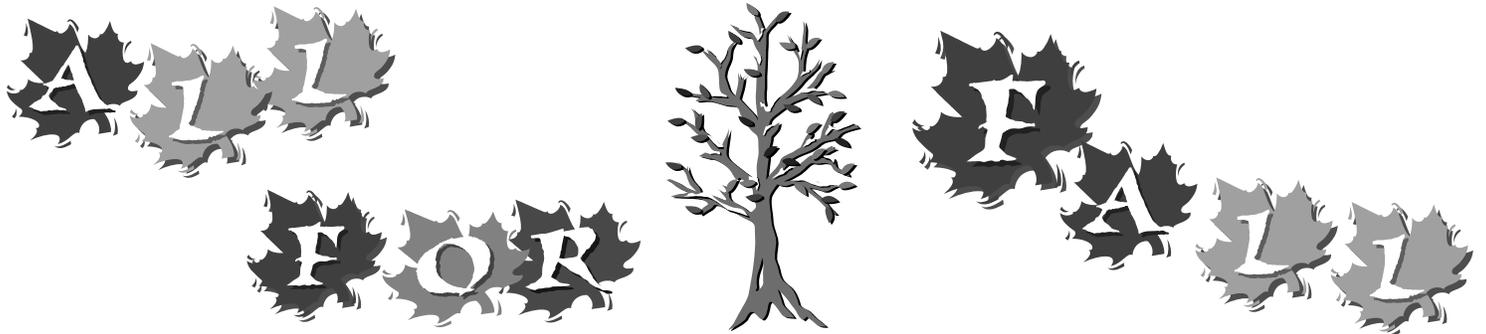


Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.



Books To Share

*There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed
Some Leaves*

by Lucille Colandro

Leaf Man

by Lois Ehlert

It's Fall

by Linda Glaser

Fall Mixed Up

by Bob Raczka

Fall

by Victoria Parker

Mouse's First Fall

by Lauren Thompson

Plumply, Dumply Pumpkin

by Mary Serfozo

When Will the Snow Trees Grow?

by Ben Shecter

Four Friends In Autumn

by Tomie De Paola

I Know It's Autumn

by Eileen Spinelli

Hello, Harvest Moon

by Ralph Fletcher

Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree,
Two little apples smiled at me.
So I shook that tree as hard as I could
And down came the apples....
Mmmmmm....were they good!

Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down

(tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down")

Autumn leaves are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
Autumn leaves are falling down
All over town.

Additional verses:

The wind can blow them round and round...
They're drifting gently to the ground...
Take a rake and rake them up...
Make a pile of leaves and jump right in...

Fall Leaves

(Hold up five fingers and put a finger down each time a leaf falls.)

Five fall leaves, five and no more
The caterpillar ate one; now there are four.
Four fall leaves; that's easy to see.
Along came a rainstorm; now there are three.
Three fall leaves; nothing much to do.
A big wind blew; now there are two.
Two fall leaves; that's some fun.
I glued one on my paper and now there is one.
Hang on, pretty fall leaf! Your branches won't break.
You're one less leaf for me to rake!



The Old Scarecrow

(Act out all motions.)

The old scarecrow is a funny old man.
He flaps in the wind as hard as he can.

He flaps to the right,
He flaps to the left.

He flaps back and forth
'Til he's most out of breath.

His arms swing out,
His legs swing too.

He nods his head,
"How do you do?"

See him flippity flop
When the wind blows hard.

The old scarecrow
In our backyard.



Five Little Acorns

(tune: "Five Little Ducks")

Five little acorns swaying in a tree,
Hanging from a branch as high as can be.
Along came the wind and blew one away.
Four little acorns are left to sway.

(Repeat with four, three two, and one acorn)

Down came a squirrel from high in the tree,
Searching for food as fast as can be.
He saw those acorns tasty and round,
And hid them in a hole that he dug in the ground.

Five Little Squirrels

Five little squirrels with acorns to store.
One went to sleep and then there were four!
Four little squirrels hunting acorns in a tree.

One fell down and now there are three!
Three little squirrels wondering what to do.

One got lost and now there are two!
Two little squirrels tossing acorns for fun.

One got tired and now there is one!
One little squirrel playing in the sun.
He ran away and now there are none.



Other Fun Things

Hand-y Fall Craft

Here's a hand-y hint! Help your child trace around his/her forearm and hand with fingers spread out on a sheet of brown construction paper or brown paper sack; the tracing should resemble a tree trunk and bare branches. Help your child glue the "tree" to a blue sheet of construction paper. Use paint, markers, or torn-paper pieces to make "leaves" for the tree.

Have an Apple-Tasting Party

Buy at least three different varieties of apples (e.g., Golden Delicious, Gala, Braeburn, Granny Smith). Cut them into slices, and let children taste the different varieties. You can even do blind-fold taste tests. Which one do you like the best? Which is crunchier? Sweeter? Juicier?



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