

# Fall

## Storytime To Go

### Books

*Leaf Man*

Lois Ehlert

*Fall Ball*

Peter McCarty

*Fletcher and the Falling Leaves*

Julia Rawlinson

*South*

Patrick McDonnell

*Mouse's First Fall*

Lauren Thompson

*By the Light of the  
Harvest Moon*

Helen Ziefert

*Crafts to Make in the Fall*

Kathy Ross

### Fingerplays

#### Autumn Leaves

By R. Underhill

*Actions adapted from Whatcom  
County Library System*

I love to watch the autumn leaves  
as they tumble down  
(*fingers float to the ground*)

I love to hear their crackling  
As my feet trod over the ground.  
(*"walk" fingers on open palm*)

I love to rake them in a heap  
And watch the children play  
(*rake fingers on open palm and  
pretend to throw some in the air*)

For soon the color will be gone  
Replaced by snow some day.  
(*hug self and shiver*)

#### Five Little Leaves

Five little leaves up in a tree.  
One little leaf said, "Look at me!"  
The leaf let go and down he fell.  
"EEEEEEEEEE!"  
Ouch! He didn't feel so well.  
(Repeat with four, three,...)

From King County Library System

### Action Rhymes

#### Leaf Pile

When the leaves are on the  
ground  
(*flutter hands to the floor*)

Instead of on the trees  
(*arms outstretched and fingers  
stretched like branches*)

I like to make a great big pile,  
(*arch hands over "leaf pile"*)

Way up to my knees,  
(*hands on knees*)

Then I run and jump in them,  
(*jump up and down*)

As silly as you please!  
(*act out silly motions*)

From [childcarelounge.com](http://childcarelounge.com)



## Songs

### Fall Leaves

*Sung to Frere Jacques*

Leaves are falling  
Leaves are falling  
(fingers flutter down)

Floating down  
Floating down

Red, brown and orange  
Falling high in piles  
Let's jump right in,  
(jump into leaf pile)

Jump right in.

*From The Storytime Sourcebook II*

### Leaves on the Trees

*(Sung to "The Wheels on the Bus". Act out the motions.)*

The leaves on the trees turn  
orange and red, orange and red,  
orange and red;  
The leaves on the trees turn  
orange and red,  
all through the town.

The leaves on the trees come  
twirling down, twirling down,  
twirling down;  
The leaves on the trees come  
twirling 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.

*From King County Library System*

### Squirrel Song

*Sung to "She'll be Coming  
Round the Mountain"*

I'll be gathering all the acorns  
till they're gone.  
I'll be gathering all the acorns  
till they're gone.  
I'll be gathering all the acorns,  
Gathering all the acorns,  
Gathering all the acorns till  
they're gone.

And I'll put them all inside my  
little home.  
I will put them all inside my  
little home.  
I will put them all inside,  
Put them all inside,  
Put them all inside my little  
home.

And I'll eat the nuts until the  
winter's gone.  
I will eat the nuts until the  
winter's gone  
I will eat the nuts until,  
Eat the nuts until,  
Eat the nuts until the winter's  
gone.

Then I'll do it all again come  
next fall.  
I will do it all again come next  
fall.  
I will do it all again,  
do it all again  
Do it all again come next fall.

*From youthliterature.com*

### Early literacy take-home:

During your next autumn walk with your child, have him or her make connections between the fall themed books you've read together and what they see on their walk; changing leaves, squirrels looking for food, pumpkins, etc. Making connections between their world and the text they read develops reading comprehension skills.

## Arts & Crafts

### Leaf Rubbings

Gather various leaves with your child (make sure they aren't too crumbly). Place the leaves under a blank sheet of white paper and use the sides of crayons to gently create beautiful leaf rubbings.

### Wax Paper Sun Catchers

Use gathered leaves in varying Autumn shades to create sun catchers. Place leaves between two sheets of wax paper. Place the wax paper between two towels and press with an iron on very low heat. Hang the finished product in your window to see the beautiful colors come to life.

## Science & Math

### Sort and Discuss Seeds and Leaves

Gather plants that have recently gone to seed and leaves of all shapes, sizes and color. Sort the seeds and leaves by their various attributes; color, shape, size. Ask your child if they can think of any other attributes to sort by.

Spend some time talking about questions and observations your child may have about leaves and seeds in the fall; why they change color, why do plants produce seeds and how do they grow into new plants, etc.

### Questions about this kit?

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