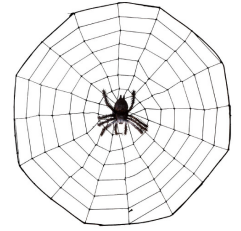


# St. George Classroom News

October 15, 2011



## In our classroom this month...

We have been examining some **Creepy Crawlies**. In the book *Spiders* by Melvin and Gilda Berger we learned that different types of spiders make different types of webs. While we were spinning spider webs, with glue and glitter, Alexandra observed that “we all made different kinds of webs too”. In our Dramatic Play area our friends enjoyed making and serving tea at Ms. Spider’s Tea Party, as well as sending the itty bitsy spider down the “water spout”. We all loved our gross motor activity this month. We have been playing spider web tag. One friend gets to be the spider while everyone else is an insect. The spider has to try to catch the insects and freeze them on the web for supper time.

## Ask your child...

How many legs does an insect have? How many legs does an arachnid have?

## Books we love...

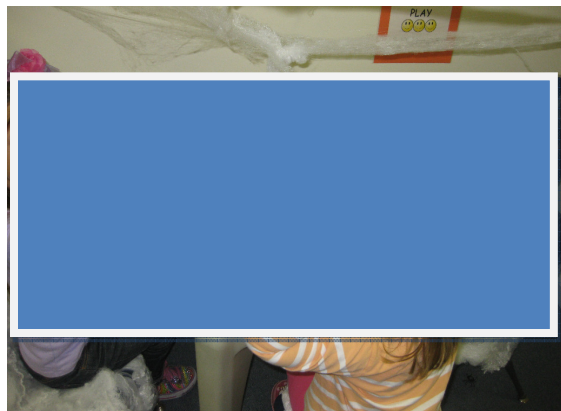
This month the kids enjoyed reading *The Very Clumsy Click Beetle* by Eric Carle. My favorite was *Miss Spider’s Tea Party* by David Kirk. This is a wonderful counting book as well as a sweet story about a spider who only wants to be friends with the fearful insects she meets.

**Try this at home:** Building a strong pincer grasp is the foundation of strong writing skills. Rolling, pinching, poking and molding with clay or play dough are a great way to build this skill. Sit with your child and show them how you can **roll** long lines of clay into snakes, squeeze large pieces to separate into smaller sections, and **twist** off even smaller pieces to **roll** into balls. With clay, the colder it is the more difficult it will be to work with. The more your child works it in their hands the warmer and easier it will get to work with. This is built in positive reinforcement... The more they work, the easier it gets. Try making letters, numbers, or creepy crawlies. Most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**

## Dates to remember:

Wednesday 10/26 - Early Release Day–12pm

Thursday 10/27- Creative Creatures  
Enrichment Program



## Wish List:

We will be practicing tracing our letters in shaving cream. If you could bring in some **shaving cream** to share, we would greatly appreciate it. Any brand will do.

## Looking Ahead:

In November we will be **Sailing the Seven Seas**. We will build boats, create a compass, and travel to look for treasures. If you have any books about these topics please feel free to bring them in to share with our class.