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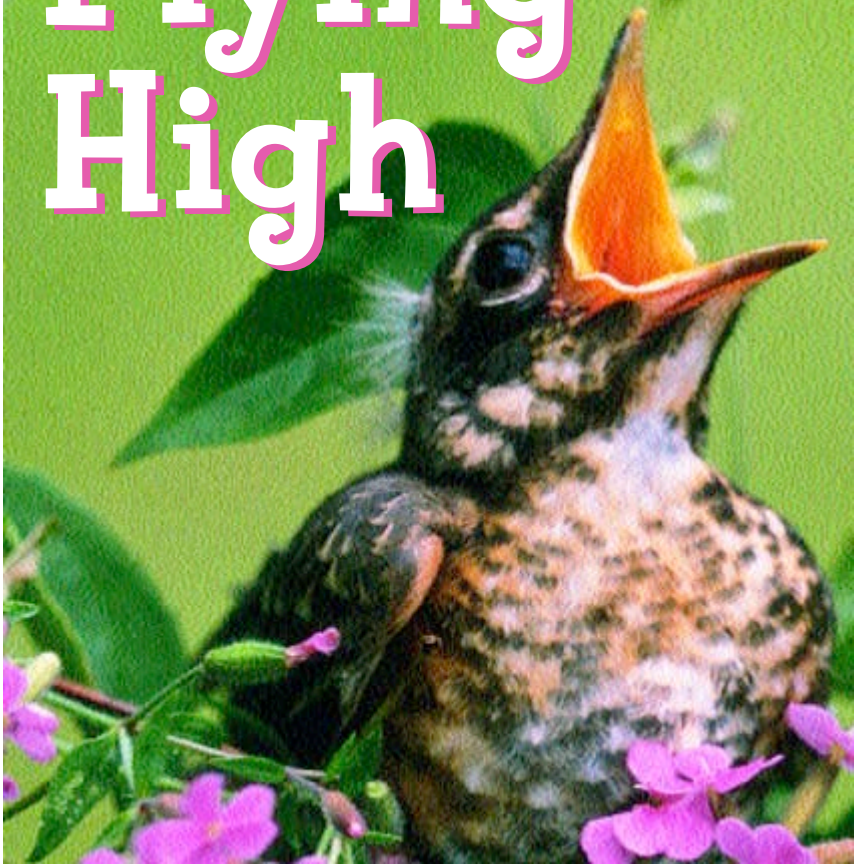
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There is a tree by the house. The tree is quite tall! It is leafy and green.



There is a nest in the tall tree. The nest is quite small! It is high above the house.



There are three small
eggs in the nest. Each
egg is white. Count
them—one, two, three!



Soon the shells crack.
Now there are three
young birds in the small
nest. They have tiny
eyes!



The little birds are hungry. They cry for food. Cheep, cheep, cheep!



The mama bird helps the baby birds. She finds food for them to eat. Now they are happy. Cheep, cheep, cheep!



The small birds are busy. It is time for them to learn how to fly. They try hard to flap their wings.



They are not afraid.
Nothing will stop them!

Oh, look! One bird flies
above the house and the
tree. Two more birds join
it in the air.





All three birds are flying high now. They go up, up, up! See them fly high into the sky?



The three small birds fly
up into the sky, into the
light of the sun.

Think and Respond

- 1 How many eggs are in the nest?
- 2 What happens before the hatchlings fly?
- 3 What things do you think you did before you learned how to walk?



Wings and Things Pretend you have wings. What happens when you flap them? What, besides wings, does a bird have that you don't? Why do you think birds can fly but you can't?



School-Home Connection Have your child read aloud the story to you. Review the words *learn*, *afraid*, *nothing*, and *join* in the story.