

Let's Play at Home!

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The purpose of this activity is to nurture your child's development and expand on their creative play. Children learn more when activities are introduced during spontaneous unstructured play. Remember to have fun during play time.



Activity:

Leaves in the Fall

Suggested Book: Leaf Man Lois Ehlert

Age Group: This activity can be adapted for ages 3-5

What you do?

Fall season has begun, how exciting! This time I invite you to have the children look for leaves. By looking at leaves ask open ended questions like what is it made of? In what ways are these different? Etc. You can explore during a park visit, or by visiting a friend's home with trees. Allow your child to see, smell and feel the leaves also describe the sizes, compare, classify and sort by size or color. You can also implement an exploration table where they get to paint leaves, or collect leaves for making a leaf collage. Have Fun! Happy Fall to ALL!!

Vocabulary:

- Season
- 5 Senses
- Observe, observation
- Leaf, leaves
- Colors (green, orange, brown, red)
- Fall

What they learn?

Make observations – by pointing out things in nature you are teaching them to be observant of their natural surroundings.

Share their observations and communicate their thoughts – Expression of how they see the world and how they feel about it is an important life skill.

Explore – Children naturally want to explore, joining them and engaging with them in their exploration strengthens your bond.

Discovery – Discovering new things and objects will inspire your child to ask questions and continue their learning.

Open ended questions – stimulates more language use, acknowledge that there can be a solution to one problem, affirm children's ideas, and encourages creative thinking

