

Autumn Story Time Kit

Books:

- *Mouse's First Fall* by Lauren Thompson (Ages 3-5)
- *Leaf Jumpers* by Carole Gerber (Ages 4-6)
- *Apple Farmer Annie* by Monica Wellington (Ages 3-5)
- *It's Fall!* by Linda Glaser (Ages 4 and up)
- *Fall is Here! I Love It!* by Elaine W. Good (Ages 4 and up)
- *Fall* by Ailie Busby (Ages 2-3)

Activities:

- Fingerplay: Fall Poem
- Fingerplay: Way Up High in the Apple Tree
- Fingerplay: Five Red Apples
 - Can be used with apple tree felt board pieces
- Poem: Five Little Leaves
 - Can be used with apple tree felt board pieces
- Craft: Pumpkin Patch Di-Vine
- Craft: Fall Leaves Place Mats
- Sensory: Feel Box

Additional book suggestions:

- *I Know It's Autumn* by Eileen Spinelli
- *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert
- *Autumn Leaves* by Ken Robbins
- *Fall Leaves Fall!* by Zoe Hall
- *Who Loves the Fall?* by Bob Rascka

Fall Poem

by Melissa W.

Red and yellow, green and brown.

(count off colors on fingers)

Leaves are falling to the ground.

(simulate falling leaves with hands)

We pile them up OH SO HIGH:

('pile' leaves with hands)

Then we JUMP in, My dog and I!

(pretend to jump in)

Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree

(stretch arms up high)

Two red apples smiled at me

(hold up two fingers)

I shook that tree as hard as I could

(make a shaking motion)

Down came the apples...

(make a downward motion)

And mmm, they were good!

(smile and rub stomach)

Five Red Apples

Five red apples hanging in a tree

(Hold up five fingers)

The juiciest apples you ever did see.

The wind came by and gave an angry frown

(Fingers flutter downward)

And one little apple came tumbling down

(Lower one finger)

Four red apples, hanging in a tree

(Hold up four fingers)

Repeat the song, reducing the number of apples by one in each of the succeeding verses.

Five Little Leaves

Five little leaves on the tree next door,
One fell off, and then there were four.
Four little leaves all over the tree,
One fell off, and then there were three.
Three little leaves where the wind blew,
One fell off, and then there were two.
Two little leaves sitting in the sun,
One fell off, and then there was one.
One little leaf in the tree all alone,
The wind blew and blew; now there are none!

Craft: Pumpkin Patch Di-vine!

Materials:

- Yellow construction paper (may cut in half)
- orange and green washable paint
- paint brushes
- bucket of water or sink for washing hands
- paint aprons or old shirts
- green marker or cotton swabs

Description:

- Have child make a fist with one hand.
- Paint the top of the fist (fingers and knuckles) orange.
- Press the fist onto the sheet of paper to resemble a pumpkin. Repeat until the paper has as many pumpkins prints as desired.
- Next, make a green fingerprint at the top of each pumpkin for a stem.
- When the paint is dry, use a green marker to add vines to the picture.
- You may wish to use a cotton swab for this so that the child can make the vines him or herself.

Craft: Fall Leaves Place Mats

Materials:

- Contact paper
- leaf patterns
- crayons suitable for "rubbing" in Fall colors
- white construction paper

Description:

- Tape the leaf cutouts on the table.
- Place construction paper over the cutouts.
- Have the children rub the crayon colors of their choice over several of the leaf patterns.
- Cover front (and back if you choose) with contact paper.

Sensory: Fall Feel Box

by Jana

Materials:

- Leaves
- acorns
- pine cones
- nuts
- apples
- other fall themed items
- a box the children can fit their hands into without seeing inside. I use a large shoe box.

Description:

- add the objects in the box
- have the children take turns feeling inside the box.
- ask each child to describe what he or she feels and what they think it is.