

Learn and play with us! As you explore use this guide to **ASK** questions, **TRY** different activities or actions, and **EXPLORE** at the exhibits with your child. Stop by today's self guided **ACTIVITY STATION** in Critter Corner.

November 10th; Feathers at Critter Corner

Birds are the only animals with feathers. Feathers come in all shapes and sizes. Take a closer look at the feathers at the activity station.

Ask: Do you have feathers?

Explore: Touch the feathers at the Activity Station. How do they feel?

Look at feathers with a magnifying glass.

Try: How do birds move? Can you flap your wings?

Try: Touch the sturgeon in the nearby touch tank. Do fish have feathers? How does the fish feel?

Explore: Look for other birds around the Aquarium. Do they have feathers? What colors do you see?

Fun facts about feathers



Feathers help birds to fly.

Spread your wings and flap.

Feathers help birds to stay warm.

How do you stay warm during the winter?



Feathers help birds to show off and find friends.

Feathers come in many different colors. As you visit different birds today, name the colors you see.

Hi! I am Pica the magpie.

I love to play. Can you see any activities in my exhibit?



Sing

Found A Feather

Sung to: "Oh, My Darlibng Clementine"

Found a feather, found a feather,
Found a feather on the ground.
Oh, I am so very lucky a feather to have found.

Picked it up, picked it up,
picked it up just like that,
Picked up that pretty feather then I put it in my hat.

Found a feather, found a feather,
found a feather on the ground.
Oh, I am so very lucky a feather to have found.

Feathered Birds

(Begin by holding up one hand with five fingers up. As you sing, put on finger down at a time, until all are down.)

Five feathered birds sitting on the door;
One flew away and then there were four.

Four feathered birds singing in the tree,
One flew away and then there were three.

Three feathered birds looking at you,
One flew away and then there were two.

Two feathered birds sitting in the sun,
One flew away and then there was one.

One feathered bird looking like a hero,
He flew away and now there are zero!

Read

Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert

Bird Color by Alison Hill Spencer

Counting is for the Birds by Frank Mazzola Jr.

Play at Home

Investigate at home! Brightly colored craft feathers can be a great way to explore feathers with your toddler.

- Use feathers at a paint brush. Dip feather in paint and brush or print them on paper.
- Fill an old shoe box or small storage box with feathers and hide toys inside. Encourage your toddler to look for their items under the feathers.