

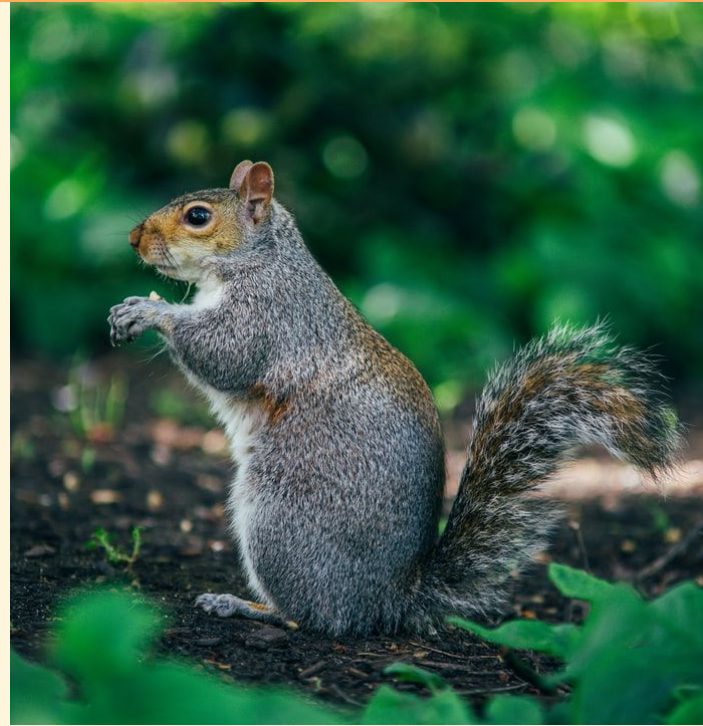
## Super Squirrels

A virtual lesson to enjoy at home.

### Read Aloud!

Fall is here, and squirrels are busy gathering nuts, berries, and seeds to store for winter. Squirrels are scatter hoarders--they bury their food in “caches” to save for later. One squirrel can bury up to 1000 nuts a year! Tricky squirrels will hide behind plants so that other squirrels can't see their caches .

Acorns are a snack that squirrels especially enjoy. Sometimes, squirrels forget where they've buried their acorns. This is one way that new oak trees grow!



Most Eastern Gray Squirrels are (surprise!) gray, but some are black or white. They have white tummies and big, bushy tails. Squirrels are one of the few mammals--animals with fur--that can scamper down a tree head-first. Squirrels “talk” with tail flicks, chatters, cuks, and squeaks. They line their leafy nests with moss, dried grass, and feathers.



How do you catch a squirrel? Climb a tree and act like a nut!



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**TO SEE SQUIRREL NESTS AT ADKINS ARBORETUM OR IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, LOOK FOR LEAFY, ROUND BALLS HIGH IN THE TREES. SQUIRREL NESTS ARE ALSO KNOWN AS "DREYS!"**

## Take It Outside!

Have a tea party for the squirrels! Go outside and gather wild berries, seeds, acorns, and other nuts. If you'd like, arrange them in a tea party set (wash the dishes afterwards!) Check on your tea party throughout the day--from a distance--to see if the squirrels come calling. Draw a picture of your furry visitors.



## Snack Time!

Make a special squirrel-themed snack by gluing together the flat sides of vanilla wafers and Hershey Kisses with a dab of nut butter. Voilà! Your little snacker will enjoy these tasty "acorns."



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## Nursery Rhyme Time!

*Acorns for tea, acorns for tea,  
what could be better than acorns for tea?  
Chitter chee chee, high in the tree,  
climb on my branch and share them with me.*

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## Make It!



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**DID YOU KNOW? SQUIRRELS' TEETH NEVER STOP GROWING. THIS IS WHY SQUIRRELS HAVE TO KEEP CHEWING...AND WHY THEY DON'T MAKE GOOD PETS.**