

## Animal Adaptations

Ms. Swank's first grade class studied animal adaptations. One of the adaptations we studied was bird beaks. In order to get hand-on with this topic, the students experimented with different types and shapes of "bird beaks" and their ability to pick up various foods. The "beaks" we used represented various beak types, shapes and sizes: tweezers, chopsticks, straws, slotted spoons, and scissors. The foods students were asked to pick up mimicked real types of foods that birds eat: marshmallows (berries), gummy bears (bugs), rice (seeds), spaghetti (meat) and orange juice (nectar). The students were then asked to discuss in their groups and decide which beak worked best for which type of food, and what that told them about the diet of birds with that type of beak. It was a flying good time!!

