



*Dear Family,*

**In my class today** we talked about bird habitats and made bird feeders.

**Did You Know?**

- A habitat is a place where an animal naturally lives or a plant naturally grows. A habitat includes five very important elements: food, water, air, shelter, and space. A healthy habitat provides everything that an animal needs to survive and grow properly. Birds live in a variety of habitats. Some birds can live in suburban environments and even cities. Some birds require large tracts of woodland or grassland.
- Birds need a lot of energy to fly. To get this energy, they eat a lot. Most birds eat insects, nuts, seeds, or meat. These foods are high in protein and fat. A few birds, such as geese, eat grass, leaves, and other plants.

**Ask Your Child:**

- What is a bird feeder?
- How did you make the bird feeder?
- What do birds do with the feeder?
- What will you do with the bird feeder?

**Activities To Do With Your Child:**

- Your child is bringing home a bird feeder that we made out of pine cones, birdseed, and ingredients from the kitchen. Please help your child hang it up outside in a spot where he or she can see the bird feeder through a window.
- Please let us know if your bird feeder gets any visitors. You can write us a note or have your child draw a picture of what they observe.
- You and your child can create your own recipe for a pine cone bird feeder and share it with the class.
- Do you have any pets in your home? Help your child find something that is a part of the pet's habitat and bring it to school (cat toy, dog biscuit, fish food, hamster wheel).

**Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:** bird, nest, habitat, pine cone, seeds, bird feeder