



All the Leaves are Falling Down

Who doesn't love playing in the leaves? A few packages of fabric leaves from the dollar store along with this song will be sure to have your kids laughing and singing as they pretend to play in autumn leaves!

WHAT THEY LEARN

Fine motor coordination, gross motor coordination, color identification, environmental awareness

WHAT YOU NEED

Fabric leaves (recommended), laminated leaves of various colors or scarves

WHAT TO DO

- Begin by gathering the class in a circle and facilitate a brief discussion by asking children what happens to the trees in the fall. The leaves fall off, of course. Ask them if they'd like to play in the leaves.
- Start singing the song while sprinkling the leaves over them. By the end of the verse, they will likely stand up and be ready for all of the various actions in the song. Do the verses in any order and repeat your favorites.
- When it's time to clean up, sing the raking verse until all the leaves are raked and put away.

LYRICS

(Tune: London Bridge is Falling Down)

All the leaves are falling down,

Falling down, falling down.

All the leaves are falling down. It is fall!

Sprinkle the leaves around the circle

Scoop some leaves then throw them high,

Throw them high, throw them high.

Scoop some leaves and throw them high. It is fall!

Throw the leaves in the air again and again

Infants and Toddler

Adaption:

For Infants and young toddlers, adults can throw the scarves in the air in front of the children and encourage the children to watch the scarves fall. This develops visual tracking skills and strengthens eye muscles. Adults can also facilitate the little ones "jumping" in the leaves.

More Verse Ideas:

Find a leaf and hold it high (or say a color of leaf), hold it high...

If selecting a color, hold a leaf of the chosen color yourself and "high five" the other leaves of the correct color that are being held up

Take the rake and rake them up...

Rake them with your fingers and put them back into their container