

# In the Nest Calendar

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## Circle Time

## Story Time

## Creative Corner

## Discovery Time

## Music & Movement

### LESSON 1

#### The Letter W

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Ww and its sound through letter play and a song.

#### Bird Book Right-Side Up

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Explore holding a book and pointing to pictures and words.

#### Hello Bird Stickers

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS  
PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Stick bird stickers on paper to make birds in the sky.

#### ★ Nature Nest

SCI 2a NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE  
PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Use nature items to build a nest.

#### W is for Wolf

CA 1a MUSIC

Sing keywords in a song and explore shaking eggs while listening to music.

### LESSON 2

#### Pass the Egg

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS  
ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Pass a pretend "egg" around a circle and practice taking turns.

#### Read and Match

LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

Match Story Pieces to book pages while reading and notice details in pictures.

#### ★ Bird Headband

LLD 7a WRITING  
SS 2b CIVICS & ECONOMICS

Decorate bird headbands while making choices and sharing materials.

#### How High Can You Fly?

ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE  
LLD 2a COMMUNICATION

Toss pompoms at bird pictures and talk about which bird is hit.

#### Move When Blue

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance on towels and move to a new one when the song says "blue."

### LESSON 3

#### Tickle Feather

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Roll the Pocket Cube, name the picture and tickle the matching Story Piece with a feather.

#### ★ Bird Sign

LLD 3b PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS  
LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

Explore books, sign "bird" and engage in word play.

#### Peacock Fingerprints

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Make painted coffee-filter feathers and assemble a peacock.

#### Blue Egg Dough

M 4a MEASUREMENT  
PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Make playdough "eggs," fill a paper nest and compare which eggs are bigger or smaller.

#### Give & Receive

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR  
SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Explore tossing, catching and picking up beanbags with peers.

### LESSON 4

#### ★ Celebration Eggs

SS 1b CULTURE & COMMUNITY  
SED 3d SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Explore decorated eggs and copy or show different feelings.

#### Who Laid These Eggs?

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Name and repeat animal words.

#### Rock-a-Bird

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Paint and decorate paper-plate birds.

#### Heads & Tails

M 2a SPATIAL AWARENESS

Assemble bird puzzles, then name and describe the birds.

#### Birds on a Wall

CA 1b MUSIC

Show five fingers and rock on a pillow while moving to the beat.

### LESSON 5

#### Bird Scratches

LLD 7a WRITING  
LLD 2a COMMUNICATION

Draw and write about a bird while listening to a story.

#### ★ Bird Builds a Nest

LLD 2a COMMUNICATION  
LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION

Answer questions about the bird, nest and what the bird is building.

#### Coloring Birds

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS  
LLD 7a WRITING

Color and trace birds and words.

#### Counting Birds

M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Place birds in trees and count them together.

#### Hello Birds

LLD 1a LISTENING

Listen for "hello" (or "hello, bird") during a read-aloud and sign it.

# Bird Parts Calendar



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## Circle Time

LESSON  
**6**

### The Letter Kk

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Kk and its sound through letter play and a song.

## Story Time

### Basket of Books

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Listen to a story while exploring books.

## Creative Corner

### Bird on a Stick

CA 4a DRAMA

Fly a bird puppet to different colors in the room.

## Discovery Time

### Flying Fluffy Bird

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Toss pompoms to match colored hexagons on the wall.

## Music & Movement

### ★ Hexagon Dance

CA 1a & CA 1c MUSIC

Dance and sing with scarves inside a shape.

LESSON  
**7**

### Birds in the Mirror

SED 1a SELF-AWARENESS

Look in a mirror, say your name and point to body parts.

### Where is Bunny?

LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION

SS 4 HISTORY & SENSE OF TIME

Match Story Pieces to the pictures in a book and talk about the characters.

### Bird Stickers

LLD 7a & LLD 7b WRITING

Make a forest scene with handprints, stickers and drawings.

### Bird Nest Building

SCI 3a PHYSICAL SCIENCE

M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Pull a heavy bag of blocks, build nests and count how many baby birds go inside.

