

## Add & Enhance - "Look Up!"

Enhancing the learning environment is easy! Here are a list of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit, "Look Up!" Feel free to add other materials you feel would your children would enjoy as well. Please see our, "The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum" for more information on materials you should have in your program.

### ART AREA

- Toy airplanes and/or helicopters that are safe for paint
- Large craft feathers
- Assorted recyclables (plastic/cardboard) the children can use to make birdhouses/feeders
- Cotton balls, polyester fiberfil
- Star stickers
- Images of the sky at different times of day printed out (from the Internet) and posted on the all (e.g., dawn, dusk, night, day).

### DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP

- Blankets and pillows (for making bird nests)
- Folding table
- Props to role-play taking an airplane flight (see p. 7)
- Old headphones (pilot prop)
- Child-safe binoculars
- Plush birds and bats
- Bird feeder or birdhouse (new)
- Bath towels



### BLOCKS

- Assorted types of blocks
- Empty cardboard boxes (big and little)
- Folding table with blankets
- Toy airplanes, helicopters and rockets
- Blue painter's tape runway and helicopter landing pad on floor (make at any time)
- Toy birds



### LITERACY & WRITING

- Books about things that fly (see Book List in Teaching Guide for suggestions)
- Old and new crayons/markers
- Maps or a globe
- Travel brochures
- Flying Things Vocabulary Cards

### GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)

- Bath towels or scarves (to use as wings)
- Recorded bird sounds
- Old clothesbaskets (to use as airplanes, helicopters and/or rockets)
- Assorted types of balls
- Bubble solutions and wands

### MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH

- Child-safe binoculars and birdwatching books
- Tape measure/yardstick
- Up in the Air Patterning Manipulative (use Make It! #3 to make a set of strips and cards for the children to use as a center material)
- Assorted feathers and unbreakable magnifier
- Kitchen tongs & cotton ball and/or pom-pom balls (p. 17)

