

Can be used in: Fall, Animals Sleeping in Winter or Camping Units

I. Concepts About Owls

- Owls are birds (feathers, wings, beak , claws)
- Owls can fly
- Owl eyes do not move
- Owls hunt their food at night (thus the saying, "like a night owl"
- Owls sleep during the day
- Owl babies hatch from eggs
- Owls live in nests, maybe in a tree, or a barn
- Owls say "who" "who"
- Owls eat mice and bugs

II. Stories That Can Be Read:

* *Owl Fact Book* by Teresa Williams

1. *The Happy Owls* by Celestino Piatti
2. *Owliver* by Robert Kraus
3. *The Mother Owl* by Edith Thacher Hurd (a good story to read to older students)
4. *Owl At Home* by Arnold Lobel
5. *Good Night Owl* by Pat Hutchins
6. *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
7. *Owl Moon* by Jan Yolen

III. Poems:

Wise Old Owl (I do not know the author)

A wise old owl sat in an oak
The more he heard, the less he spoke
The less he spoke the more he heard
Why aren't we like that old bird?
(Traditional saying)

Flannel Board Story: I made this into an interactive counting book.

5 Little Owls

5 little owls on a dark, dark night.
5 little owls are quite a sight.
5 little owls! Are you keeping score?

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5 Little Owls continued:

1 flies away and that leaves 4
4 little owls as happy as can be
1 flew away and that leaves 3
3 little owls calling, "Who, who, who."
1 flies away and that leaves 2
2 little owls having lots of fun
1 flew away and that leaves 1
1 little owl and we're almost done,
He flies away and that leaves none (zero).

By Lucia Kemp Henry in the Preschool Oct/Nov 1993 Mailbox Teaching Magazine

IV. Activities:

1. **Owl booklet:** from Preschool Oct/Nov 1993 Mailbox; color pages, I used stickers I made on the computer and printed them out on sticker paper since that is easier for my toddlers to use.
 - page one : moon and stars stickers (made sticker mice on computer)
 - page two: used confetti snowflakes
 - page three : made sticker mice on computer
 - page four: glue picture of borrowing owl from magazine
 - page five; made bugs stickers on computer
2. **Owl Masks:** Pattern in Preschool Mailbox Oct/Nov 2007 issue
 - students color and cut out if able
3. **Paper Bag Owls;** Cut out paper eyes and brown construction paper squares, and add paper wings. You can stuff the bag to make it 3-d. use patterns in Preschool Mailbox Oct/Nov 1993
4. **Owl in a tree 1:** Take a Pringles Chips container, cover it with brown paper, and add a paper tree trunk and leaves. Cut out a hole and add a tiny pine cone owl.

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IV. Activities Continued:

5. **Pine Cone Owls** (Angie Luebbert my assistant showed me how to make this).

Take pinecones, and stuff pieces of cotton between the cone pieces, Fill until full and looks white and fluffy. Add beaks, ears and feet.

The children added the beaks, ears and feet since they were too little to stuff the cotton. An older child could stuff the cotton in it

6. **Owl in Tree 2:** Use toilet tissue roll and paint it black or brown. Add a paper tree trunk and tree leaves. Cut out a hole in tree and take the child's index finger put on it small finger puppet and be the owl in the tree.

7. **Owl Booklet:** Preschool Mailbox Dec/Jan 2006/2007

Color the owls and staple together as book. The parents can read the owl facts to their child

8. **Color sheets:** color or paint owl

9. **Painted Owl:** Draw Owl outlines on white paper, let children paint them and add paper eyes, beak and feet