



FALL

PARENT HANDOUT

CIRCLE TIME

 **LEAVES ARE TWIRLING**
Tune: Frere Jacques

*Leaves are twirling, leaves are twirling,
All around, all around.
They are falling softly, very, very softly,
To the ground, to the ground.*

Toss silk leaves and twirl while singing.

 **GRAY SQUIRREL**
Finger Play

*Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
Swish your bushy tail.
Take a nut between your toes.
Wrinkle up your tiny nose.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
Swish your bushy tail.*

Swish cheerleader pom poms to fingerplay.

 **FALLING LEAVES**
Group Movement Activity

Children and parents toss silk leaves up and down on a paracute.

Play lifescaapes windstorm background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, tree blocks and bubbles

 **BACKYARD FUN**
Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with dried leaves and pinecones. Use tongs to pick up fall materials and place in baskets.

 **FALL LEAF BAGS**
Creative Play

Children crumple paper bags and then smooth out. Children use paintbrushes to paint bags with autumn colors. Label with child's names and take home.


 **YARD WORK**
Language/Pretend Play

Children and parents use child sized rakes and baskets to rake and gather silk leaves scattered by blow dryer "wind". Use the word "many" and "few."

 **PILE OF LEAVES**
Active Play

Children roll around with a friend in paper or silk leaves spread out on tumbling mats.

SNACK TIME

 Leaf shaped whole wheat bread with butter and cinnamon-sugar and milk

HOME PLAY

Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Good Job!"

 Gather leaves with your child. Have your child put leaves in the "Fall Leaf Bag" made at school.

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading