

Colorfest!

A virtual lesson to enjoy at home.

Read Aloud!

Ever wonder why leaves turn color in the fall? The answer lies in the changing seasons.

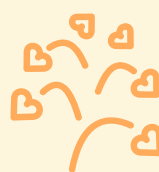
In the spring, pale green leaf buds appear on branches. The leaf buds are green because they contain something called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll works with sunlight, air, and rain to make food for trees. Leaves are really food-making factories!



In summer, the leaves open up. All summer long, the chlorophyll in the green leaves is working with sun and water to make food for the tree.

When winter comes, the trees sleep. When you sleep, do you need food? No! Neither do trees. The leaves shrivel up and fall from the trees to blanket the ground. But their job isn't done. Over time, the leaves will break apart to form rich, new soil for the forest floor.

Click here to sing a fall song with Miss Jenny!



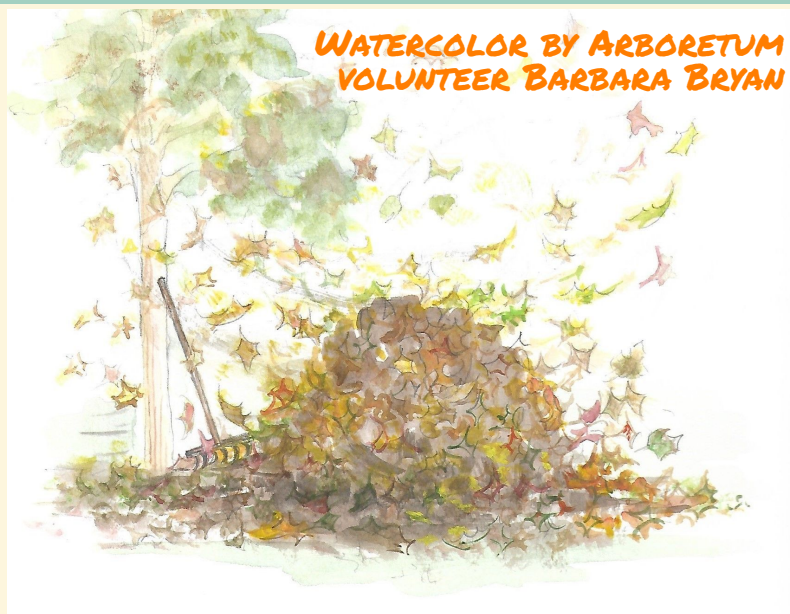
DID YOU KNOW? MANY SMALL CREATURES KEEP WARM IN COLD WEATHER BY BURROWING UNDER A BLANKET OF LEAVES. SPIDERS, SNAILS, WORMS, BEETLES, AND CATERPILLARS ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF CREATURES THAT NEED LEAVES TO SURVIVE THE WINTER MONTHS!

Take It Outside!

There are so many ways to enjoy fall leaves! Rake them into a pile and jump on them. Throw handfuls of leaves at each other and have a leaf battle. Build a leafy nest or fort. Bury yourself in them!

Make It!

Find several large, flat leaves. Use cotton balls to dab fall-colored paint on each leaf. Press the leaves onto sheets of paper, then peel back to reveal your beautiful leaf print.



Fall Nursery Rhyme!

*One, two leaves fell down.
Three, four they hit the ground.
Five, six they fell so quick.
Seven, eight they lay so straight.
Nine, ten, let's start again!*
--By Jean Warren

Snack Time!

Use a leaf-shaped cookie cutter to make fall toast. Spread your toast with apple or pumpkin butter. Yum!



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