



**Every Your**

**Child Ready to Read**

**\*Autumn & Apples\* Family Storytime @ Corinth Library**

Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills\*  
your child can start learning from birth!

**1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.**

- Talk with your child about what we did at toddler time today.
- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :
  - Ten Apples Up On Top by Dr. Seuss
  - Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall
  - Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
  - The Magic Apple by Corinne Demas
- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.

**2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.**

- Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read, help your child pick a book she/he wants to take home.
- Let your child see you reading for your enjoyment.

**3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.**

- Ask your child to name things that are fun to do in the autumn.

**4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.**

- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.

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**5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.**

- Help your child play with the letter A: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up apple slices on their lunch plate.

**6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.**

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.

**Leaves are Falling**

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

The leaves are falling down,  
The leaves are falling down,  
Red, yellow, green and brow,  
The leaves are falling down.

**Leaves are Turning**

Tune: Wheels on the Bus

The Leaves are turning  
strawberry red,  
strawberry red,  
strawberry red. The leaves  
are turning strawberry  
red, all autumn long.

The leaves are turning  
sunshine yellow....  
The leaves are turning  
pumpkin orange....

**Five Little Squirrels**

Five little squirrels, hiding nuts near the door,  
One ran away and then there were four.

Four little squirrels climbing a tree. One ran  
away and that left three.

Three little squirrels, with coats warm and  
new, one ran away and then there were two.

Two little squirrels warming in the autumn  
sun, One ran away, leaving only one.

One little squirrel wasn't having any fun,  
He ran away and then there were none.

**Autumn Leaf Shuffle**

Move those feet and start to prance.  
Let us do an autumn dance.

Tap your toes upon the ground, when a  
bunch of leaves are found.

Shuffle left. Then shuffle right.  
Crunch those leaves with all your might.

Toss a few into the air.  
Skip around let people stare.

Shuffle step and jump with me,  
As we dance around the tree.

**Hibernation Song**

Tune: Are you sleeping

Bear is sleeping, bear is sleeping,  
in a cave, in a cave. I wonder when he'll  
come out; I wonder when he'll come  
out. In the spring, in the spring.



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