



Teacher's Directions for Making This Learning Center

1. Copy all bird cards onto colored cardstock. Make sure you use the same color for all birds -- I prefer bright blue or goldenrod yellow. The cards are two sided and must be copied onto both sides, or they won't be self-checking. Laminate and cut out each bird.
2. Copy the color "Birds of a Feather" sign onto white paper or cards stock. Attach it to the large white envelope or folder file where you intended to store the fact family birds. Laminate. (If you are using a folder, attach the "Bird Jail" sheet inside the folder before you laminate it.)
3. Use brown paper bags (lunch size) to make fact family nests. Roll them down and "scrunch them" until they look like nests. Write the fact family numbers (not the self checking symbols) on the front of each nest. For example -- 3,5,8 would be written on one nest. This is where students will place the birds as they identify them.
4. Print the "Bird Jail" sheet onto white cardstock. If you are using a large white envelope for bird storage, then laminate the "Bird Jail" sheet. If you are using a folder file, glue the "Bird Jail" sheet inside the folder file before you laminate it. I've found that the envelope works best.
5. Print the instruction sheet on cardstock and laminate it. If you are using a folder file, glue it to the inside cover before you laminate the folder. If you are using an envelope, store it inside the envelope.