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Have you heard about [Math Jams](#) but aren't sure if you want to use it? Have you never heard of it and are looking for something different to do in Math class every once in a while? Find out more about it in [How Math Jams Turns Problem-Solving Into a Fun and Collaborative Classroom Event](#). (*We Are Teachers*)



Looking for a book to use in your classroom? This week, LEA highlights:

AHOY!

Written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall

Penguin Random House Books

2024

Join in the creative play with a child captain and his first mate parent on a high seas adventure, all without leaving the living room. A Caldecott illustrator created this book.

Play-based learning is a teaching strategy that uses children's natural curiosity by providing hands-on, playful opportunities to investigate concepts, collaborate with others, and deepen understanding. Play is children's natural language and a natural way to build skills like collaboration, creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking. For ideas on how to use play in your classroom, go to [12 Play-Based Learning Activities: Examples of Play-Based Learning in the Classroom](#) (Debbie Bagley in *Studies Weekly*).

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources...

[WOW Video](#)

[Weekly Devotion](#) by Ed Grube

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