



Perry Public Library Storytime

Autumn Colors



Stories we shared:

Autumn Leaves: by Gail Saunders-Smith
Leaf Man: by Lois Ehlert

Busy Little Squirrel: by Nancy Tafuri

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

Fall Leaves Fall: by Zoe Hall
Leaves: by William Corderoy
Fall Leaves: by Mary Packard
How do you know its fall? by Allan Fowler
Brown bear, brown bear what do you see? Bill Martin
Colors: by Carol Diggory Shields
Every Autumn Comes the Bear: by Jim Arnosky
When Autumn Comes: by Robert Maass
Apple Pie Tree: by Zoe Hall
Into the Woods: Who's Been Here? by Lindsay George
What Happens in Autumn: by Suzanne Venino
Nightdances: by James Skofield
Apples and Pumpkins: by Anne Rockwell
Fall: by Chris Demarest
Apple tree through the year: by Claudia Schnieper
Autumn across America: by Seymour Simon
Autumn: an alphabet acrostic: by Steven Schnur
A million chameleons: James Young
The Bee: by Lisa Ernst
Who said red? Mary Serfozo
What am I: N.N. Charles

Fresh Fall Leaves: by Betsy Franco
The Color Box: by Dayle Dodds
Warthogs paint: by Pamela Duncan Edwards
Autumn Leaves: by Ken Robbins
Mouse Paint: by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon: by C. Rylant
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf: by Lois Ehlert
Clifford's First Autumn: by Norman Bridwell
Max's Ride: by Rosemary Wells
Marmalade's Yellow Leaf: by Cindy Wheeler
The Stranger: by Chris Van Allsburg
Possum's Harvest moon: by Anne Hunter
Autumn: by Richard Allington
Fall: by Lynn Stone
Autumn: by Nicola Baxter
Animals in the fall: by Gail Saunders-Smith
I went walking: Sue Williams
Let's paint a rainbow: Eric Carle
Planting a rainbow: Lois Ehlert
Very hungry caterpillar: Eric Carle
What's that color? Kate Petty



Early Literacy Extras:

- ✓ Talk about the word “autumn” sound out the different parts of the word “au” (aw) and “tum” – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Do the same thing with “season.”
- ✓ Help your child think of words that rhyme with “fall” and like “call,” and “ball,” and “tall” – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming “leaf” and “tree” too!
- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the “F”- “fuh” sound (fan, furnace, flag, face) all around the house.
- ✓ Gather fallen leaves outside with your child. Sort them by shape, by color, by size. Noticing these differences helps in learning the different shapes of letters and numbers.
- ✓ Learn the names of the trees and other plants in your yard, at the park, in your neighborhood. Learning these names is a great way to expand your child’s vocabulary!
- ✓ Read the color names on a box of crayons. These creative and unusual names are also a great vocabulary booster.

Songs and rhymes to share:

Falling Leaves

Little leaves falling down
(flutter fingers like falling leaves)
Red and yellow, orange and brown
Whirling, twirling, round and round
(Twirl hands in circles)
Falling softly to the ground
(flutter fingers to floor)

Maple Tree

Maple tree, maple tree
You grow so tall
(stretch arms up and out)
Your leaves turn gorgeous
Colors in the fall
(flutter fingers down)

Autumn Leaves

Leaves are falling from the trees
(flutter fingers down)
Yellow, brown and red
Falling, falling from above
One landed on my head!
(hand on head)

The Squirrel

These are the brown leaves fluttering down,
And this is the tall tree bare and brown.
This is the squirrel with eyes so bright,
Hunting for nuts with all his might.
(flutter hands to ground)
(hold right arm up high)
(form fist with left hand, wiggle thumb)
(shade eyes with hand and pretend to look around)

This is the hole where day by day,
Nut after nut he stores away.
When winter comes with it's cold and storm,
He'll sleep curled up all snug and warm.
(make a circle with thumb and forefinger)
(pretend to put nuts into the hole)
(sway hands side to side)
(fold hands under cheek and pretend to sleep)

