

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

November

Craft: Coffee Filter Leaf Garland

Snack: Frosted Marshmallow Pumpkin Crispy Treats

Story Ideas:

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"Awesome Autumn" by Bruce Goldstone

"The Little Scarecrow Boy" by Margaret Wise Brown

"The Autumn Visitors" by Karel Hayes

Coffee Filter Leaf Garland

Looking for a fun fall decoration bursting with fall color? Try this leaf garland made with coffee filters, markers, and water!

Materials:

Coffee filters

Leaf templates (included)

Markers - red, yellow, orange

Yarn/String/Ribbon

Scissors

Pen

Spray bottle with water

Hole punch



- ### Instructions:
1. Decide how many leaves you'd like to have on your string of garland. One coffee filter can hold 2-3 leaves depending on the leaf size.
 2. On a paper towel, newspaper, or scrap paper (for ink bleeding), color



red, orange, and yellow over the entire coffee filter. Repeat until all coffee filters have been colored.

3. Use the spray bottle to squirt water on each coffee filter, causing the colors to mix and bleed together. You want it wet enough to mix, but not to puddle. filters and allow to dry, a few



Repeat on all coffee





4. Print and cut out the three different leaf templates (cut off stems for easier cutting) and gather your dried coffee filters.
5. Trace 2-3 leaves on each coffee filter with a pen.



6. Carefully cut out each leaf (Note that this step is difficult for young crafters and should be completed with or for them).



7. Punch a hole in the bottom of each leaf.

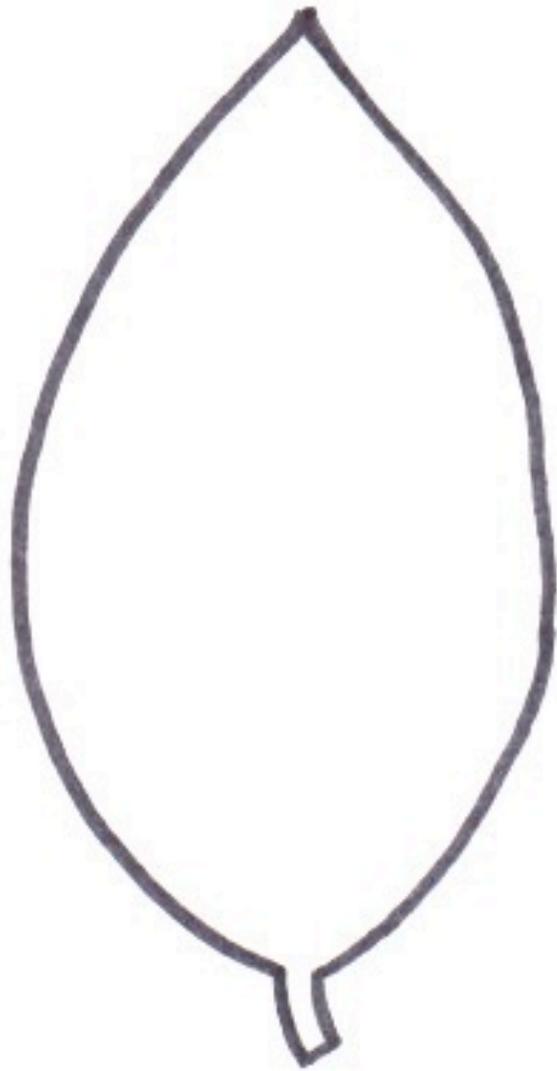
8. Run the yarn/string/ribbon through each of the leaves. If

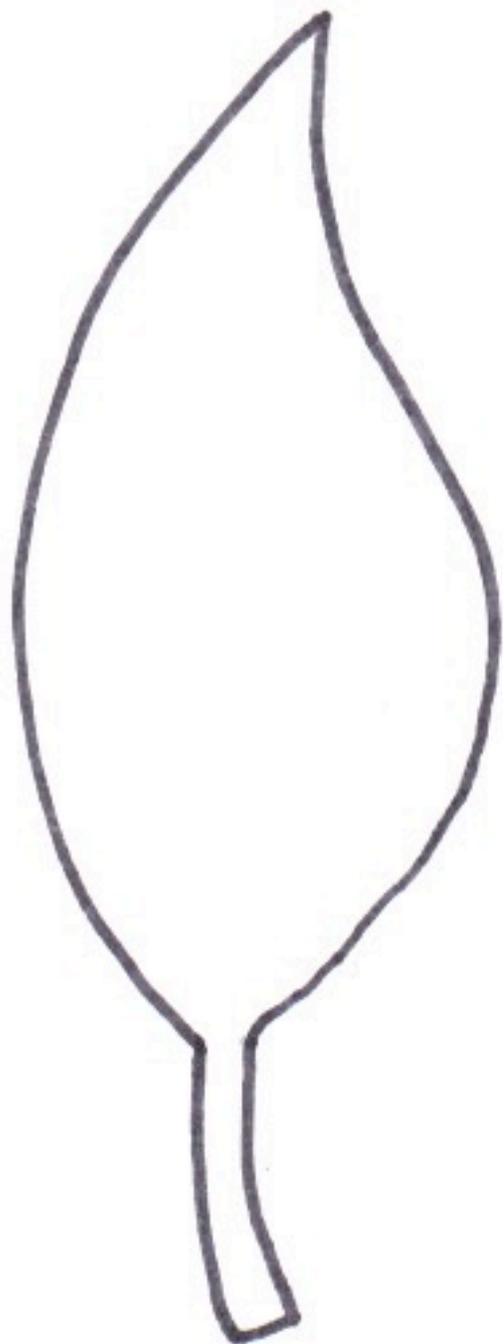
desired, secure the back with tape across the string so that they don't slide from their desired position.

