

Literacy Through Science



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Thank you for downloading this sample of a Bird Nest Exploration. I hope you'll find it easy to use, and educationally beneficial.

There are several different activities contained in these sample materials:

- **Build a Bird Nest** is a science lesson that includes a "Read and Make" activity. Students will examine real nests (if you have some) or use the posters to identify what nests are made of. They will make a "nesting box", and then comb the school playground for items to use as they attempt to build a nest of their own.
- **Nest Posters** are available for examination if you don't have any real bird nests available.
- **Little Robin Red Breast** is another "Read and Make" project. Students will read the directions (after you have introduced them, of course) and make a finger puppet.
- **Five Little Robins** is a finger play, and flannel/magnetic board story.
- **Five Little Robins Student Reader** contains the words of the finger play. It is a patterned reader appropriate for teaching print awareness, pattern recognition, sight words, and independent reading skills.
- **Parts of a Bird Puzzle** contains puzzle pieces and labels to help children learn more about identifying parts of a bird. If you are using it for preschool, print only the puzzle (you probably won't need the labels).
- **Bird Nest Basket** is a BONUS file. It has directions for making an Easter basket that is quick, easy, and fun to make.

The first page of each file contains preparation directions and suggestions of ways to use the materials.

I want you to be completely happy with this little unit, so if you have any questions, or aren't happy with it, for any reason, please email me at sflynn@thematicteacher.com. I will do all I can to help you, or cheerfully and quickly refund your money!

Thanks again for your support! Have a cheeping good time!



Woven Finch Nest



Funnel Woven Nest



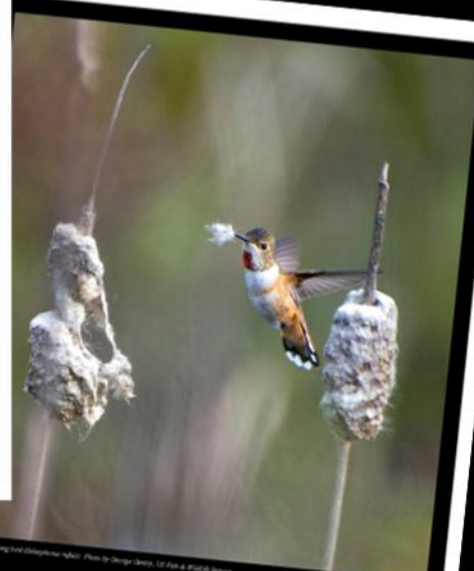
Hanging Nest



Mud & Grass Nest



Marsh Reed Nest



Nesting Material

Nest Posters



Wetland Bird Nest: Photo by UDOT Legacy Parkway and Preserve, via National Scenic Byways.org.

Hanging Nest

Build a Bird Nest

Materials:

- basket paper
- robin and egg cutouts
- scissors
- glue
- nesting materials

Directions:

1. Cut around the outside wings.
2. Turn the paper over. Cut on the solid lines.
3. Fold on the dotted line.
4. Staple the sides together.
5. Get some nesting material in a nest.

Build a Bird Nest

Materials:

- bird nest in egg bag
- hand lens or field microscope
- basket paper
- scissors
- staple
- dried grasses
- natural fluff
- robin and egg cutouts
- glue

Directions:

1. Cut out the "nest". Cut on the edge of the wings.
2. Turn the page over. Cut on the dark lines.
3. Fold on the dotted line.
4. Bend the sides up to make a box.
5. Staple the ends.
6. Go outside and get some dried grasses and fluff. Build a nest inside your box.
7. Rubine by 4 eggs at a time. Cut out 4 eggs.
8. Put them in your nest. Glue them in place.
9. Cut out the robin. Glue it in your nest.
10. Clean up your mess.



Bird Nest Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 cube white almond bark
- 1 Tablespoon candy chips (butterscotch or chocolate)
- 1/2 cup chow mien noodles
- 5-8 jelly bird eggs

Directions:

1. Put 1 cube of almond bark into a bowl.
2. Melt the almond bark in the microwave for 1-2 minutes.
3. Pour 1 Tablespoon of candy chips into the bowl.
4. Stir gently.
5. Pour 1/2 cup of noodles into the bowl.
6. Stir gently.
7. Spoon onto waxed paper.
8. Push jelly bird eggs into each "nest".

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- 2 wings
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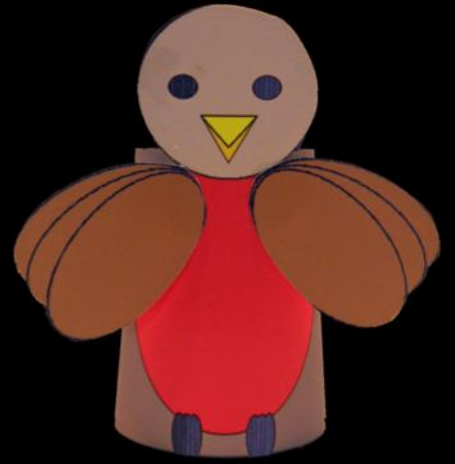
Read & Follow Directions
 3 Reading Levels: PS, K-1, 2-3

