Tweet-Tweet Letter Treats

Children create an alphabet feast for birds by forming yarn worms into letters.

Materials
- shoe box
- box label
- student directions
- scissors
- glue
- letter treats templates (page 35)
- yarn (several colors)
- resealable plastic bag

Shoe Box Setup
Make copies of the letter treats templates and cut apart. Write a different letter of the alphabet on each nest. Cut yarn into “worms” (ranging from one to six inches each). Place the yarn in the bag. Place the letter treats templates, yarn, and glue in the shoe box. Glue the label to one end of the box and the student directions to the inside of the lid.

For reusable nests and removable worms, substitute pipe cleaners or Wikki Stix for yarn. Children can also practice sequencing skills by arranging their nests in ABC order.

Directions
1. Choose a bird. Read the letter on its nest.
2. Make food for the bird: Use the yarn worms to form that letter. Glue the letter in place.
3. Choose a new bird and repeat.
Alphabet Skills Matrix

Shoe Box Learning Center

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Meeting the Common Core State Standards

The center activities in this book will help you meet your specific state mathematics standards as well as those recommended by the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI). The activities support students in meeting standards listed as Foundational Skills for Reading in the CCSSI documents. Students in grades K–1 are expected to demonstrate increasing awareness and competence in the areas that follow. For more details on these standards, go to the CCSSI Web site: www.corestandards.org.

Print Concepts
1. Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print
   K.1a, K.1b, K.1c, K.1d
   1.1

Phonological Awareness
2. Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
   K.2b, K.2c, K.2d
   1.2b, 1.2c, 1.2d

Phonics and Word Recognition
3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
   K.3a
   1.3b