9. Hang somewhere in the house to fill your home with the beauty of fall!









Frosted Marshmallow Pumpkin Crispy Treats

Ingredients:

4 cups Rice Krispies Cereal
8 ounces JET-PUFFED Pumpkin Spice Marshmallows 1 bag
½ cup butter
¼ cup corn syrup
3.4 ounces instant vanilla pudding mix 1 box
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Frosting:

½ cup butter
1½ cups powdered sugar
3.5 ounces Kraft JET-PUFFED
Marshmallow Creme ½ jar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Place cereal in a large bowl and set aside.

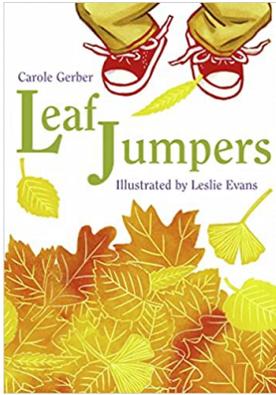
Spray an 8x8" baking pan with non-stick cooking spray.

In a large saucepan, melt marshmallows with butter and corn syrup over medium-high heat, stirring until completely smooth. Add in vanilla pudding mix, vanilla, and pumpkin pie spice and stir well. Pour over cereal in bowl and mix until completely incorporated, then press into prepared pan. Let set up for about 20 minutes and prepare frosting while waiting.

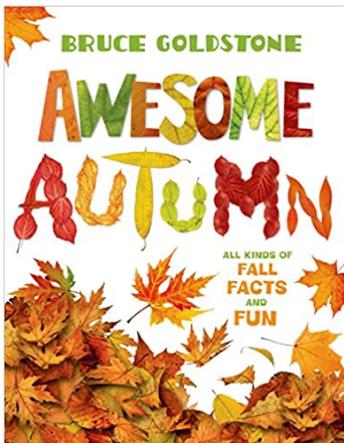
For the frosting, cream butter in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until butter is soft and fluffy. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar, about 1/2 cup at a time; beat in vanilla extract. Gently fold the marshmallow creme into the frosting until thoroughly incorporated. Spread frosting on top of crispy treats and cut into bars.

* This recipe was found at sixsistersstuff.com

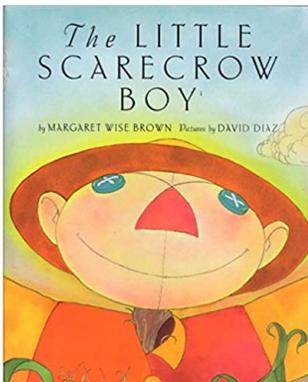
Fall Read-Alouds for Kids



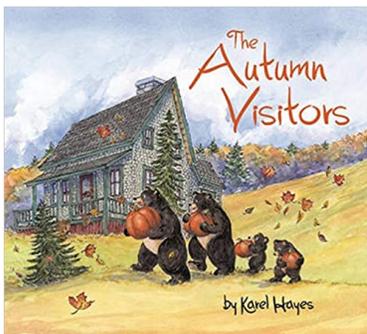
“Leaf Jumpers” by Carole Gerber - This vibrant poem celebrates the beauty of autumn while inviting us all to go ahead and jump in that big, colorful, pile of fall leaves. Leslie Evan’s bold artwork brings together gold, orange, yellow, red, and brown leaves into a literary pile creating the magic of autumn for young readers. The poetic text gives simple facts about different types of fall leaves making it easy for readers to identify leaves ranging from red maple to sycamore by color, shape, and other characteristics. Informative and fun, Carole Gerber brings us a wonderful introduction to seasons and science for the earliest of leaf jumpers. (Amazon description)



“Awesome Autumn” by Bruce Goldstone - Autumn is awesome! Leaves change color. Animals fly south or get ready to hibernate. People harvest crops and dress up as scary creatures for Halloween. And then there are pickup football games to play, Thanksgiving foods to eat, leaf piles to jump in—all the amazing things that happen as the air turns crisp and cool. With colorful photographs, lively explanations, and classic craft ideas, Bruce Goldstone has created a festive and fascinating exploration of autumn's awesomeness. (Amazon description)



“The Little Scarecrow Boy” by Margaret Wise Brown - With words by the renowned Margaret Wise Brown and illustrations by David Diaz, this treasured picture book tells the tale of a little scarecrow boy and the lessons he learns from his scarecrow father about the world—until he decides to test his knowledge and himself. This tender and funny story celebrates the tradition of passing knowledge from one generation to the next, and the exuberance of reaching one’s potential. Especially perfect for sharing during the Halloween season. (Amazon description)



“The Autumn Visitors” by Karel Hayes- In this fourth and final book in Karel Hayes's acclaimed Visitors series, the beloved family of bears gets in another round of adventures as they experience the full enjoyment of a New England autumn. First up the country fair--the bears sneak onto the midway after hours to play the games and be thrilled by the rides. Next comes Halloween, for which the bears all cleverly disguise themselves to gather a load of trick-or-treat candy. And finally there's a big Thanksgiving feast for all the friends of the forest. As always, the bears manage to have all their fun while carefully avoiding detection. (Amazon description)