Five Little Robins

Five little robins are sitting in a nest. *(Cup five fingers of right hand and set them in left hand nest)*
 Four of them in little eggs beneath their mother's breast. *(Cup left hand over 4 right fingers)*
 One of them is in an egg that's smaller than the others. *(Measure distance with thumb and forefinger)*
 One of them is in an egg that's brighter than his brothers. *(Spread out fingers of both hands near face)*
 One of them is in an egg that wiggles, turns, and shakes. *(Wiggle, turn, and shake body)*
 One of them is in an egg that has a jagged break. *(Draw jagged line in air with forefinger)*

I can hear them cheeping in their tiny little home. *(Put hand to ear to listen)*
 Oh wait, there is another sound. It has a rustling tone. *(Change hands to ear, scratch head)*
 Snap and crackle, crunch and crack, and then a little scratch: *(Snap, clap, scratch palm of hand)*
 One, two, three, and four—it's time for them to hatch. *(Count with fingers, form egg by cupping two hands, open)*

Little babies safe and warm beneath their mother's breast. *(Cup left hand over 4 right fingers)*
 Little robins safe from harm inside their twiggy nest. *(Hug arms over chest)*



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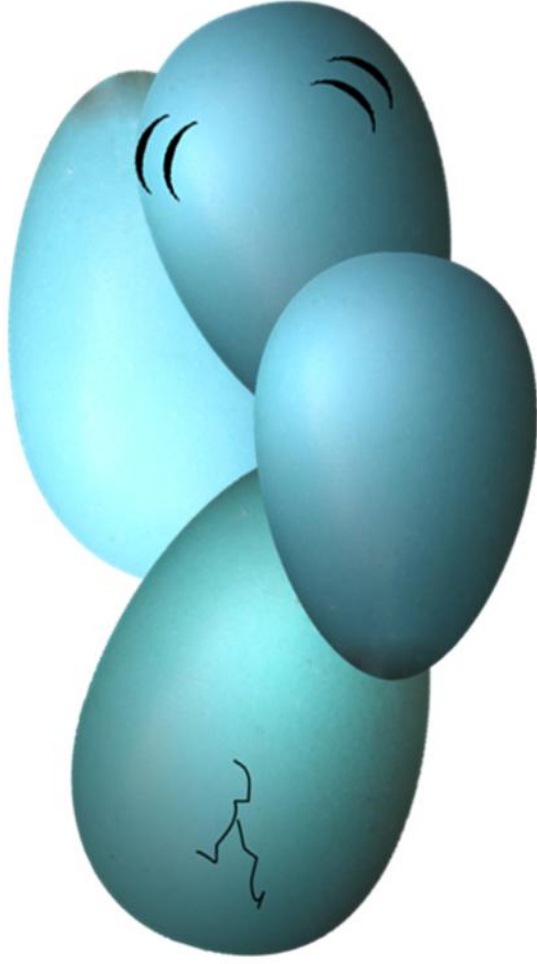
Finger Play, Puppet, & Reader



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 sitting in a nest,



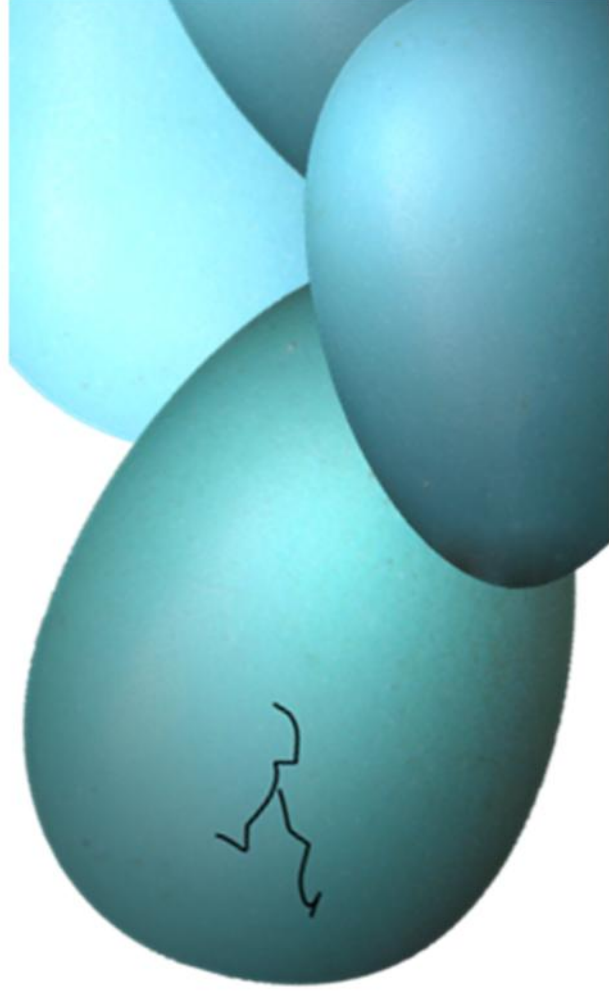
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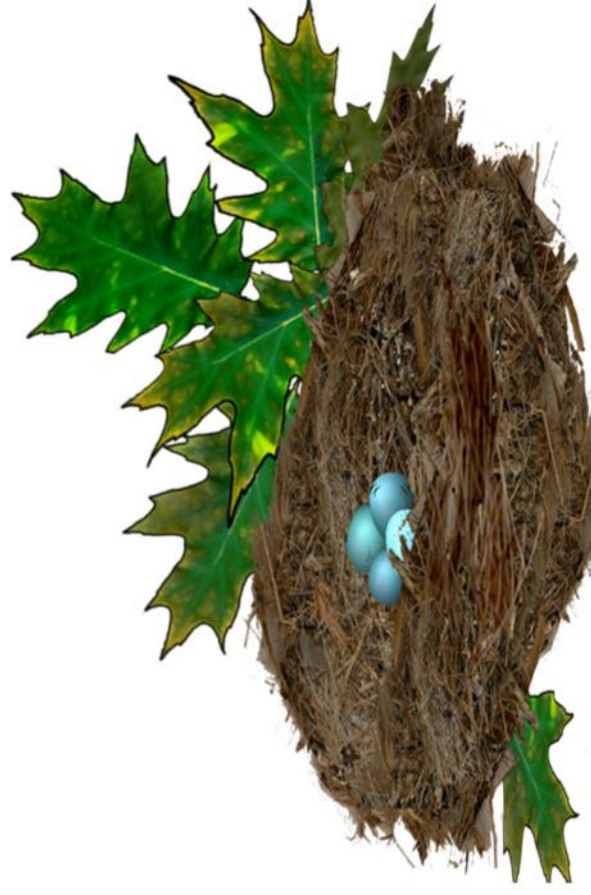
Snap and crackle, crunch and crack, and there's a little scratch!

