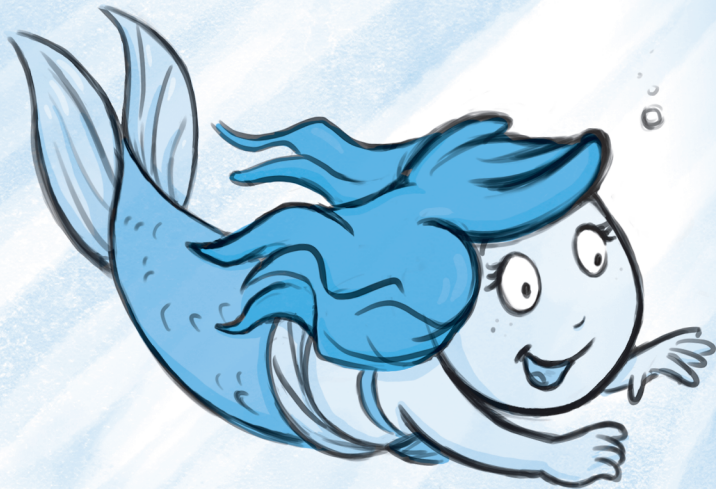


# Third Grade MERMAID



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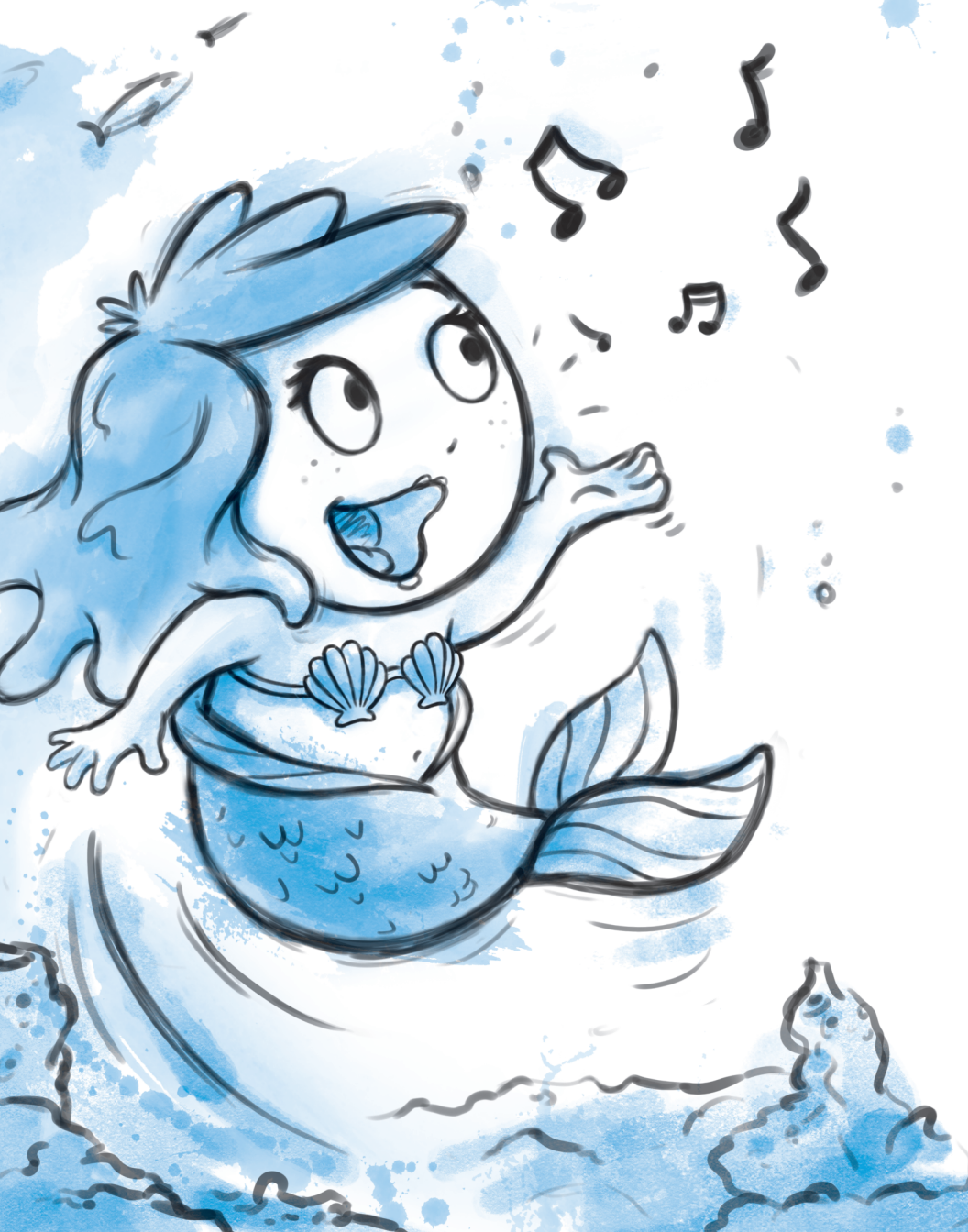
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# Monday

