



BIRDS

PARENT HANDOUT

CIRCLE TIME

DID YOU EVER SEE A BIRDIE?

Tune: Did You Ever See A Lassie

*Did you ever see a birdie, a birdie, a birdie,
Did you ever see a birdie go up and go down?
Go up and go down, and go up and go down,
Did you ever see a birdie go up and go down?*

Help children use stick bird puppets to do the song's actions. Add verses, go side to side and flying around.

TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

Rhyme

*Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill,
One named Jack and one named Jill.
Fly away Jack. Fly away Jill.
Come back Jack. Come back Jill.*

Shake roller rattle filled with plastic "seeds" to rhyme.

FEATHERING THE NEST

Group Movement Activity

Children wave scarves as they fly around the room to the music.

Play meadow background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, stacking boxes with holes and bubbles

FEEDING THE BIRDS

Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with birdseed. Provide berry baskets, funnels, large spoons and measuring cups.

PRETTY BIRDS

Creative Play

Children glue craft feathers on construction paper birds. Label with children's names and take home.

LEAVING THE NEST

Communication/Pretend Play


Children play in a plastic wading pool "nest" filled with shredded paper. Children take turns waving "bye" to mommy bird and flying out of the nest and coming back. Use the words, "in," "out," "hi," and "bye."

BIRDHOUSES


Problem Solving Play

Children and parents play with shoe box birdhouses. Cut entrance holes in the boxes. Children fill houses with shredded paper and fit plastic eggs through the holes.

SNACK TIME

 Cream cheese spread on a bagel, chow mein noodle "nest" and milk

HOME PLAY

 Set up a bird feeder with your child outside your window. Fill the birdfeeder together. Talk about the numbers, colors and sizes of birds that come to visit.

Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Flyin' high!"

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading