



Feed the Birds

Activity - Winter Bird Feeders

Supplies:

plastic table covers
plastic needles, string and yarn
popped popcorn, fresh cranberries
dried oranges
ribbon, pipe cleaners
pinecones, lard, bird seed
Cut Christmas tree and stand, if no
suitable live tree on grounds

Method:

string popcorn and cranberries
hang dried oranges
roll pinecones in lard and birdseed and
hang

Suggestions:

Cover the tables in plastic as lard is
messy.
Create mathematical patterns with
popcorn and cranberries.
Modify words for songs to fit bird trees.

Intentions:

Decorate outdoor tree(s) with bird feeders

Curriculum Links: Science, Math

Stories: Night Tree, E. Bunting
A Wish To Be a Christmas Tree, M. G.
Monroe

Songs: Decorate the Christmas Tree from
<http://supersimplelearning.com/songs/themes-series/christmas/decorate-the-christmas-tree/>

Dancing Christmas Tree from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOQnsmNm-QE>

Snack: kid snacks from <http://www.howtorunahomedaycare.com/articles/bird-snacks-kid-snacks/> (use no-nut butter)

Conversation Starters: Did you feed
birds in winter? If so, how?
Do you think it is a good idea to feed
birds? Other wild animals? Discuss.
What types of birds do you think this food
will attract?
What else might birds eat in winter?
What else do birds need to survive winter?