

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

October

Craft: Mason Jar Fall Luminaries

Snack: Fall Snack Mix

Story Ideas:

"Leaf Man" by Lois Ehlert

"Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn" by Kenard Pak

"Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze" by Maureen Wright

"Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf" by Lois Ehlert

Mason Jar Fall Luminaries

These mason jar luminaries are perfect for fall! The colors are beautiful, and its really a very simple project!



Materials:

Mason Jar (easily found at the dollar store)

Fall Colored Tissue Paper, ripped into pieces

Mod Podge

Foam Brush

Template Printout for Tree (included - could also have your child tear construction paper to make their own)

Small Candle

Instructions:

1. If using the tree template, print it out, cut, and trace onto brown construction paper.

2. Cut out the tree and set aside.

3. Prepare your mason jar by brushing Mod Podge from top to bottom. Mod Podge dries quickly, so work around the jar in sections.

4. Use the tissue paper to cover up the Mod Podge.

5. Continue working around the jar, applying more Mod Podge and tissue paper in sections. (Consider doubling the layers of tissue paper if it seems really thin.)



6. Take your tree (or rip brown construction paper to make your own) and use the Mod Podge to attach it to your jar where desired.

7. Apply a thin top layer of Mod Podge over the entire jar.

8. Allow to dry.

9. Once dry, insert a small candle, like a tea light candle, and enjoy the finished effect!

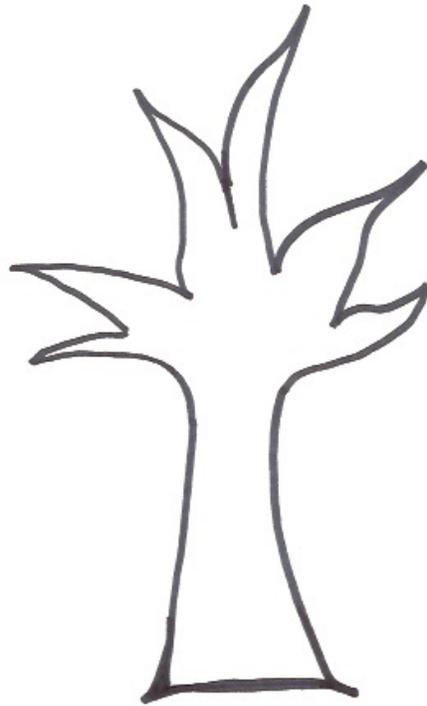


*This craft was inspired by whereimaginationgrows.com



Tree Template

Print; cut and trace
onto brown
construction paper



Fall Snack Mix

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Goldfish Colors crackers
- 2 cups stick pretzels
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds (optional)

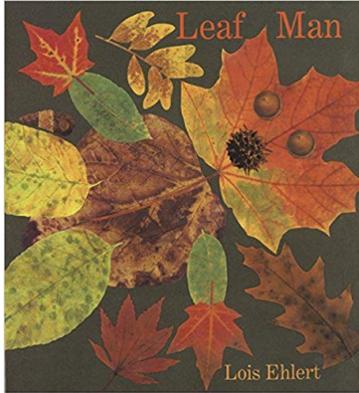
Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a big bowl!
2. Store in a container or individual bags.
3. Eat it up!

* This recipe was found at frugalfamilytree.com



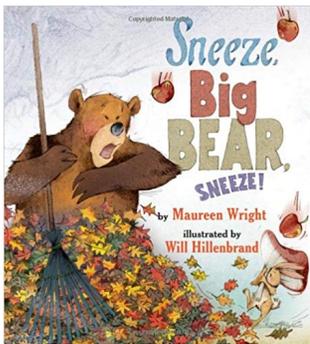
Fall Read-Alouds for Kids



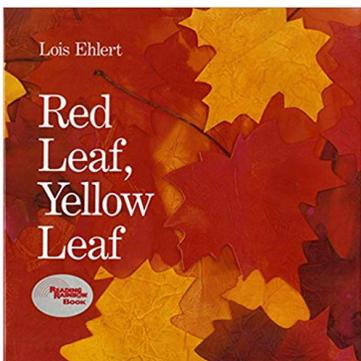
“Leaf Man” by Lois Ehlert - Fall has come, the wind is gusting, and Leaf Man is on the move. Will he drift east, over the marsh and ducks and geese? Or is he heading west, above the orchards, prairie meadows, and spotted cows? No one knows for sure, but one thing is certain: A Leaf Man will go wherever the wind blows. With beautiful illustrations made from actual fall leaves and die-cut pages, this book is a perfect way to enjoy the beautiful fall season.



“Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn” by Kenard Pak - Trees are swaying in the cool breeze, blue jays are heading south, and leaves are changing their colors, everyone knows it can only mean one thing - autumn is on the way! Join a young girl as she takes a walk through forest and town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. Cute little conversations with every flower,



“Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze” by Maureen Wright - It’s autumn, and Big Bear thinks that his sneezes are causing the leaves and the apples to fall from the trees and the geese to fly away... until the wind convinces him otherwise. Adorable illustrations accompany this humorous little story that children are sure to love!



“Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf” by Lois Ehlert - Another beautiful work by Lois Ehlert that follows the life of a maple tree, with vibrant collages that use actual pieces of seed, fabric, wire and roots. Learn how roots absorb nutrients, how sap circulates, what photosynthesis is, and other facts about trees.