Spider Web Snacks

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:
1. Prepare food.
2. Learn about spiders.
3. Develop their ability to follow directions.

VOCABULARY

bugs  eat  munch  web

churn  eat  insects  spider

WHAT TO DO

1. Talk with the children about spiders and spider webs or read one of the spider books listed on this page, and then gather the children around for this fun snack activity.
2. Provide each child with a rice cake.
3. Guide each child as they squirt a spider web across their rice cake, using the bottle of squeezable cheese.
4. Provide the children with a piece of fruit snack to represent the “spider” and have them place it on the web of cheese.
5. Invite the children to add other little “bugs” (seeds, nuts, dried fruit pieces) to the spider web for the spider to eat.
6. After each child has prepared the snack, invite the children to munch away on this fun edible spider web.

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER TIPS

- Use graham crackers in place of rice cakes for a less expensive treat.
- Make a simple spider puppet by sewing felt eyes to a glove. Attach three more “legs” to the puppet by sewing three fingers cut from the other glove, to the puppet. Invite the children to manipulate this fun glove puppet as the children teach small groups of classmates what they know about spiders.

ASSESSMENT

Consider the following:
- Invite each child to talk about her spider web with a partner before they eat the snack.
- Display a picture of a spider in its web. Provide a child with a spider puppet. Allow the child to explain how a spider spins a web, catches its prey, and so on.

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LEARN EVERY DAY ABOUT BUGS AND SPIDERS

Materials

- rice cakes
- 2–3 cans of processed squeezable cheese
- gummy fruit snacks
- raisins or other small edibles such as sunflower seeds, dried fruit, or nuts
- paper plates

Children's Books

- Little Miss Spider by David Kirk
- Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

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