FRA Curated Resources for

NERDY BIRDY

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| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 1.05.28 PM.png | **Author, Aaron Reynolds:**  <http://www.aaron-reynolds.com>  Meet Aaron Reynolds, the author of *Creepy Carrots*, *President Squid* and *Nerdy Birdie*. Find out what drives his unique style of writing and illustrating. (Bonus: he says second grade is his favorite grade) |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 1.02.03 PM.png | **Kids Against Bullying:**  <http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/kab/>  What is bullying? How can you help? An interactive, kid-friendly site with quizzes, tips, and more! |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 2.33.22 PM.png | **StopBullying.gov:**  <https://www.stopbullying.gov/kids/index.html>  Interactive website for kids to explore that includes games, fact sheets, tips and strategies to stand up and speak out against bullying. This is a one-stop shop site that also includes child friendly terms and videos. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 5.39.22 PM.png | **Using Quotations – LearnZillion Video:** <https://learnzillion.com/lesson_plans/6903-use-quotation-marks-to-show-dialogue>  Everybody loves LearnZillion for fun, easy videos that teach skills. Since there is a lot of dialog in this book, we have included this link to take you directly to the “quotations” lesson.  You can pair it with independent practice at <http://www.studyzone.org/testprep/ela4/j/quotationmarksl.cfm> (This one has less engaging pictures / word choices, but includes the practice piece for students). |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 5.44.05 PM.png | **Teaching Character Traits:**  <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/top-teaching/2012/11/teaching-character-traits-readers-workshop>  Need help creating a fabulous unit on character development? This is the scholastic article for you! This website has links to books, materials, ideas, and procedures to making a great unit on characters. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-28 at 5.15.42 PM.png | **Audubon for Kids:**  <http://web4.audubon.org/educate/kids/>  Want to learn more about the birds in this book? Check out this site to play games, identify birds by their sounds, and other fun activities created to help children learn and understand more about birds. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-28 at 5.24.17 PM.png | **National Geographic Kids – Birds:**  <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/hubs/birds/>  National geographic has colorful fact sheets on all the birds your heart desires. If you are looking to pair this literature book with informational reading on birds, this is a great resource. Additionally, many science content standards (classification, adaptations, habitat, etc.) are addressed throughout the pages of National Geographic website. Double impact for your classroom! |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-28 at 5.08.41 PM.png | **How to Be a Friend Video:**  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpBxIpbN7XA>  This song is a little slower for the whole class, but would be great as a listening center as the words on the video appear on the screen with easy to follow green highlighting to follow along. Just under five minutes long. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 3.06.59 PM.png | **Sesame Street Video - The National Bird:**  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KC3Wjt1noQw>  Watch this cute video on how the bald eagle became our national bird, and then hold your own classroom debate to see which bird should be your class or school bird! |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 3.18.49 PM.png | **Code.org:**  <https://code.org>  Anyone can learn to code and create their own games! Check out this awesome site that teaches kids how to code through games! |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-28 at 5.20.04 PM.png | **Celebrities Read Children’s Books – YouTube:**  <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbpi6ZahtOH6WqEc2d_xcPz0LXAbjfqUk>  Think Betty White is all the rage? Or is the Beibs more your style? Regardless of who is super cool to your kids, there is a YouTube video for that! In this series, celebrities read their favorite books for all of us to enjoy. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-23 at 3.49.49 PM.png | **Video – Why Kids Need Glasses:**  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJ6D1589GzQ>  This short, simple video explains why some kids need glasses, and how glasses help people see better! |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2016-08-28 at 5.17.26 PM.png | **Are You a Nerdy Birdy?:**  <https://www.mensa.org/prominent-mensans>  Maybe you are a nerdy birdie! Check out which famous people are members of the “super smart” club called Mensa! Only 2% of the population can get in. IQ changes, so with hard work and effort, you could become a Mensan. Check out the pretest to see how close you are or explore more about the organization itself. Teachers might want to print out pictures of the actual people (and their salaries wouldn’t hurt to really drive home the point that is cool to be smart!!!). |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2015-08-07 at 9.57.18 PM.png | **Extension Activity – Fact vs. Fiction:**  Some parts of “Nerdy Birdy” are factual, and other parts are made up, (i.e.: Vultures do eat dead things, but birds don’t use :banana” laptops). Have students look through the book to create a chart identifying factual and fictional info from the book. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2015-08-07 at 9.57.18 PM.png | **Extension Activity - Classifying:**  There are many different types of birds in this book, with different characteristics. Have students classify them using teacher- or student-created headings. |
| Macintosh HD:Users:HJBolitho:Desktop:Screen Shot 2015-08-07 at 9.57.18 PM.png | **Extension Activity – Never Ending Story:**  “Nerdy Birdy” ends with Nerdy Birdy and Vulture meeting a new bird. What will happen next? Have students extend the book to create a new ending! |