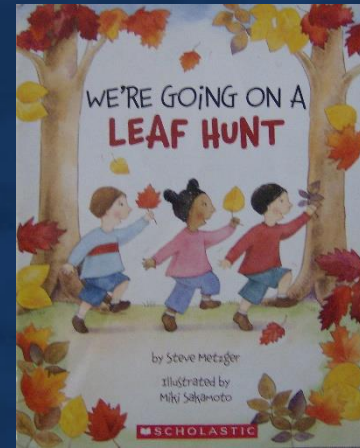


Curriculum Share

DRDP Measure:

ATL-REG 4: Curiosity and Initiative in Learning Child explores the environment in increasingly focused ways to learn about people, things, materials, and events
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: Infants and Toddlers



Click on the picture to the left to hear the book “We’re Going on a Leaf Hunt” by Steven Metzger

Title: Leaf an Impression

Art materials for children can be readily sourced from the world just outside your doors. Using natural materials such as leaves, flowers, pinecones, shells, and rocks are a simple and easy way to engage children in creative activities that engage their senses and spark their interest in the environment. With young children, make sure materials are developmentally appropriate and activities are monitored.

Take a walk with your child and find fallen leaves with long stems. Distinguish between long and short, big and small, and different colors. Gather together and tie with a rubber band or string for decoration.



Using large pieces of paper and fall-color paint, have your child make hand prints all over. When dry, draw in the lines of leaves to make a “falling leaves” art piece.