

Dear Family,

In my class today we made spiders and a spider web.

Did You Know?

• Spiders come in many sizes, shapes, and colors, but they all have certain characteristics in common. All spiders have two body sections (insects have three). Most spiders have four pairs of simple eyes. Some spiders have six, four, two or no eyes. Spiders have eight legs (insects have six legs). Spiders have spinnerets that secrete a liquid that hardens into "silk", which they use to make webs. Another word for spider is arachnid.

Ask Your Child:

- What did you use to make the spiders?
- What did you do with the spiders after you made them?
- How did you make the web?
- How big was the web?
- Can we draw a picture of a web with a spider on it?

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Most homes contain a spider or two—it has nothing to do with cleanliness!
- Spiders are smart and hard workers. They are able to find places to spin their webs where humans will not notice them. Walk around your house (inside or out) and look for evidence of spiders. They spin beautiful and intricate webs. Sometimes, it is easier to spot a web after it rains because the raindrops cling to the web.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child: web, spider, arachnid, crawl, small, silk