

2. MAKING BIRD NEST

TEKS, 1st grade: “gather evidence of interdependence among living organisms such as ... **animals using plants for shelter.** “

Activity:

1. Children gather on steps of classroom. Read book aloud to them: "Cradles in the Trees: The Story of Bird Nests."
2. Gather in circle. I will try to have all materials laid out and ready around the circle for each student.

Children will each make a bird's nest. I will have lunch sacks filled with all the materials (twigs, grass, leaves) except the dirt. I will have that in a bucket. Lunch sacks will be labeled with student's name on the bottom. Will have a bucket with water for them to rinse their hands.

General idea:

http://www.parentsconnect.com/parenting-your-kids/activities/family-fun/birds_feather.html

3. We will leave nests on plant trays to dry in the sun. They can take home some day in the future when the nests are dry so they can place in a tree and see if a bird uses it this spring.