

Toddler Tuesday

November 6, 2018

BIRD BEAK BUFFET

THIS WEEK

- **Bird beak buffet!**
Eat and explore like a bird by trying out tools that are just like bird beaks.
- **Touch a real bird beak.**
- **Build a bird puzzle.**
- **Match birds with their beaks.**
- **Storytime:**
Unbeatable Beaks by Steven Swinburne

LEARN TOGETHER!

ASK: How many birds can we count at the Aquarium?

ASK: Freeway, the American crow likes to eat mealworms. What do you like to eat?

TRY: Use your hands to turn your mouth into a duck beak.

TRY: How do birds use their beaks? Try this week's activity station to eat like four different birds.

EXPLORE: How do other animals eat at the Aquarium?

BEAKS are NEAT! They help birds EAT!

Take a closer look at beaks around the Aquarium.



An American crow eats seeds, insects, fish, eggs and sometimes garbage (garbage is not part of a healthy diet). This bird's beak is sharp and used to crack, tear, pick up and problem solve.

Meet Freeway in his habitat on the first floor.



A turkey vulture eats carrion or animals that are not alive. This bird's beak rips meat into pieces.

Visit Horus in the migration exhibit on the second floor.



A black crowned night heron eats fish, frogs and insects. This bird's beak picks food out of the water.

Look for George in the wetlands on the second floor.

NEXT WEEK

Feathers

Touch, feel and play with feathers of every color. Notice how different birds have unique feathers.

BRING THE LEARNING HOME

SING

Busy Beaks

(Sung to the tune of "Alouette")

Busy bird beaks,
Crunching, munching bird beaks.
Busy bird beaks,
Looking for some lunch.

Some beaks are long and some are short,
Fat beaks, thin beaks, every sort,
Pecking bugs,
Cracking seeds,
Catching fish,
Nibbling weeds.

Oh! Busy bird beaks,
Crunching, munching bird beaks.
Busy bird beaks,
Looking for some lunch.

OBSERVE

- Watch for birds in your neighborhood and create a list of birds you spot.
- Can you find a bird for every color in the rainbow?
- Download a bird ID app or make a bird ID chart with pictures to hang near a window for quick naming.

PLAY

- Make your own bird beak buffet. Use kitchen utensils, scoopers and other tools to mimic bird beaks.
- Head outside and gather natural materials that a bird might collect with their beaks to build nests or eat.

READ

Beaks!

by Sneed B. Collard

Unbeatable Beaks

by Stephen Swinburne

More

by I.C. Springman

