Nobody Owns the Sky

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**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, build background knowledge:** Find out what your child already knows about airplanes and flying.

*This story states that Bessie died in a plane crash. Be ready for any questions your child asks.

**While reading, point out the rhyming words:** Can your child guess the rhyming word to finish the next sentence?

**After reading, ask questions:**
- Why did Bessie want to fly?
- Who told her she was crazy?
- Where did Bessie learn to fly?
- How long do you think it takes to learn to fly an airplane?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

**BANANA AIRPLANES**

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!

**OUT AND ABOUT**

If you live near an airport, watch the planes take off and land. Visit your local library for great books on airplanes and pilots. For more fun activities, go to: www.nasm.si.edu/education/onlinelearning.cfm.

**TOTALLY TUBULAR!**

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

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

**PAPER AIRPLANES**

What kid doesn’t like paper airplanes? Check out this website for 5 free designs! www.funpaperairplanes.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR**

At the Museum in DC, story time takes place Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 11:00 am, plus Saturdays at 1:30 pm. Nobody Owns the Sky by Reeve Lindbergh will be read on the following dates: Thursday, February 13 at 11:00 am. Friday, February 14 at 11:00 am. Ultimately, Nobody Owns the Sky (such a great title, which makes for great conversations on its own!) shows the ways in which one individual can change the world simply by being themselves. The very last page is particularly compelling. By courageously venturing into uncharted territory, Bessie Coleman makes it possible for all kinds of children to dream of being pilots, and the illustration shows kids of all genders and skin-tones playing with airplanes and zooming around with their hands out. All in all, Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of "Brave Bessie" Coleman is a wonderful biographical picture book about a pioneer aviator â€“ Bessie Coleman. ...more. flag Like Â· see review. Jan 03, 2019 Kris rated it really liked it Â· review of another edition. Nobody Owns the Sky is the story of Bessie Coleman, a young African American woman who pursues her dreams of flying an airplane during the 1920s. This book is part of the Read for Success collection. To learn more about Read for Success, click here. Explore classroom activities, puzzles, teacher resources and enrichment pdfs for this book.