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One of them is in an egg that has a tiny break.

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I can hear them cheeping in their tiny, little home.

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Bird Nest Stories

Final Copy Book

Materials:

1/2 sheet of copy paper, 5.5 X 8.5
copy paper (2 full sheets)
stapler
scissors
crayons, markers, or watercolors



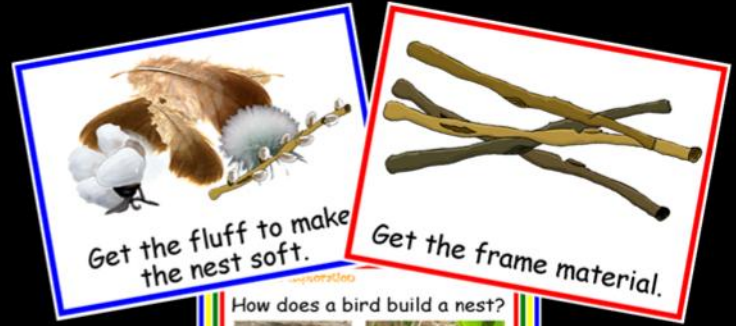
Directions:

1. Fold 2 sheets of copy paper in half. Staple them on the fold. Set them aside.
2. Draw a picture of your nest on the 1/2 sheet of copy paper. It must be large enough to take up most of the page.
3. When the nest is just the way you want it, lay it on top of the folded, stapled copy paper. Make sure the top of the nest is OFF the page along the FOLD. Then trace the nest onto the copy paper.
4. Add the title and author information to your cover page, and color it with crayons, markers, or watercolors.
5. After it's dry, cut out the nest, along with all the paper stapled together.
6. Write your story, poem, or article in the booklet. Place a piece of lined paper behind the page you are writing on to make your writing straight and neat. Add pictures, if needed.



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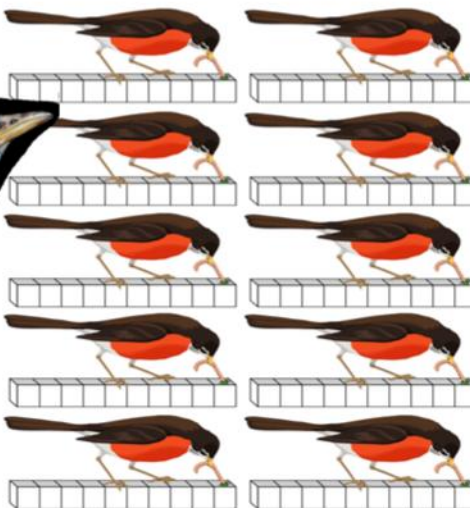


Sequence

Writing

The Early Bird Gets the Worm!

Robins eat worms and insects. Both parents feed the babies. They go out early in the morning to find good food. Play by yourself or with a friend.



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Regrouping

Puzzle

What's in a Nest?



tree	ground	dirt	reeds	mud	stones	pine needles	twigs
lichen	moss	mud	wool	grass	feathers	soil	leaves
fur	pine needles	spider web	hair	grass	mud	yarn	string
mane	fur	pussywillow	cotton	dandelions	wool	leaves	cattails

What's in a Nest? Board Game