

## *Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest in the City*

### **A message from** \_\_\_\_\_

As part of our unit on city wildlife, our class has read another article, titled "Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest in the City." The article describes the numerous species of birds that live in cities, and tells some of the unusual and unexpected places they nest. Ask your child to tell you more about this article.

You and your child might enjoy helping the birds that live in your area. You can put out nesting materials to help birds build their nests. Here are some suggestions.

### **Nesting Materials for Birds**

#### **You will need:**

mesh bag  
pieces of string or yarn, grass, or cotton balls  
string

#### **What to do:**

1. Hang a mesh onion bag, mesh potato bag, or other netlike bag from a tree branch.
2. Fill it with nesting materials, such as short pieces of string or yarn, dried grass, or cotton balls.

OR

3. Hang a pine cone from a tree branch, and tie pieces of string and yarn to it.

### **Next week's selection** *Two Days in May*

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming week. Please review the meanings of these words with your child: **does**—female deer; **bucks**—male deer; **territory**—an area belonging to a group; **organization**—a group; association; society; **relocates**—moves to a different place; **population**—the total number of inhabitants of a given area.

Please review with your child the spelling words for the upcoming week: boy, enjoy, broil, loyal, oil, boil, soil, coil, coin, join, destroy, poison, royal, point, voices.