

FEATHERS FOR LUNCH

Beautiful pictures of birds and flowers make this book a real “nature” treat for children and adults!

Author and illustrator: Lois Ehlert

Ages: 3 – 7 years

Pages: 31

Themes: Natural instincts of cats and birds; identifying flowers; color identification

Whether you have a housecat for a pet or not.....you can take an adventurous trip outside with the cat in this book. Let them know that it's a natural thing for a cat to hunt for birds....it's not because they're mean, just a natural hunter. You can also talk about how birds can protect themselves by flying away.

You may have some of the plants that are shown on the pages of this book so talk about which ones you have and go look at them together. If you don't have plants at your house, go for a walk at the park or through the neighborhood and just enjoy the beauty of the colors. Be sure to talk about the color of the flowers and which one may be their favorite.

If you have a pet or are thinking about getting one, talk to your child about the responsibilities that go along with sharing your home with a pet. If you aren't able to have a pet because you live in an apartment or have allergies, you can still have fun by talking about an imaginary pet. What kind of animal would you like to have and what name would you choose? Get out some paper and colors and have fun drawing a picture of your real pet or the one that lives in your imagination!