

Theme: Spring Birds

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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's email is put together by Ms. Hussain (from Henderson) with a storybook read by Teacher Steven (Tillicum Annex).



There are roughly 40 different species of birds in the world - from elegant peacocks to wise owls. Birds are everywhere you look. Their cheerful chirping in the spring mornings is one of my favourite things about the spring season. Children are often fascinated by birds as these animals can do what we can't - fly! Take a walk outside and see if you can see any bird nests or hear any birds chirping.



A fun birdie song you can sing at home is one called "Two Little Blackbirds" by Jbrary - <https://youtu.be/giv5Jwgsn7I>. It's a great song for teaching opposites like low/high, fast/slow, near/far, etc.

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.

Two little blackbirds sitting on a gate.

One was wobbly, one was straight.

Fly away wobbly, fly away straight.

Come back wobbly, fly away straight.

After our little rhyme, let's make a bird craft. Here are two ways to do it - bingo stampers or feathers.



Materials: construction paper, googly eyes, markers, bird template (see PDF), a) feathers and glue, b) bingo stampers



Instructions: Print or trace the bird cut out onto the construction paper. Decorate the bird with feathers or bingo stampers.



To finish off, let's listen to Teacher Steven read "And Then It's Spring" by Julie Fogliano
- https://youtu.be/GqQ_cxB0v2M



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