

Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding

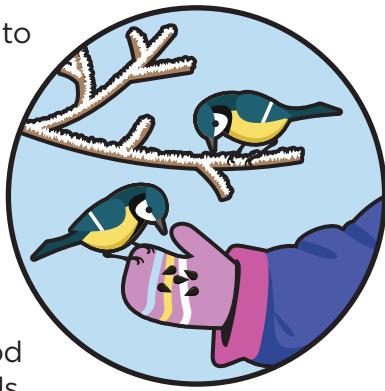
RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

SCIENCE/MATH

BIRDSEED

Materials: 1 bag of birdseed, measuring cups and/or cooking scale

Explain that many people throw birdseed at weddings for good luck, like Jenny's family in the story. (You might also explain that people used to throw rice until the myth that it makes birds explode gained popularity.) Divide up one bag of birdseed so everyone in the class has an equal amount. Let the class help you figure out how much everyone should get and how to measure it. This would be a good opportunity for a lesson on weights or measurements. Afterward, take the children outside and let them throw the birdseed for good luck/to feed the birds.



ART/SOCIAL STUDIES

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES!

In Chinese culture, the butterfly is a symbol of love.

Materials: round coffee filter, pipe cleaner, watercolor paints, brush, newspaper

1. Lay out several sheets of newspaper. Flatten coffee filter on top of newspaper.
2. Paint with watercolors and let dry.
3. Fold pipe cleaner in half. Place coffee filter in between bent halves of pipe cleaner. Twist pipe cleaner to secure coffee filter and create butterfly's antennae. Fan out each side of coffee filter for wings.

WRITING

SPECIAL RELATIVE PROJECT

Materials: paper, pencil, crayons

Have kids think about a relative they really love. Ask kids to draw a picture of this relative and write a story about something special they've done together.

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

We sometimes personify jealousy as a green-eyed monster. Explain personification to the kids and see if they can think of other examples. Have the children draw their own green-eyed monsters. Older students can write a story about a time they were jealous to go with their pictures. Younger students can decorate the edges of the paper with words or pictures of things that make them jealous.

