



## Fun in the Leaves

Here is a chant to teach the children for some fun with fall leaves. Teach them the words. Have the children do the motions while saying the chant inside. They can run and jump “in place” while doing it indoors. Then they can say the chant as they actually play in the leaves outdoors.

**We will run, run, run when we go out in the yard.**

**Then let’s rake, rake, rake all the leaves we see around.**

**We will push, push, push our rakes to make some piles.**

**Next we’ll jump, jump, jump in our great big piles of leaves.**

**Then we’ll rake, rake, rake and do it all again!**



## Autumn Leaf Math Games

Take the children for a walk to look for leaves. Give each child a bag or container for collecting their leaves. You can do several simple math games using the leaves the children collect.

**For sorting, matching, and counting** the children can **sort** by size, color, or type of leaf. Divide the leaves into two piles and have them find the ones that **match**. The children can **count** how many they have.

## What's That?

Place several fall fruits and vegetables on the table for the children to examine. Talk about the different sizes, colors, and shapes. Cut them open to see the seeds and the size of the seeds. Have the children try to guess the size of the seeds before cutting open the fruit or vegetable. Talk about why we need seeds. Have the children describe what they observe and write down their comments.

## Pretend Produce Stand

Have the children make some fruits and vegetables out of clay or play dough. Let them harden for a day or so. Or they can draw some fruits and vegetables, cut them out, and use them.

The children can make some play money.

Get some cardboard boxes and have the children set up a produce stand where they can "sell" and "buy" the fruits and vegetables they made.

This is a good way to reinforce what the children have been learning and also will give them a chance to use some math skills.

# Nature Art

Have the children collect things in the yard such as colored leaves, small pine cones, and acorns. Then give them some art materials, such as construction paper, poster board, markers, crayons, glue, safety scissors, a box or bag of scraps. Let them create with their collections and the art materials. Put their projects somewhere for all to enjoy.



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