naomi saw turtles swim past, 'Slow down!' cried Naomi, 'They're moving so fast!' With shells like old maps and flippers so wide, they drifted along with the warm ocean tide. A giant, friendly sea turtle with an intricate shell pattern swims alongside the submarine. Danielle, with her bright red hair, and Naomi are waving through the glass at their new reptilian friend.



Jessica and Karla watched silver fish swirl, in a shimmering dance and a glittering twirl. 'There's so many colors!' Jose gave a shout, as thousands of neighbors came swimming about. A massive school of glittering silver and blue fish surrounds the submarine in a swirling vortex. Jessica, Karla, and Jose are pressed against the windows, captivated by the shimmering motion of the fish.



Rosa and Destiny spotted a light, deep in a cave that was dark as the night. 'Let's follow the glow,' Ms. Lachelle said with glee, 'There's more to discover beneath the deep sea!' The submarine enters a mysterious but inviting underwater cave filled with glowing blue crystals. Rosa and Destiny are looking at bioluminescent plants and jellyfish that light up the dark cavern walls.



They popped through the tunnel and what did they find? A hidden lagoon of a magical kind! The water was sparkling, the sand was like gold, a story of wonder was about to unfold. The submarine emerges from the cave into a breathtaking, sun-drenched underwater lagoon. The water is crystal clear, and the floor is covered in shimmering golden sand and sparkling pearls.



Out swam the mermaids with tails bright and long, greeting the class with a beautiful song. 'Welcome, young friends,' the sea-folk all cried, as the students watched closely, beaming with pride. Several beautiful mermaids with flowing hair and colorful, iridescent tails swim up to the submarine windows. All the students, including Ms. Lachelle, are visible behind the glass, smiling and waving back at them.



'Thank you,' said a mermaid, 'for keeping us clear, of plastic and trash that we all truly fear. Protecting the ocean keeps our home bright, so we can all dance in the shimmering light.' A mermaid with a crown of shells speaks to Ms. Lachelle, who is now outside the bus in a shimmering magical air bubble. They are surrounded by a pristine, healthy reef free of any litter.



The adventure was over, the day was complete, but the lessons they learned were incredibly sweet. 'We'll protect every wave!' the whole class declared, for the magical ocean and all those who shared. The submarine bus transforms back into a regular bus as it flies up toward the surface, leaving a trail of bubbles. The entire class is cheering and waving goodbye to the mermaids jumping in the wake behind them.