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CREATING A BIRDFEEDER

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Grade & Age: 1st-4th (Some alterations would be necessary)

Specific Lesson: Creating a birdfeeder

Curriculum Area: E.L.A/Science/Art

Objective: National Bird Appreciation Day. This lesson is to get children to think about various ways they can help birds.

MATERIALS:

Teacher Materials:

Book-*How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham

Student Materials:

String
milk carton
hole punch
scissors
1/4 inch wood dowel
exacto knife
bird seed

DEVELOPMENT/PROCEDURES:

Introduction: Read *How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham

Instructional Strategies: Some example Q & A are below. Teachers can touch upon any questions they would like.

Q1-Ask the students what they know about birds?

Q2-Can anyone name a type of bird for us?

Q3-Who can tell me what birds eat? (If no one tells you when you ask Q1)

Today we are going to get into groups and create birdfeeders. (Down below is the steps to make a bird feeder) Does anyone know what a birdfeeder is? A birdfeeder is an outdoor device that supplies food for birds. This is just one of the many ways we can begin to help birds. We will go outside and hang these birdfeeders outside our classroom and keep an eye out to see the birds as they come to our birdfeeder to eat!



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BIRDFEEDER INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Take an empty milk carton and cut square windows out of each side about three inches from the bottom.
2. Cut an 1/4 inch "X" on each side of the carton, 1/2 way between the bottom of the carton and the cut out square. Make a second set of "X"s lower than the first.
3. Poke the 1/4 dowel through the "X" on one side and follow it through to the other. Repeat for the other pair of "X"s.
4. Fill the bottom with bird seed. Punch a hole in the top of the carton, attach a string and hang outside of your window.

Make sure students are filling up the birdfeeder with seeds throughout the rest of the school year!