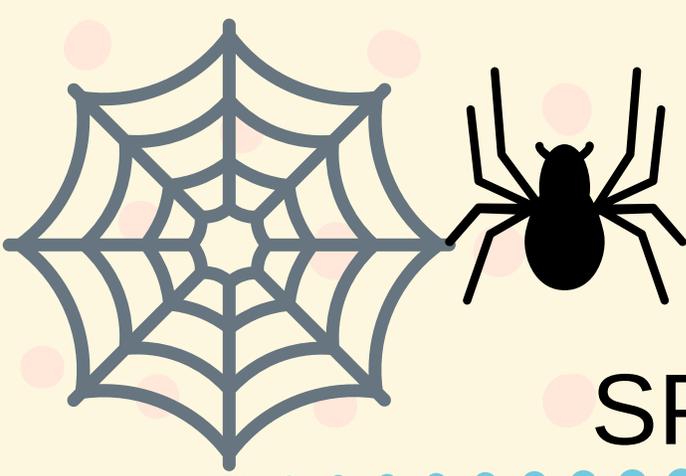


Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!



SPIDERS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

The Hugely-Wugely Spider
by Ethan T. Berlin

I'm Trying To Love Spiders
(It Isn't Easy) **(non-fic)**
by Bethany Barton

Just Itzy
by Lana Krumwiede

I Love Bugs!
by Emma Dodd

Diary Of A Spider
by Doreen Cronin

Aaaarrgghh! Spider!
by Lydia Monks

Little Miss Spider
by David Kirk

Walter's Wonderful Web
by Tim Hopgood

Bear's Scare
by Jacob Grant

The Weaver
by Qian Shi

A Web
by Isabelle Simler

The Very Busy Spider
by Eric Carle

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Little Miss Muffet [English Nursery Rhyme]

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
There came a big spider,
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away

Itsy Bitsy Spider [English Nursery Rhyme]

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout **[ASL sign for 'spider,' moving up]**
Down came the rain **[ASL sign for 'rain']**
And washed the spider out **[swipe your hands down and outward]**
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain **[make a circle overhead with your arms]**
And the itsy bitsy spider crawled up the spout again **[ASL sign for 'spider,' moving up]**

[Verses: big fat hairy spider (sung in a deep voice); quick speedy spider (sung fast); really slow spider (sung slowly)]

I'm A Little Spider

[Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"]

I'm a little spider, watch me spin.
If you'll be my dinner, I'll let you come in.
Then I'll build my web to hold you tight,
and gobble you up in one big bite!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Spider"



To do the sign for "spider" use "curved 5-hands" to represent the legs of a spider. Wiggle the fingers up and down as you move the sign forward a short distance.

Five Little Spiders [fingerplay]

Five little spiders spinning webs in a door,
one spun away and then there were four.
Four little spiders spinning webs with glee,
one spun away and then there were three.
Three little spiders spinning webs brand new,
one spun away and then there were two.
Two little spiders spinning webs in the sun,
one spun away and then there was one.
One little spider spinning webs all alone,
she spun away and then there were none.

The Spider Spins A Web

[Tune: "The Farmer In The Dell"]

The spider spins a web,
The spider spins a web,
Round, round, up and down,
the spider spins a web.

[Verses: *she spins it in and out; she spins it back and forth; she spins it good and strong*]

Spider Supper

[Tune: "The Farmer In The Dell"]

The spider catches a fly.
The spider catches a fly,
Hi ho the dairy-o,
The spider catches a fly.

[Verses: *flea, mosquito, beetle, wasp*]

MORE FUN!

DIY Spider Web

Materials:

Paper plate
Yarn or twine
Hole punch
Scissors
(Optional) Pom poms
(Optional) Googly eyes
(Optional) Pipe cleaners



Help your child to:

- Cut out the middle portion of the paper plate.
- Punch holes around the plate's rim.
- Cut a strand of yarn about 36 inches long.
- Lace the yarn through the holes, crossing back and forth to create their very own spider web!

[Optional] Cut pipe cleaners into eight small pieces and glue these 'legs' and two googly eyes onto a pom pom to make a spider (or two or three!) for your web!

This activity (like other weaving and lacing crafts and toys) is great for developing your child(ren)'s fine-motor and hand-eye coordination skills.

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Did you know that spiders are not insects, but rather **ARACHNIDS**? Other arachnids include: scorpions, ticks, and mites.

What other animals can you and your child(ren) think of that begin with the letter "S?"

Are you or your child(ren) scared of spiders? ***It's okay to have fears and to talk about them with your child(ren). But information is often the enemy of fear***; did you know that out of more than 3,000 species of spiders in North America, there are only two (the black widow and brown recluse) that are venomous.

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