

storybook STEM THE SCARECROW



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K-1ST VERSION

CROW'S CONSTRUCTION



LET'S EXPLORE NESTS!

BIRD NESTS



10 AMAZING FACTS



AMAZING BIRD NESTS



CROW'S CONSTRUCTION

SHELTER

a place that gives protection from weather and predators



GATHER



to collect or bring together

SUPPORT



to hold weight

CROW'S CONSTRUCTION

Crow needs to build a nest on the Scarecrow where she can safely lay her eggs!
Gather nesting materials from outside.
Then, build a nest for Crow's eggs.



YOU WILL NEED:

- clothespin
- natural nesting materials
- paper bowl with two yarn loops

CROW'S CONSTRUCTION

Which animals build nests?

What do bird nests need?

What are nests made of?

ACTION

NAME: _____

DRAW or WRITE the things you used to build your nest.

Is your nest STRONG and SAFE?

YES NO

FINISHED?

CROW'S CONSTRUCTION

SHELTER

a place that gives protection from weather and predators



GATHER



to collect or bring together

BALANCE



equal weight on both sides

LET'S EXPLORE NESTS!

BIRD NESTS



AMAZING BIRD NESTS



NESTS UP CLOSE



CROW'S CONSTRUCTION

Crow needs to build a nest on the Scarecrow where she can safely lay her eggs!

Build a hanging nest container for Crow.
Then, gather nesting materials from outside to build a nest for Crow's eggs.



YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 pieces of construction paper
- tape
- scissors and hole puncher
- 6 feet of yarn
- clothespin
- natural nesting materials

CONSTRUCTION

What are the purposes of nests?

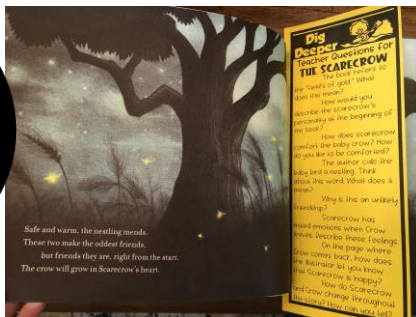
What features do bird nests need? What materials are nests made of?

2ND-3RD VERSION

CROW'S CONSTRUCTION



K-1ST VERSION



Safe and warm, the nesting birds.
These two make the oddest friends,
but friends they are, right from the start.
The crow will grow in Scarecrow's heart.

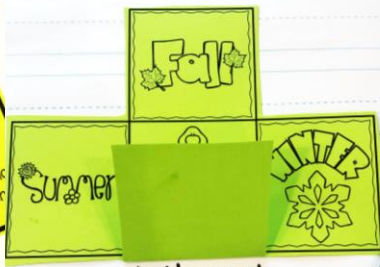
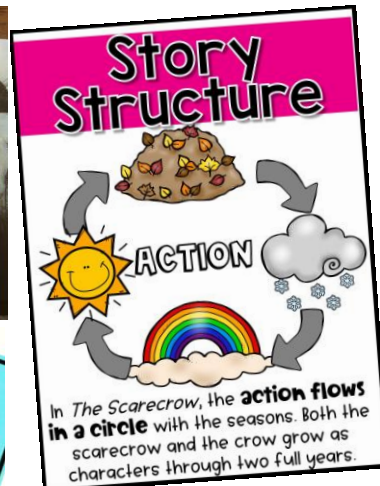
DESCRIPTIVE Verbs



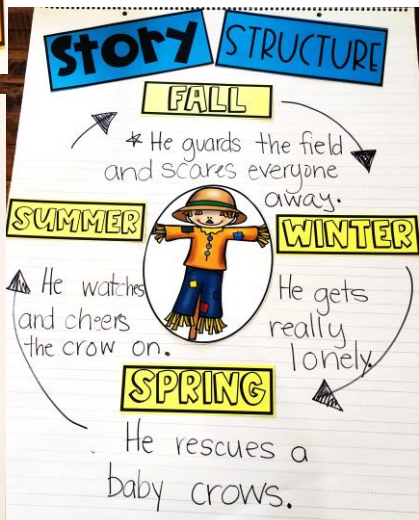
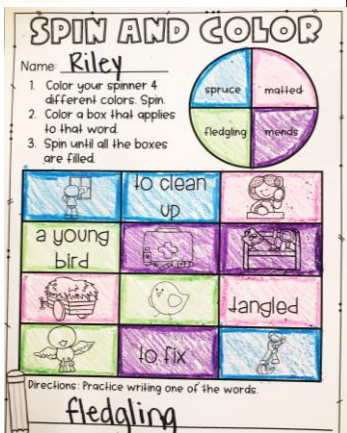
- drops
- dips
- peek
- soars
- perch
- caws
- mend
- spreads



- guards
- snaps
- scares
- saves
- dreams
- tucks
- sags
- cheers



builds a nest in Scarecrow's hay! Becomes a dad!



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ELL A



SPIN AND COLOR

Name: Micha

- Color your spinner 4 different colors. Spin.
- Color a box that applies to that word.
- Spin until all the boxes are filled.

spruce	matted
fledgling	mend

to clean up	a young bird	I look three hours to brush out	band-aids can help
he look his first flight	to fix	I used a broom to do it	tangled

Directions: Choose one word and write it in a sentence.
I wanted to spruce up my room a little.

2ND-3RD
VERSION

Character Changes



In *The Scarecrow*, the **action flows in a circle** with the seasons. Both the scarecrow and the crow grow as characters through two full years.



Developing a friendship with the crow **causes** the scarecrow to **change**. His emotions match the seasons as well.

Fall

Summer

Winter

He wants to help his friend heal; **supportive**

Descriptive VERBS



the scarecrow stands

Or

the scarecrow guards

Talented authors can **show** us something without telling us. One way they can this is with the verbs that they choose to use. The author of the scarecrow uses verbs that **show us how the scarecrow feels**.

DESCRIPTIVE Verbs

He tucks him near his heart of hay	sounds very loving like something a parent would do.
Scarecrow cheers , pleased and proud	supportive and proud of how far the crow has come.
Scarecrow sags alone and stares	sad and lonely He's lost his only friend
Scarecrow guards them, for he knows.	Protective and loving again like a parent!

Generous: he sacrifices himself to help someone in need.

A friend will **mend** a broken pole. And he will **spruce** up matted hay...

matted tangled into mess

mends to fix or

spruce to clean or tidy up

fledgling a young bird who has just left the nest.

Character Changes

FALL
- alone
- scared

SUMMER
- proud
- excited

WINTER
- sad
- lonely
- depressed

SPRING
- hopeful
- love
- connected

