

Theme: Fall Leaves Art Ideas

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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's content is put together by Teacher Sonika (from Moberly) and a circle time video from Ms. Cindy (from Cook).

Fall is the perfect time to do some leaf activities with your children as leaves are everywhere! Here are a few ideas to try (from <https://teachingmama.org/8-leaf-activities-for-preschoolers/>):

Sticky Leaf Tree



- Go on a leaf hunt and collect an assortment of dry leaves. Draw an outline of a tree onto a large piece of paper. Tape it to the wall and invite your child to decorate the tree with the leaves collected.

Leaf Rubbings



- Take some of the leaves collected and place them under a white piece of paper. Rub white crayon over the leaves. Then, paint with watercolours to reveal the pattern of the leaf! You can talk about the different parts of the leaf like how the veins (the lines on the leaf) help get water and minerals to stay alive.

Crunched Up Leaves Project



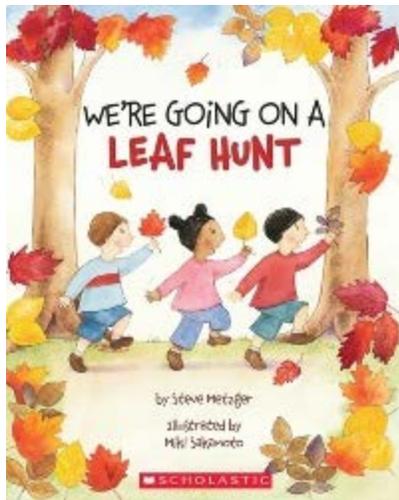
- With the leftover leaves you have, put them into a zip-lock bag. Have your child crunch up the leaves. Using a tree template or you could draw out a tree outline, glue the leaf pieces onto the paper.

Leaves Stamping



- First, print out a tree template. You can also draw a tree outline. The next step is quite flexible - you can stamp with bingo dabbers, use cotton balls in paint or stamp with corks! You can even use little fingers and make little fingerprint leaves.

After the fall activities, join Ms. Cindy for a circle time about fall leaves where she reads a book called "Going on a Leaf Hunt" by Steve Metzger - <https://youtu.be/2doBH7417dM>



To finish up this email, let's sing a Fall Leaves song (to the tune "Are You Sleeping?")

*Leaves are falling, leaves are falling.
To the ground, without a sound.
Days are getting shorter, nights are getting longer.
Fall is here, fall is here.*

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