### ★ Generous Folk

LLD 1a LISTENING

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for and follow movement prompts in a song.

LESSON  
**8**

### Take a Drink

LLD 1a LISTENING

Practice the sign for "drink" and pretend to take a sip.

### Clap for Bird

LLD 1a LISTENING

Listen for the word "bird" and move to match the phrase.

### Egg Letter Painting

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

SCI 3b PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Roll painted eggs across taped paper and reveal initials after the paint dries.

### Over Bird, Under Bird

M 2b SPATIAL AWARENESS

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Roll and shape playdough, then follow simple positional directions.

### ★ Dance to Colors

SS 3a GEOGRAPHY

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Walk to the matching colors in a song, freeze and point, then name familiar places.

LESSON  
**9**

### Feel Better Fun

SED 2a SELF-REGULATION

Practice calming by holding a stuffed animal, taking slow breaths and using gentle movements.

### Maisy Loves Birds

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Answer questions about Maisy and the birds from the book.

### Hexagon Collage

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Glue tissue paper onto a hexagon outline.

### ★ People I Know

SS 1a & SS 1c CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Explore photos of people and point out features.

### Pass the Bird

CA 1b MUSIC

Pass an egg shaker to music and pat legs or the floor to the beat.

LESSON  
**10**

### Connecting Tails

SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Decorate tail pieces, then connect them into one long tail.

### ★ Hooray for Birds!

LLD 3c PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Explore book handling and copy playful bird sounds.

### Teapot

LLD 7a WRITING

Color a teapot and make name marks.

### Counting Friends

M 1b NUMBER SENSE

Find and point to the numbers one through five.

### Thirsty Dance

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

LLD 1a LISTENING

Learn and copy the signs for "thirsty" and "drink."

# Tree Birds Calendar

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## Circle Time

LESSON  
**11**

### The Letter Xx

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Xx and its sound through letter play and a song.

## Story Time

### Where Is the Color Bird?

LLD 1a LISTENING

Follow cues to find the bird.

## Creative Corner

### Who's in the Tree?

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Decorate a sticker page talk about what's on the page.

## Discovery Time

### ★ Find & Sort Hexagons

M 3 SHAPES

Find hexagons in sand in match shapes.

## Music & Movement

### Blue Leader

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT  
SS 3b GEOGRAPHY

Follow a ribbon leader around chairs.

## Woodpecker Pecks

CA 1b MUSIC  
SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Tap like woodpeckers, copying a slow, fast or steady tapping beat.

## My Bird Path

LLD 7a WRITING

Draw an egg and bird using lines, curves and early writing marks.

## ★ Bird on a String

SCI 3a PHYSICAL SCIENCE  
SCI 1a INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Decorate a bird and make it fly.

## Light as a Feather

M 4a MEASUREMENT

Lift, hold and compare objects by feeling their weight and size.

## Hey Ho Hexagon

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance expressively to music.

## Eagle Vision

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE  
LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Play an "eagle vision" game.

## Song Bird Sounds

LLD 3c PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS  
CA 1c MUSIC

Make bird sounds into tubes, changing the sound or volume.

## ★ Egg Painting

LLD 7b WRITING  
SCI 3b PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Make paint handprints, dots and patterns, noticing the texture and colors.

## Where's the Seed?

M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Find seeds in playdough, add them to birds and count together.

## Eagle Pose

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT

Move and pose like an eagle.

## Hummingbird Flowers

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE  
SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Copy movements and gestures to explore paper flowers.

## First the Egg

SS 4 HISTORY & SENSE OF TIME

Explore the concepts of first, then, beginning and end?

## Egg Lacing

PD 2 FINE MOTOR  
ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Decorate an egg and thread yarn through the holes.

## Hexagon Counting House

M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Match foam hexagons to a shape mat and count them together.

## ★ Do Generosity

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Dance and move to music with beanbags.

## ★ When Danger Calls

SED 4b PROBLEM-SOLVING  
PD 3 SAFETY

Flap like chickadees and stop your body when you hear a danger call.

