

Involve Families in the Study of Fall Leaves

Children explore the school grounds, gather leaves, and look for signs of the season. Returning to the classroom, they are immersed in literature, poems, and songs. With leaves in hand, the children experience the cycle of nature again through drama. **Meaningful “parents as partners” connections encourage families to take walks with their child and collect leaves.** The leaves are pressed, returned to school for science, drama, and art explorations. When the child brings home their Poetry (“I Can Read”) Notebooks featuring poems about leaves, the parent and child can celebrate the language of fall together.

Children sing and dramatize the poetry of *Falling Leaves*:
Leaves Are Falling; Falling to the ground



See them gently twirl around; Dancing ‘til they touch the ground.



Leaves are falling; Falling to the ground.

Favorite information picture books:

Leaf Man, Lois Ehlert
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf, Lois Ehlert
Look What I Did With A Leaf! Morteza E. Sohi

Songs and rhymes to memorize:

Leaves Are Falling, Nellie Edge
Like a Leaf or a Feather, anonymous
One By One, Margaret Wise Brown
Who Has Seen The Wind?, Christina Rossetti

Download Songs and Poems for Poetry (“I Can Read”) Notebooks at www.nellieedge.com/whatsnew.htm

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