



Kit theme: **AUTUMN**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Little Yellow Leaf** by Carin Berger
 2. **Leaf Man** by Lois Ehlert
 3. **The Leaves Fall All Around** by Steve Mack
 4. **Leaves** by David Ezra Stein
 5. **The Busy Little Squirrel** by Nancy Tafuri
- DVD: **A Bear For All Seasons**
- CD and Book: **Fletcher and the Falling Leaves**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Every Autumn Comes the Bear by Jim Arnosky
The Pumpkin Fair by Eve Bunting
Read Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming
The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree by Gail Gibbons
It's Fall by Linda Glaser
Possum's Harvest Moon by Anne Hunter
Fall Is Not Easy by Marty Kelley
Wild Child by Lynn Plourde
Apples and Pumpkins by Anne F. Rockwell
In November by Cynthia Rylant
Autumn by Steven Schnur
I Know It's Autumn by Eileen Spinelli

See the back for activities to help children with these *6 by 6 Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books
Notice Print
Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories
Look for Letters
Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas – Autumn

Talk Before Reading. As the season changes from summer to autumn, talk with children about the details they will notice – colorful leaves, crisp air, animals preparing for winter, etc. Many of these seasonal words & phrases won't be used the rest of the year. Find examples from your discussion in the books you read.

Leaf Man. After reading *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert, gather fallen leaves and create your own leaf creature. Make up a story about where the wind will take him and what he'll see. After telling the story, review it aloud pointing out how the story started, what happened in the middle, and how it ended. Re-telling stories in sequence is related to reading comprehension.

Make a Book. Gather fallen leaves and help your child create a leaf book. Your child can position dry leaves between sheets of waxed paper then you seal the sheets together with a clothes iron. Staple these pages together like a book and allow your child to design a wrap-around cover. Identifying the parts of a book – cover, back, spine, title, author, etc. – is all part of our Notice Print All Around You pre-reading skill.

Pumpkins, Pumpkins. The stores are filled with pumpkins and gourds of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Spend a few minutes looking at these displays when you go out shopping. Look for similarities and differences; help your child choose descriptive words for what they see.

Learn rhymes, songs and fingerplays.

The Leaves of the Trees

(to the tune of *The Wheels on the Bus*)

The leaves of the trees turn orange and red,
Orange and red, orange and red,
The leaves of the trees turn orange and red,
All through the town.

The leaves of the trees come tumbling down,
Tumbling down, tumbling down,
The leaves of the trees come tumbling down,
All through the town.

The leaves on the ground go swish swish swish,
Swish swish swish, swish swish swish,
The leaves on the ground go swish swish swish,
All through the town.

Leaves

The leaves are dropping from the trees,
Yellow, brown, and red.
They patter softly like the rain;
One landed on my head!

October Gave a Party

October gave a party,
The leaves by hundreds came.
The ashes, oaks, and maples
And leaves of every name.
The sunshine spread a carpet
And everything was grand.
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

You'll find a printable copy of this activity sheet by searching for this kit in our Library's web catalog.



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