

Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

October, 2017

Tutors: please go over this newsletter (whatever is appropriate) with your adult student and encourage him/her to visit the Story Times with their children, it is a lot of fun!



At Redbud Library, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, **Thursday, 11:00 am.**

At Middletown Library: 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, **Tuesdays, 11:30 am.**

At Lakeport Library, 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, **Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm**

From trees to leaves to apples and pumpkins, cooler weather and trick-or-treating: Fall is such a great time of year!

So many things to do →

And if it get's nasty outside is there anything better than cuddling up with your little one reading sweet stories together? Not in my book - Ha!



Fall to-do-list:

Pick the very best pumpkin

Decorate or carve pumpkins

Find your way through a Maize Maze

Snuggle up and read

Go trick-or-treating

Collect leaves

Rake leaves

Jump into pile of leaves

- **Mouses's first fall**, by Lauren Thompson : *Mouse and Minka experience the delights of nature on a windy autumn day.*
- **Leaves**, by David Ezra Stein: *A curious bear observes how leaves change throughout the seasons.*
- **Fall is not easy**, by Marty Kelley: *A tree tells why, out of all four seasons, autumn is the hardest.*
- **I see fall**, by Charles Ghigna: *Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text show what makes fall special, from colorful leaves and pumpkins to Halloween and Thanksgiving festivities.*
- **Fall is here**, by Frankie Jones: *Discover colorful leaves, friendly scarecrows, yummy pies, and all the things that make fall so special. and many many more available at your local library!*

Bring fall inside by making a bubble wrap fall forrest:

What you need:

- ❖ Watercolors
- ❖ Paintbrush, scissors, paper plates (optional)
- ❖ Bubble wrap, rubber band (optional)
- ❖ White card stock paper
- ❖ Cardboard tubes, like toilet or paper towel rolls

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What you do:

Grab a piece of bubble wrap and have the kids either paint each bubble in fall colors (this is a great exercise for developing fine motor skills), or put a little of each color onto a plate and ball up your bubble wrap so it forms a dabber to paint.

Tying off the top with a rubber band makes it easier for kids to use. Or make a stamp by rubber banding the bubble wrap around a toilet paper roll for the youngest ones: →

Now the real fun begins: Let your little one decorate the card stock paper all over with fall colored "leaves" using the colored bubble wrap. **Tell them to not put too much on or it will drip everywhere** (it takes very little paint), **and not leave large white spaces.**

Once the paint dried cut out tree shapes. Take a cardboard tube and cut two slits across from each other. Stick the paper in the slits and you've got yourself a beautiful fall tree!

Your little one can create a whole fall scene by adding real leaves, acorns and nuts etc. and even little toy or Lego animals and people, houses or cars etc.



Halloween provides us with an abundance of songs and rhymes

These are fun, and also important to develop your child's language skills.

Five Little Pumpkins Fingerplay - sung to "Five Little Monkeys"

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate (five fingers up)
The first one said "Oh my it's getting late" (Hands on cheeks)
The second one said "There's a chill in the air" (arms around self)
The third one said "But we don't care" (swing pointer finger)
The fourth one said "We're ready for some fun!" (hand in air)
The fifth one said "Let's run, run, run!" (running motion)
So woooo went the wind, and out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!



The Pumpkins are Here - sung to: "The Farmer in the Dell"

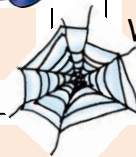
The pumpkins are here, the pumpkins are there.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins are everywhere.
The pumpkins are up; the pumpkins are down.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins are all around.
The pumpkins are in; the pumpkins are out.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins are all about.
The pumpkins are low; the pumpkins are high.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins all say, "Good-bye".



We're Not Afraid sung to:

"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Ghosts and goblins, cats and bats,
We're not afraid of this or that.
They are only make-believe,
Funny costumes on Halloween.
Ghosts and goblins, cats and bats,
We're not afraid of this or that.



Safe Treats - sung to "Frere Jacques"

Never eat your treats, never eat your treats, till they're checked, till they're checked.
Show them to Mommy, show them to Daddy, make sure they're safe, make sure they're safe!

