

*Dear Family,*

**In my class today** I went on a nature walk and made a bird nest.

**Did You Know?**

- Most birds build nests in which they lay their eggs. Most nests are made from materials that birds collect in their environment such as string, sticks, grass and other materials from plants. Some birds make a nest in a shallow depression made in sand or in knot-hole left by a broken branch. Not all birds build nests.
- Birds keep their eggs warm by brooding or sitting on the eggs. Birds sit on their eggs until they hatch. For some birds, such as gulls, both males and females share brooding. In many species of songbirds, the female broods the eggs and the male brings food to the brooding female. In a few species, only the male broods the eggs.

**Ask Your Child:**

- What did you do on your nature walk?
- What did you see?
- How did you make the bird nest?
- Why do birds need nests?

**Activities To Do With Your Child:**

- Take a nature walk in your neighborhood, a park, or a wooded area. Look up in the trees, close to the ground, under rocks or logs, and in bushes. Do you see any birds or squirrels or insects? Where are the animals and bugs? What are they doing? The birds and squirrels and insects are in their habitats.
- Help your child identify the different things that you see in the habitat of each living thing. Pick one of the living things that you and your child saw. Draw a picture of its habitat and send the picture to school to share.

**Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:** bird, nest, habitat, egg, hatch, twigs