

Make Way for Ducklings

A message from _____

Recently, our class read the story "Make Way for Ducklings." In this fantasy, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard decide to raise their family of eight ducklings right in the middle of traffic-congested Boston. Ask your child to tell you more about the story.

The ducks in the story liked Boston because it seemed like everyone wanted to feed them peanuts, a favorite food. You and your child might enjoy preparing a snack mix that has peanuts in it. The recipe that follows is a low sugar and low fat mix.

Snack Mix

Ingredients:

- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 cup animal crackers
- 2 cups O-shaped cereal
- 2 cups pretzel sticks
- 1-1/2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Combine all the ingredients in a plastic bag and shake until everything is evenly mixed. Lightly coat a 9x13-inch baking pan with cooking oil or spray, and spread the mixture in the pan. Bake at 275° for 35 minutes, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned. Allow mixture to cool, then store in a covered container. This makes about 6 cups of snack mix.



Next week's selection *Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest in the City*

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming week. Please review the meanings of these words with your child: **abandoned**—left behind or unused; either unprotected, unneeded, or unwanted; **originally**—at first; in the beginning; **species**—kind or type of plant or animal that scientists group together because they share the same characteristics; **cavity**—hollow place or hole; **suburbs**—area of homes, stores, and businesses that are near or right next to a city or urban area; **clamor**—loud noise, usually lasting for a long time.

Please review with your child the spelling words for the upcoming week: mouse, count, mouth, south, bound, gown, crown, brown, frown, crowd, flowerpot, house, throughout, surrounds, found.