Science Soars

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- 1. Forces of Flight
 - a. "Weight": gravity acting on mass of aircraft
 - b. Lift: upward force created by wings, rotors, engine or buoyant gas
 - c. Drag: friction of air resistance (and lift) that resists forward motion
 - d. Thrust: force propelling aircraft forward, usually from engine



- 2. Types of Aircraft (Source of Lift)
 - a. Airplanes (Wing)
 - b. Gliders (Wing)
 - c. Helicopters (Rotor)
 - d. Lighter Than Air (Buoyant Gas)
 - e. Powered Lift (Engine)
- 3. Investigating the Four Forces
 - a. Glider Construction
 - b. Wing Modification
 - c. Flight Tests

- 4. Three Axes of Control (Control Name)
 - a. Roll (Ailerons): dipping wings left and right
 - b. Pitch (Elevators): tipping nose up and down
 - c. Yaw (Rudder): sliding nose left and right
 - d. Explorations with Post-It-Notes



- 5. Activities
 - a. Gliders
 - i. Forces of Flight
 - ii. Flight Control w/Post-It Notes
 - b. Helicopters
 - i. Paper Helicopters
 - ii. Puddle Jumpers
 - iii. Balloon Helicopters
- 6. Resources
 - a. Gliders/Airplanes
 - i. Wooden Gliders: Paul K. Guillows (Eagle or Sky Streak)
 - ii. Mini Glider: Hiller Aviation Museum
 - iii. Paper Gliders: Oriental Trading, Rhode Island Novelty, US Toy
 - b. Helicopters
 - i. Free Paper Helicopter Pattern: http://quest.nasa.gov/space/teachers/rockets/act11ws2.html
 - ii. Inexpensive Puddle Jumpers: Oriental Trading Flying Dragonfly (IN-16/164), \$4/dz. NOTE: may require clay at bottom of shaft to balance properly.
 - iii. Balloon Helicopters: Rhode Island Novelty (intermittent), Steve Spangler Science (expensive). Should be \$0.50/each.