Today, we got our first report cards. And, if you ask me, I did ~~great~~ GREAT! Better than great.

SHELLFISHALICIOUS GREAT! At least in what matters—

Like the 3 S's!

Singing A+

Swimming A+

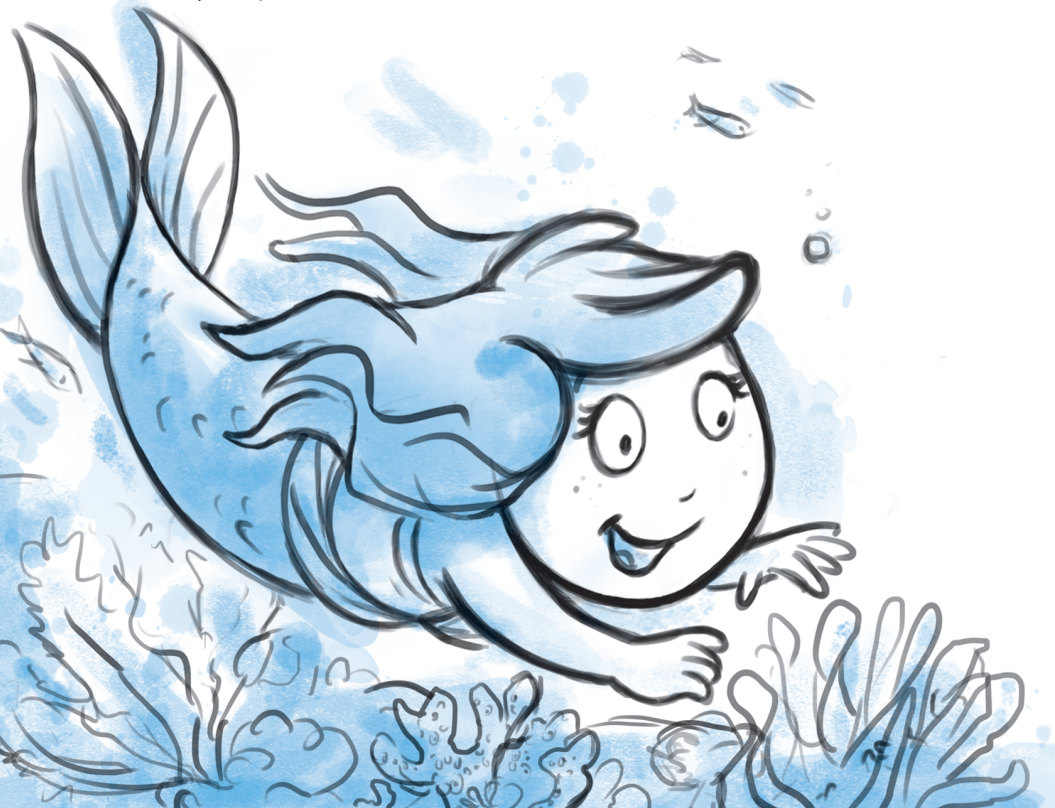
Splashing A+



If I were my mother (and this was LAST YEAR), I'd be swimming backflips with joy! But **NOOO!** This isn't last year! And, for some crazy reason, in the third grade there's a FOURTH S. **Spelling!**

I've had to learn a new list of words every week! And even put the letters in the ~~rite-riht~~ **RIGHT** order when I SPELL them! It's just CRAZY!

But I guess I didn't do so well a few times, because I got a great big **FISH** (minus the ish) on my report card!



So today when I got home from school,  
there was a strange little ~~ferretus~~ ~~toad~~  
**TORTOISESHELL** book sitting on my bed.

The one I'm writing in right now!

And right beside it was

**THIS!**



**and This!**

Oohh!!! I should have known!

How ~~suspicious~~ **SUSPICIOUS** can you get?  
But silly me picked it up and started drawing  
when, **BAM**, my mother swims into my room  
with this big, fishy smile on her face!