Wings are not only for birds; they are also for minds. 
*Human potential stops at some point somewhere beyond infinity.*
- Toller Cranston

## BIRDS

Viewing the anatomy of a chicken’s wing and an egg during dissection, sharing a tribute to John James Audubon through watercolor paintings of birds, and developing geometric and spatial relationship skills through bird tangrams, the avian theme continued on for **first graders**. Virtual learning lessons explored common bird songs with plush singing replicas, reviewed details of migration with an online game, and challenged students to create a nest with natural materials. Kits mailed to their homes, fostered the Lego construction of robins, blue jays, and hummingbirds.

## UP IN THE AIR

With an indoor sky diving field trip behind them, **Grade 2** students had a chance to launch balloon helicopters before virtual learning took over. But with the delivery of brown paper packages (of craft sticks, dowels, syringes, tubing, and wires) combined with help from family members, hydraulic elevator models were constructed. Then the exploration of static electricity had students charged up and ready to tackle the nickel/toothpick/cup challenge. The review of activities from this year fueled the last exploration - making Aladdin’s paper carpet fly, fly up in the air, of course.

### Weekly Virtual Learning Lessons Shared

- Bird Kites
- Cotton Ball Launchers
- Body + Brain Exercises
- Flying Origami Rockets
- An Egg Tangram
- Beast Box Music Maker
- Quiver Vision
- Augmented Reality
- National Geographic
- RoboWorks
- Cup Flyers
- Robo Wheels
- Boomerangs
- The Shapes Creativity Challenge