

Flying into Reading: All About Birds!

Materials Needed:

- A simple age-appropriate book about birds (fiction or non-fiction, e.g., "Birds" by Kevin Henkes, "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman, or a National Geographic Kids reader about birds)
- Paper
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Pencil

Hi there, super reader! Today, we're going on an adventure without even leaving our learning space. We're going to fly into the wonderful world of birds by reading all about them! Birds are amazing creatures, and reading helps us learn so many cool things.

Let's Read!

First, let's choose our bird book. Look at the cover. What do you think this book might be about? Let's read it together! I can read some pages, and you can read some pages or sentences you know. Pay attention to the pictures and the words to learn about our feathered friends.

(Read the selected book together, pausing to look at pictures and discuss what's happening.)

What Did We Learn?

Wow, that was a great story/book! Let's see what we remember:

- What was the main thing this book was about? (e.g., birds, a baby bird looking for its mother, different kinds of birds)
- Can you tell me one interesting thing we learned about birds from the book? (e.g., Birds build nests, birds have feathers, birds can fly)
- What did the bird(s) in the story look like?

Wonderful Bird Words!

We learned some new words today! Let's talk about them:

- **Beak:** A bird's mouth. What do birds use their beaks for?
- **Feathers:** These cover a bird's body and help them fly and stay warm.
- **Wings:** Birds use these to fly! Can you flap your 'wings'?
- **Nest:** A bird's home, often made of twigs and leaves.

Can you find these things in the pictures in our book?

Creative Corner: Draw & Write!

Now it's your turn to be an artist and writer! On your paper, draw your favorite bird from the book or a bird you'd like to see. Use lots of colors! When you're done drawing, write one word or a short sentence underneath your picture about the bird. It could be the bird's name, its color, or something it does. For example: "Blue bird." or "The bird can fly."

Great Job!

You did an amazing job reading and learning about birds today! We practiced finding the main topic, remembering details, learned new words, and even did some drawing and writing. Reading helps us explore the whole world, even the skies! Keep looking for birds outside your window!