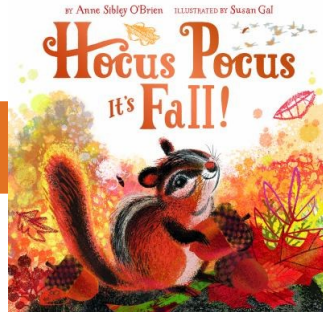


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

Self-control and focus are both important skills for children to practice in order to succeed in school. Try **SINGING** a song while waiting in line or at a restaurant. Children who have tools to help them manage their behavior while waiting—like singing a favorite song—are ultimately more successful in pursuing goals with less frustration and distraction. (NAEYC Message in a Backpack)

activity

Make a leaf collage! Collect leaves from outside. Talk about their colors, shapes, and sizes. Encourage your child to glue them onto a piece of paper.

The leaves can make a picture or can just be a colorful collage. Your child can add to the picture by drawing with crayons. Help them write their name to finish the project!

digital fun

[Why Do Leaves Change Colors?](https://tinyurl.com/2p74znca)

Elinor Wonders Why

<https://tinyurl.com/2p74znca>

READ

[Ten Orange Pumpkins](#)
by Stephen Savage

[Baby Bear Counts One](#)
by Ashley Wolff

[Hungry Bunny](#)
by Claudia Rueda

[When the Leaf Blew In](#)
by Steve Metzger

PLAY

Play with your food! Children can learn a lot by exploring in the kitchen. Buy a yellow or green apple and cut it in half across the middle (instead of down from the stem). You'll see a star inside! Talk about the seeds, and taste the apple. Check out a book from the library to learn how apples grow!

TALK

Talk to your child about your favorite fall traditions—picking apples or pumpkins, jumping in a leaf pile, making a pie, or anything that is special to your family. These conversations increase your child's vocabulary and cultural knowledge.

SING

Autumn Leaves are Falling Down
(Tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down")

Autumn leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down.
(Imitate leaves falling down, using hands)
Autumn leaves are falling down, to the ground.

The wind will blow them round and round, round and round, round and round.
(Spin arms)
The wind will blow them round and round, on the ground.

Take the rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up.
(Imitate raking up leaves)
Take the rake and rake them up, to a pile.

Make a pile and jump right in, jump right in, jump right in. (Children jump)
Make a pile and jump right in, to the pile.

WRITE

Color and decorate a paper plate to look like a pie, then cut it up! Using safety scissors helps strengthen the muscles in your child's hands, which will help them write when they start school. The pie slices also help them learn the math concepts of 'half' and 'fourth'.