

Leaves are Falling

Wednesday

Book: The Leaves are Falling One by One by Steve Metzger ***

I am a Leaf by Jean Marzollo ***

Why Do Leaves Change Colors by Betsy Maestro

Activity:

Ask the children what they think happens when the Fall season arrives. What do the leaves do? What happens to the weather? What kinds of clothes do we have to wear?

Using the chart in the story room, draw a tree on the paper without leaves. Ask the children to list different colors of leaves. As they give their answers draw leaves on the tree in the appropriate color that they have said.

Little Leaves

(Sung to "Ten Little Indians")

One little, two little, three little leaves,
four little, five little, six little leaves,
seven little, eight little, nine little leaves,
ten little leaves fall down.

Spanish:

Leaves – las hojas



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Friday

Book: Leaves by Melvin and Gilda Berger ***
When the Leaf Blew In by Steve Metzger ***
Fall Changes by Ellen B. Senisi ***

Activity:

When the leaf blew in if “moved” and “blew” around. What did the spider do when the cow said ah-choo? What did the owl do when the spider landed on him? What about the pig when the owl swooped out of the barn? What did the goat do when the pig dove into the mud? What happened when the goat kicked the bucket? What happened when the chicken spun around? What happened to the horse? And the sheep? The duck? The frog? The dragonfly? The dog? The squirrel? The robin? How did this all start? (When the leaf blew in!)

Did you notice that the leaf “blew” and “moved” around? Did you notice that all the animals “moved” around. Lets get up and move around like leaves! Afterwards, see the song below.

Leaves, Leaves Falling Down
(Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Leaves, leaves falling down, (Wiggle fingers downward)
Falling on the ground.
Red, Yellow, Orange and Brown,
Triangle, oval and round.

(With each thumb touching and each forefinger touching, make shapes.)

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Hey Diddle, Diddle

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon!

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Fall Trees

Ingredients:

- ❖ Graham crackers
- ❖ Chocolate icing
- ❖ Pretzel sticks
- ❖ M&Ms

Directions:

Give each child one square graham crackers. Give each child a plastic knife dipped inside the chocolate icing and allow them to spread the icing on their graham cracker. Then give each child one (or two or three) pretzel sticks and ask them to stand them up to resemble a tree. Then give them a few M&Ms and ask them to lay them on the chocolate icing to look like colorful leaves that fell off the pretzel tree. Place this in a baggie (you may need to lay the pretzels down) and send this home with the children that day.

Friday

Dried Leaf Art

Items you will need:

- ❖ Dried (and crumbled) leaves
- ❖ Leaf cut-out from construction paper
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Paintbrushes

Directions:

Have the children spread glue on their leaf cut-out. Then ready for them in a bowl, have them sprinkle the dried leaf pieces onto their leaf cut-out.