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From spectacular spider webs to fascinating folklore, there's plenty to discover during the Halloween season.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spiders are not insects. They belong to a separate group of animals called **arachnids**. Unlike insects, spiders have **eight** legs and **two** main body parts.

HEY, WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

Spiders can sense prey and danger through vibrations in their webs. Their silk is so sensitive that tiny movements can travel through it from several feet away! Scientists have even studied spider silk to inspire new technology, including microphones and materials that are both super strong and very lightweight.

ANANSI THE TRICKSTER SPIDER

Anansi is a character from West African folklore, commonly depicted as a spider, who uses his quick thinking and sneaky tricks to outsmart bigger animals. In one famous story, Anansi captures a python, a leopard, and a swarm of hornets to **gain the stories of the world**.

SPIN-A-STORY

- 1 Cut out the spider and finger band.
- 2 Adjust the band to fit your finger and tape to secure.
- 3 Tape or glue the spider to the band.



Finger Band

Read Aloud
15 MINUTES

				THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 National Poetry Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 National Cat Day	30	31 Halloween

