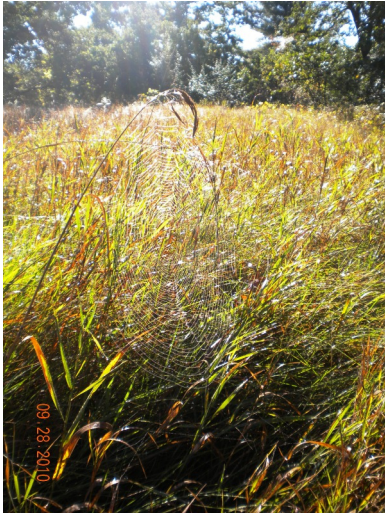




This morning at circle time we read the book Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert. After reading this book, we had a conversation about trees by the children's houses and if the leaves were changing colors. Devon said, "My trees are changing color." Genevieve said, "My leaves are gone on my tree." Josiah said, "At my friend's house I saw a tree with red, yellow, and orange leaves." Sydney said, "My leaves are going to change the same color as my kitty." Natalie said, "My leaves haven't changed. Tomorrow they will." Addison said, "My leaves haven't changed." Madelyn said she noticed her "neighbors tree changing colors." We asked the children to take a picture of the trees in their yard and have their mom or dad email us the pictures so the children can share what the trees at their house look like. When we left to go on our nature walk, the children noticed that the leaves on the maple tree

on our playground were beginning to change. The children were also excited to see how many leaves were on the ground.



As we walked down the road, we noticed a spider web in the grass. We talked about the shape of the web and why we could see it so well. As we walked across the bridge, Natalie noticed another spider web by the railing of the bridge. We could see this web really well because of the dew on the web.



Just before we walked through the tall flowers, we noticed another spider web in the grass!





We walked through the tall flowers and when we came out on the other side, the children were mesmerized by the scene in front of us.



It was kind of foggy and wet and we could see so many spider webs we



couldn't even count them all. Devon found a web between two plants and called his friend Lucas over to look at it with him. Devon and Lucas wondered where the water on the web came from and thought that maybe



As they were looking at the web, Lucas bumped the plant, causing the drops of water to fall off. The boys were sad they couldn't see the web anymore but learned that they need to be very careful when observing nature because often times in nature things are very fragile and need to be treated with care. We found another web with a very large spider in it! The children were very curious about the spider and no one was afraid to get near the web in order to see the spider.

