

Learning Bird and Split Classes

Teaching split classes can be challenging. Students may become distracted by what their peers are working on or it may be difficult to coordinate multiple tasks that will engage all of your students. One way to juggle multiple grade levels is to create opportunities for small group or individual work, so that you be free to deliver direct instruction.

Learning Bird has a wide variety of videos, handouts, presentations, and audio files that can be used to facilitate independent work.

You can...

- create a Learning Bird class page for each of the grades you teach. Search for and publish relevant resources to each class page. This will allow students to focus their learning on grade-appropriate content.
- use a video, audio file, or presentation to prompt thinking. Break students off into grade-level groups to discuss the content of the resource.
 - Tip: You may want to prepare discussion questions to help facilitate this.
- have one group of students view Learning Bird resources while you spend some one-on-one time with a student or with another group of students.
 - Tip: If students are watching a video or listening to an audio file, encourage note-taking. Students can also answer questions or complete activities that are mentioned in the resource. These strategies will ensure that students remain focused on the video or audio resource.
- prepare a set of additional questions as an extension activity for students who finish earlier.