

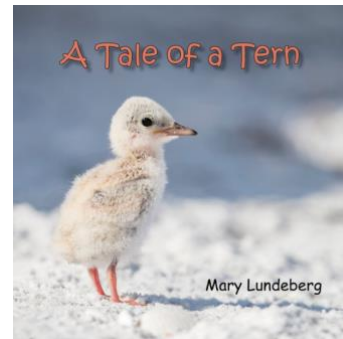
Calling all Teachers and Educators!

Share the Shore with Beach-nesting Birds and their Young Youth Sign Project

Student Artwork Can Help Wildlife

Beach-nesting birds, such as least terns, Wilson's plovers, snowy plovers, black skimmers, and American oystercatchers, are threatened with habitat loss and human disturbance. Sandy beaches — the kind that people like — provide prime-nesting habitat, so as more coastal development and recreation occurs, populations of nesting shorebirds have declined. Using art as a tool for conservation, youth can create artwork that will be turned into shorebird educational signs to encourage people to protect beach-nesting birds. Youth-generated signage is often viewed as welcoming and engaging and frequently receives positive feedback from the public.

After reading *A Tale of a Tern* or having a zoom classroom lesson from a shorebird expert, students will create artwork that will be used as educational signs on our beaches. These signs will help more people understand how they can be a respectful visitor by sharing the beach with beach-nesting shorebirds and their young, allowing them to breed, feed, rest, and nest undisturbed. The presentation and artwork creation will take an hour and will have a lasting impact by encouraging the community to take action in conservation.



Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network

Science, Art, Action

- Great for Grades 4-6 language arts and science standards.
- Hands-on experience will strengthen the lessons and create a lasting stewardship ethic.
- Signs will be displayed on beaches and in exhibits throughout the community. Perfect for promising artists!
- A Tale of a Tern* is available free at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, thanks to the support of CHNEP.



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