

Nobody Owns the Sky

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

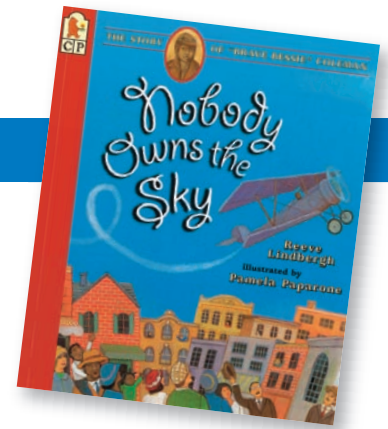
Themes: Black History, Women, Aviation, Bravery, Hard Work, Civil Rights

Grade Level: K to 3rd grade

Book Brief: The story of Bessie Coleman, a young woman who dreams of flying an airplane during the 1920s.

Author:
Reeve Lindbergh

Illustrator:
Pamela Paparone



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Find out what the children know about airplanes and flying to help them connect to the story and to Bessie's dream.

**This story states that Bessie died in a plane crash. Be prepared for any questions.*

RELATED ACTIVITIES

BANANA AIRPLANES (AGES 4-6)

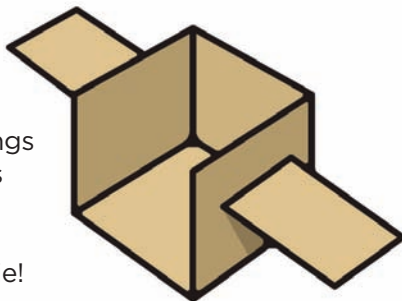
Ingredients: banana, pretzel sticks, chocolate chips

Cut 1 banana in 1/2. Use 4 pretzel sticks to make the wings (2 on each side). Use 6 chocolate chips for the windows. Press the pointed tops into the banana. Take a quick flight around your plate and enjoy!

CARDBOARD AIRPLANES (AGES 4-6)

Materials: large cardboard box, scissors, packing tape, markers or paint

Make a cardboard box into a plane for kids to fly! Cut flaps from box top into 2 wings and attach to box sides with tape. Let kids decorate the plane and pretend to fly like Bessie!



TOTALLY TUBULAR AIRPLANES (AGES 7-9)

Materials: paper towel tube, colored heavy paper, scissors, tape, markers or paint

Draw 2 wings on heavy paper. Cut out the wings with scissors. Fold the end of the wings under a 1/2 inch and tape to the tube. Decorate with markers or paint.



PAPER AIRPLANES (AGES 9-12)

Have kids create their own paper airplanes. Let them have a flight contest to see whose airplane travels the farthest. Check out this website for 5 free designs: www.funpaperairplanes.com.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

On Morning Wings (2002), *The Circle of Days* (2002), *Homer, the Library Cat* (2011).

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