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STRONGSTART

SD47 EARLY LEARNING WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Newsletter #3

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We hope you enjoy our third newsletter
of this school year.

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This week's
theme is:

LEAVES

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VIRTUAL STRONGSTART

The Early Learning team is excited to share weekly Newsletters. These newsletters are sent out to registered families as well as posted on the Virtual StrongStart webpage.

SD47 STRONGSTART ON INSTAGRAM

School District 47's Instagram site is: [sd47strongstart](#).

Daily posts following this schedule:

- Monday- Letter of the Week
- Tuesday- StrongStart Smile Search
- Wednesday- I-Spy
- Thursday- Around Powell River (People and Places)
- Friday- Good Citizen of the House

The StrongStart Smile Search location changes each Tuesday. Families can visit the location and have fun finding the smile.

We would love you to write a comment below any activity or idea you are inspired by. If you have picture you would like to share on our Instagram site, send it to rita.john@sd47.bc.ca.

EDIBLE TREES

Ingredients

- Pretzel Rods
- Pretzel Sticks
- Fruit by the Foot
- White Frosting
- Paper or plate



Instructions

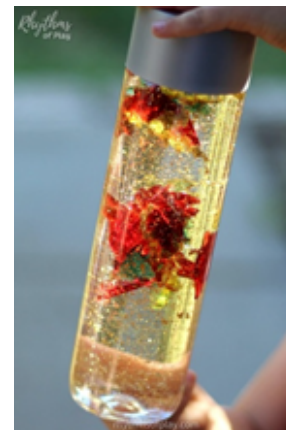
1. For the tree trunk, spread frosting on a pretzel stick and attach it to the paper or plate.
2. For the tree branches, spread frosting on the pretzel sticks, and stick on the paper or plate to form branches that are attached to the trunk.
3. For the leaves, tear small pieces of the dried fruit and stick on the tree branches.

*If you prefer a healthier version to this fall edible tree snack, you can skip the icing and use sliced red and green grapes. Yummy!

**ENJOY THIS FUN FALL SNACK-
A MASTERPIECE YOU CAN EAT!**

WINDY FALL LEAVES- SENSORY BOTTLE

1. Get a mason jar or a plastic bottle You can take off any labels or stickers (goo-be-gone is great for this)
2. Gather 10-20 bright colourful leaves
3. Fill jar 2/3 with corn syrup. OPTIONAL: for more fun you can add some gold glitter
4. Fill the remainder of the bottle with water so that there is no air left in the bottle
5. Seal the lid with glue or tape
6. Now swirl it around as if the wind is blowing the leaves



LEAF CROWN

1. Gather a nice collection of leaves
2. Make a band with paper that is long enough to fit around your child's head (it may be two pieces glued or stapled together)
3. Let your child decorate this how ever they like (real leaves, made leaves, using crayons, felts etc.). See three options below:



OPTION#1

Attach real leaves to band by stapling them onto band (I find with real leaves stapling works better than gluing).



OPTION#2

Make leaf prints by painting leaves and pressing them onto paper). When they are dried, cut them out and glue them onto your beautiful head band.



OPTION#3

Make leaf rubbings by using a crayon to rub over different shaped leaves. Cut them out and glue onto your head band to make a beautiful crown that will last forever.



BOOKS

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SONGS

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ALL THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN

Tune: "London Bridges Falling Down"

- All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down
(Imitate leaves falling down)
- All the leaves are falling down, it is fall.
Take the rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up
(Imitate raking leaves)
- Take the rake and rake them up, it is fall.
- Make a pile and jump right in, jump right in, jump right in,
(Children jump forward)
- Make a pile and jump right in, it is fall.

by Diane Chancy

HAVE YOU SEEN?

(Tune: Have you seen the muffin man?)

(Hand out a red, yellow, orange, green, and brown leaf to each child. As you sing the song the children pick the matching leaf and make the movements to the song.)

