Stellaluna became lost from her mother when she was a baby. She did not get a chance to learn about who she was. Stellaluna feels very sad because she is not like her bird friends. Stellaluna is a very unique mammal with special gifts.

Let's help Stellaluna learn more about being a bat. It will be your quest to learn the facts about bats. You can help teach Stellaluna and others about the special qualities of being a bat.

After we read the book, we will work alone and with partners to find out more information about bats. You will investigate:

- the different types of bats
- how bat mothers care for their babies
- echolocation
- unique bat characteristics
- why bats are important to the world

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1. Stellaluna is one type of bat, a MEGABAT. Bats can be first classified into two groups, MEGABATS and microbats. Then there are several different types of bats within these two groups.

Microbats  

MEGABATS

2. Stellaluna had a loving mother. Your job is to find out how bat mothers care for their babies until they are able to be on their own.

How do bats raise their babies?

3. Bats can fly at night and not get hurt. Investigate their special gift called echolocation. Your job is to discover how echolocation works. Could you use echolocation to see in the dark like bats do?

Echolocation

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4. Bats are unique mammals. Discover all about their special traits and how they help our world. After you become a "Bat Master", investigate why people are afraid of bats. How could you change the minds of people who are afraid of bats so they might like bats?

**What good are bats?**

**Why are bats scary?**

5. This is your opportunity to show that you are a bat expert! Use Kid Pix to draw your favorite part of the story and tell why Stellaluna and all bats are special.

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