

Dear Family: in class today, we explored crustaceans. We experimented with eggs in water.

Did you know?

- Crustaceans and insects are a little bit alike. They are both arthropods.
- Arthropods have a hard shell. It is called an exoskeleton.
- Arthropods have segmented bodies. They also have jointed legs.
- Other crustaceans are lobsters, crabs, and shrimp. Most crustaceans live in salt water.

Ask your child:

- How are crustaceans and insects alike?
- What did you use for your experiment?
- Describe what happened to the eggs.

Vocabulary:

- crustacean – an animal that has a hard shell. Crustaceans are a kind of arthropod.
- insect – a small animal with a hard covering over its body. Insects have three body parts. They have two antennae and six legs.
- arthropod – a large group of animals. Arthropods have hard shells on their bodies.
- salt water – water that is full of salt.
- fresh water – water that is not full of salt.
- density – having parts that are very close together. The parts have very little space between them.

Activity:

Help your child to draw an under-the-sea picture. They can include fish, seaweed, and rocks. Make sure that they add a crustacean, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp. Send it to school to share with us.