## Paddle Perch Climb: Bird Feet Are Neat

PD 4a PERSONAL CARE

Listen to a story and identify body parts.

## Birdhouse Maze

LLD 7a WRITING  
CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Color freely and trace a maze path.

## Sweep the Colors Clean

SCI 3b PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Brush sand off nests to reveal eggs and name the color.

## Chick

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Sign the word "chick" and "run."

# Exotic Birds Calendar

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## Circle Time

### Ostrich Wants to Know

**SED 1b** SELF-AWARENESS

Explore and talk about favorites.

## Story Time

### Sticky Note Bird Story

**LLD 5** CONCEPTS OF PRINT  
**LLD 2d** COMMUNICATION

Explore book handling by turning pages, lifting flaps and pointing to pictures and words.

## Creative Corner

### Little Bird & Me

**CA 3a** VISUAL ARTS  
**ATL 1a** ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Decorate the Sticker Scene with stickers and drawings.

## Discovery Time

### Colors in Cartons

**M 6** CLASSIFICATION

Sort pompoms and hexagons by color.

## Music & Movement

### ★ Hold Up Blue

**LLD 3b** PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS  
**SS 2a** CIVICS & ECONOMICS

Hold up blue and white papers, name the colors and dance.

LESSON  
**16**

### Letters in a Nest

**LLD 4** ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Review the letters Ww, Kk and Xx through letter play and a song.

### Window Story

**CA 4a** DRAMA

Act out story movements using photos and Story Pieces.

### Paint with a Worm

**CA 3b** VISUAL ARTS  
**SCI 3b** PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Explore worms and make worm paint trails.

### ★ Feather Dough Fun

**M 1e** NUMBER SENSE  
**SCI 1b** INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Add and remove feathers in playdough while counting and noticing what happens.

### Five Little Birds

**CA 1b** MUSIC

Clap or shake egg shakers along to music while seated.

LESSON  
**17**

### Hungry Signs

**LLD 1a** LISTENING

Pretend to feed a bird using the "eat" sign and a spoon.

### Little Bird Rhymes

**LLD 3a** PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Repeat and play with rhyming words.

### Tail Feathers

**CA 4a** DRAMA

Make and wear tail feathers, then move and call like birds.

### ★ Chase the Chick

**M 3** SHAPES

Find matching hexagons.

### Don't Break the Egg

**SS 3b** GEOGRAPHY  
**PD 1** GROSS MOTOR

Walk heel-to-toe along a ribbon path, stepping over or tossing eggs.

LESSON  
**18**

### ★ Proud Peacock

**SED 1a** & **SED 1d** SELF-AWARENESS

Make and copy feelings in a mirror and point to body parts.

### A Baby Penguin Story

**LLD 6a** READING COMPREHENSION  
**LLD 2b** COMMUNICATION

Look at baby penguin pictures and answer simple questions.

### Bird Feathers

**PD 2** FINE MOTOR  
**CA 3b** VISUAL ARTS

Explore and glue feathers onto a bird outline.

### Spoonful of Food

**PD 5** NUTRITION

Decorate birdhouse bags and "feed" birds.

### Give-a-Ball

**PD 1** GROSS MOTOR  
**SED 3b** SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Carry or jog with a ball around the circle, then pass or gently toss it to a friend.

LESSON  
**19**

### Shake Your Tail Feather

**LLD 1b** LISTENING

Follow one- or two-step movement prompts.

### How To Find a Bird

**LLD 2d** COMMUNICATION  
**ATL 1b** ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Play a hide-and-find game with a toy bird.

### ★ Coloring Birds

**LLD 2d** COMMUNICATION  
**SED 1b** SELF-AWARENESS

Color a picture and name or talk about each object on the page.

### Counting Eggs

**M 1c** NUMBER SENSE

Hunt for eggs and match or count the pompoms in the egg carton.

### Hungry Dance

**LLD 1a** LISTENING  
**CA 2b** DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for "hungry" and "eat" in a song and sign the words.

LESSON  
**20**