- Adapted Traditional

Jack Frost

Who comes creeping in the night
When the moon is clear and bright?
Who paints the tree leaves red and gold
When the autumn days turn cold?
Up the hill and down he goes
In and out the brown corn rows
Making music crackling sweet
With his little frosty feet?
...its Jack Frost!
(tiptoe around)
(hold arms round over head)
(pretend to paint the air with a brush)
(cross arms and shiver)
(marching feet)

(pretend to play a violin)
(pretend to dance)

If I Were A Leaf

If I were a leaf
I'd jump down from my tree *(jump)*
I'd dance in the wind *(dance around)*
I'd fly in the breeze *(pretend to fly)*
I'd change bright colors
I'd spin in the air *(spin around)*
Then I'd land on the ground *(fall down)*
I just don't know where! *(shrug shoulders)*

Leaves on the Ground

When the leaves are on the ground *(point to floor)*
Instead of on the trees *(hands up high)*
I'd like to make a pile of them *(make pretend pile)*
Way up to my knees *(point to knees)*
I'd like to run and jump in them *(run and jump)*
And kick them all around *(kick)*
I like the prickly feel of them *(rub hands together)*
And the crinkly, crackly sound

Fall

Autumn winds begin to blow *(blow)*
Colored leaves fall fast and slow *(wave hands)*
Twirling, whirling, all around *(turn body around)*
Until at last they touch the ground *(touch the ground)*

My Nose

Where did you get that little red nose?

(point to nose)

Jack Frost kissed it, I suppose.

(tweak nose gently once)

He kissed it once, he kissed it twice,

(give kisses)

Poor little nose, it's as cold as ice.

(give a hug)

Counting Leaves *(count on fingers)*

1 leaf, 2 leaves, 3 leaves today

4 leaves, 5 leaves..

Woosh! *(blow on fingers)*

Blow them all away! *(fly fingers away)*

Fall

The leaves are green, and the nuts are brown,

They hang so high they will never fall down,

Leave them alone till the bright fall weather

And then they will all come down together

Leaves Are Floating Down

Leaves are floating softly down *(Flutter fingers)*

They make a carpet on the ground *(Spread hands apart)*

Then swish! The wind comes whirling by

(Swing hands to the side - fast)

And sends them dancing in the sky

(Flutter fingers upwards)

Autumn Leaves are Falling Down

(sung to "London Bridge is Falling Down")

Autumn leaves are falling down, *(flutter fingers down)*

Falling down, falling down.

Autumn leaves are falling down.

We love autumn!

Take and rake and pile them up, *(pretend to rake)*

Pile them up, pile them up.

Take and rake and pile them up,

We love autumn!

Jump in them and toss 'em around,

(pretend to jump and toss leaves)

Toss 'em around, toss 'em around.

Jump in them and toss 'em around.

We love autumn!

Grey Squirrel

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel

Swish your bushy tail *(wiggle your bottom)*

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel

Swish your bushy tail *(wiggle your bottom)*

Swish your bushy tail *(wiggle your bottom)*

Wrinkle up your funny nose *(touch nose)*

Put a nut between your toes *(touch toes)*

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel

Swish your bushy tail *(wiggle your bottom)*

Mother Nature?

Falling, falling, falling leaves

Mother Nature, did you sneeze? *(Achoo!)*

Red ones, yellow ones, orange and brown

Big ones, little ones, on the ground

Falling, falling, falling leaves

Mother Nature, did you sneeze? *(Achoo!)*

Leaves are Falling Down

The leaves are falling down *(flutter fingers)*

Hush *(say it softly and touch the floor)*

The leaves are falling down *(flutter fingers)*

Hush *(say it softly and touch the floor)*

Whisper, whisper, whisper, whisper

(sway hands side to side)

The leaves are falling down *(flutter)*

Hush *(say it softly and touch the floor)*

Some Fall Leaves to Color