- Have you seen the orange leaves,
The orange leaves, the orange leaves?
- Have you seen the orange leaves,
Swirling in the wind?

Repeat with red, yellow, green, and brown

RHYMES

FIVE LITTLE LEAVES

(Finger Play)

- Five little leaves so bright and gay
(hold up 5 fingers)
- Were dancing about on a tree one day
(flutter fingers)
- The wind came blowing through town
(make wind sounds)
- One little leaf came tumbling down
(hide 1 finger)
- Four little leaves so bright and gay.

Repeat until there are zero little leaves

ONE, TWO LEAVES FELL DOWN

- 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!

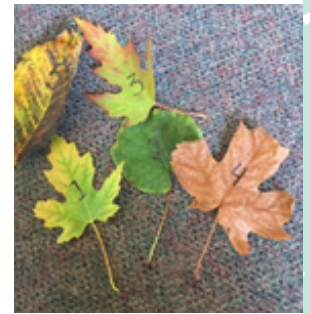
by Jean Warren

(Give your children some paper (or real leaves) to drop as you all say the rhyme. Repeat with more leaves if your children would like.)

LEAF NUMBER HIDE AND SEEK

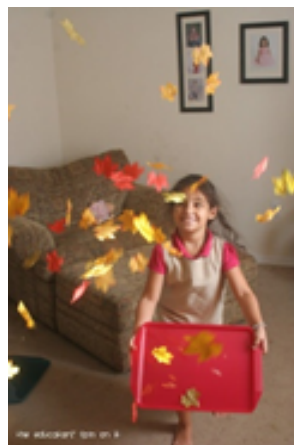


Cut out different coloured leaves and number them from 1-10.
(you could also use real leaves)



OPTION #1

Take turns hiding leaves around the house or yard. When the leaves are found you can arrange by number.



OPTION #2

Throw leaves in the air and when they catch them see if they can recognize the number they catch.



Gather a pile of leaves either inside (if you are brave) or outside. Kids love to practice raking (or sweeping)

For an extra challenge you can make a shape with tape and have the kids rake or sweep them into that shape.





Why do leaves change colour in the fall?

[click here](#)

Leaf Names - Leaf Shapes

[click here](#)

Leaf Facts for Kids

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42 Stunning Leaf Crafts for Kids to Make

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Why Leaves Change Color

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Leaves Come in all Shapes and Sizes

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Outdoor StrongStart/ORCA Bus Program

StrongStart Outreach, in collaboration with the ORCA Bus project, is offering an outdoor program(see schedule here)

DETAILS OF THE PLAN INCLUDE:

-- The program will take place outside the bus. Participants should come prepared for any weather. The program will be offered in parks around the community. The StrongStart team has created suggestions on how to prepare for an outdoor program: [click here](#)

-- REGISTRATION:

- All participating children must be registered with the school district before they can attend.
- Completed registration forms are emailed to strongstart@sd47.bc.ca. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SENT WITH THE CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE.**
- A fillable registration form can be accessed here: [StrongStart Registration Form](#). Registration forms are also available at the School Board Office (4351 Ontario Avenue).

-- SIGN UP FOR PROGRAM:

- Participants will sign up to attend our program. We are not able to accept drop-in participation.
- **Families will express interest in attending by leaving a message at 604-414-2635.** After leaving a message, only families who receive phone confirmation will be able to attend.
- Cutoff for expression of interest will be Monday of the week before scheduled dates (i.e. cutoff for October 5-9 is Monday September 28, 2020). We will be scheduling one week at a time to start.

-- ATTENDANCE:

- Electronic attendance will be collected using either our iPad or personal devices by scanning a QR code.
- As part of attendance families will be asked to review the **Know the COVID-19 Symptoms Daily Health Check** document and verified that we have not answered yes to any of the questions each time then attend the program. The document can be found here: [Daily Health Check](#)

Participants are required to agree to the contents of the **StrongStart Safety Policies and Procedures** before attending their first session. This can be found here: [SS Safety Policies and Procedures](#).