

Falling Leaves Language Activity

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This activity can target:

- Sorting skills
- Spatial concepts (on, off, next to, above, below, etc)
- Temporal Concepts (first, last, beginning, end, etc)
- Quantity concepts (some, all, more, less, empty, full, etc)
- Quality concepts (color, size, shape)
- Patterns
- Counting
- Letter and number recognition

What you will need:

- Printer
- Paper or card stock
- Scissors
- Small bowls for sorting
- Glue and/or tape
- Pencil/pen

Optional materials:

- Laminator
- Dry erase markers
- Construction paper in fall colors

How to prepare the materials:

- There are two ways to do this. You can print out the following pages of leaves on paper and cut them out, OR you can print out the leaf templates and trace them onto colored construction paper.
- Optional: If you are an educator and want to reuse these materials with multiple students, you can print these out on card stock or construction paper and laminate them.
- Set aside the last five leaves for the smallest to biggest activity
- Optional: write letters or numbers on the leaves to target letter and number recognition (if you laminate these, you can use dry erase markers for this, and then wipe off when done).

Activity Ideas

1. Sorting by size (big/small): Using small bowls have your child sort the leaves by big and small.
2. Sorting by color: Using small bowls have you child sort the leaves by color.
3. Counting: count the leaves. How many of each color? How many big? How many small? How many all together?
4. Patterns: Make patterns and have your child try to copy your pattern and try to "be the detective" and figure out which one comes next. You can make your patterns with the large, the small, or a combo of both sets of leaves.
5. Arrange smallest to biggest: Use the last 5 leaves to practice arranging the leaves from biggest to smallest, smallest to biggest. Talk about which ones are FIRST, and LAST. Which ones are in the middle? The end?
6. Color Match Memory: Take two sets of the big leaves (10 total) mix them up and flip them over and play the memory game (assuming you print out these leaves, if you make the leaves from colored construction paper this wouldn't work unless you glued them to a different paper).
7. Write letters or numbers on the leaves to work on letter and number ID. You could put an uppercase letter on a big leaf and lower case on a small one and work on matching them...or just work on naming the letters.
8. Barrier Game/following directions: Use the leaves to do a barrier game. For more information on barriers read my post [HERE](#).
9. Make a hand print fall tree! When you are all done using the leaves, you can use them to make this cool handprint tree that I found inspiration for at www.craftymischiefbybrittany.com. Simply take a piece of brown construction paper, trace your child's hand an arm, cut it out and glue it on your paper. Have your child glue the leaves all over the tree. My daughter LOVED making this!
10. Make a leaf garland! You can take the leaves, punch holes in them, and lace yarn through them to make a fall leaf garland to hang. This is a great fine motor skills!



