

Welcome (sign in):

- Select a partner, look at them in the eyes and sing “*Hello Neighbor*” (Dr. Jean CD)
- Encourage children to sit on a letter on the carpet.
- Review the 5 “StoryHour Manners”
 - Crisscross Applesauce (legs not touching neighbors)
 - Folded hands in lap (hands not touching neighbors)
 - Eyes on Mrs. Noble and the story (1,2,3, eyes on me)
 - Listening Ears to hear the story (after all, that’s why you’re here)
 - Lips are quiet unless Mrs. Noble asks you to join in

Introductory questions:

- Who wore Orange today? Point to your orange (make a BIG deal out of them wearing the color of the week).
- What is going on with our weather? (cooler, need for a sweatshirt or a jacket)
- What is different with the trees? (leaves changing colors, falling leaves)

Transition into lesson:


- I wonder what this little bear thinks about the leaves changing colors and falling off the trees.
 - Read *Leaves* by David Ezra Stein
 - Teach the following song then have children sing the song while pretending they are leaves.
 - Sing “Leaves Are Falling” (tune of Are You Sleeping)
- Transition to sitting again on a letter on the carpet. (refresh StoryHour Manners again for sitting if needed)
- What colors are the leaves that are falling from the trees outside? (yellow, red, orange, brown, green)
- Review colors Yellow and Red and introduce Orange
 - Read *Colorful Days* by Deborah Lock
 - While reading point out the colors yellow and red and show that orange is a color in between.
 - Read *Yellow, Seeing Yellow All Around Us* by Sarah Schuette
 - Put your hand on your elbow if you are wearing any yellow today.
 - Place a yellow leaf on the flannel board.
 - Sing the Yellow Song (tune: If You’re Happy And You Know It)
 - Read *RED, Seeing Red All Around Us* by Sarah L. Schuette
 - Pat your head if you are wearing any red today.
 - Place a red leaf on the flannel board, leaving a space for the orange leaf between the yellow and red ones.
 - Sing the RED song (tune: Are You Sleeping)
 - I wonder what color this lucky leaf might be in this book called *Lucky Leaf* by Kevin O’Malley
 - While reading, point out the colors yellow and red and show that orange is a color in between.
 - Explain that if you mixed yellow and red together you would get orange.
 - Read *Orange, Seeing Orange All Around Us* by Sarah Schuette
 - Put your finger on your nose if you are wearing orange today.
 - Place an orange leaf on the flannel board between the yellow and red ones.
 - Sing the ORANGE song (tune: Wheels on the Bus)
- Read *Count Down to Fall* by Fran Hawk (review red, orange, and yellow in the book)
 - Point out the different colors and shapes of leaves throughout the book while reading it.
- Teach and sing “Lots of Leaves are Falling Down” (tune: London Bridge is Falling Down)
 - Have children stand and follow the motions of the song.
- **Transition to Take Home Craft: Leaf Rubbings**
 - Demonstrate step by step how to do leaf rubbings before giving them independent time.
 - Supplies:
 - Various leaves, different shapes and sizes
 - Scrap paper
 - Paperless Red, orange, and yellow crayons. Use side of crayons
 - **Encourage individual clean up.**
 - Encourage children to do this at home with some leaves that they may find.
- **Encourage children to check out books on leaves, fall/autumn, or orange to reinforce learning at home.**
- **Thank children for coming...reinforces manners!**
- Children may leave or go to play area when they are finished with take home craft.

Please clean up and put supplies away when finished. Thanks for substituting for me!



Leaves are Falling

(to the tune of Are You Sleeping)



Leaves are falling, Leaves are falling.

On the ground, On the ground.

Autumn days are coming, Autumn days are coming,

All around, All around

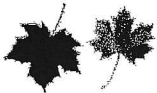


Lots of Leaves are Falling Down

(to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)

Lots of leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down, lots of
leaves are falling down in a flutter.

Take the rake and pile them up,
pile them up, pile them up, take
the rake and pile them up in a
mountain.



Run and jump and roll around, roll
around, roll around. Run and jump
and roll around. Weeeee, It's
Autumn!