**Bird Feeder**

**Learning Goals**
Practice sorting items into sets; create patterns.

**What You’ll Need**
- Pipe cleaners
- Hole-shaped cereal
- Blueberries
- Ribbon

**Steps**

1. **Observe and sort!** Check out the characteristics of the blueberries and cereal, like color, texture, scent, taste and size, and sort them together by these characteristics.

2. **Create patterns!** Make patterns of cereal and berries, and ask the child to copy the pattern. When they finish, ask, “What comes next?” Ask them to create their own pattern.

3. **Make a bird feeder!** Make a small loop at the end of a pipe cleaner. Then, slide the food items onto the pipe cleaner in a repeating pattern and fasten the ends together. Bend the pipe cleaner into a circle. Hang up your bird feeder with ribbon.

**Talk Together**
- In the pattern “blueberry, cereal, cereal,” what comes next?
- What color, shape and texture are the blueberries?

**Book Suggestion**
*Inch by Inch*, by Leo Lionni

**Watch Video**

**Online Game**
*Dinosaur Train: All Star Sorting*
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