

Curriculum Share

DRDP Measure:

COG 8: Cause and Effect Child demonstrates an increasing ability to observe, anticipate, and reason about the relationship between cause and effect

COG 11: Knowledge of the Natural World Child develops the capacity to understand objects (living and nonliving things) and events in the natural world, including how they change and their characteristics

Age Group: Toddler and Preschool

Developmental information about the share:
Summer becoming fall is a great way to talk to children about ideas such as change: leaves changing colors and falling, weather getting cooler, days getting shorter, etc. are ways to demonstrate changes in the natural world.

During a walk, show your child the leaves on trees changing color and the leaves on the ground. Find leaves on the ground and talk about how leaves on the ground can be soft or crunchy. Have children predict what they think the leaves will be before they step on them. Use words such as deciduous, coniferous, solstice, chlorophyll, hibernation, etc.

Add on ideas: Compare leaves and talk about their differences. If you see squirrels, talk to children about how they collect food and hibernate for winter. Talk to children about why some trees stay green why others don't. Talk to children about leaves they can eat (lettuce, spinach, kale) and what they can't (almost everything else.)

Click on the image below to watch a quick video of a maple leaf changing color.



Title: Fall Leaves