



ASCO Fall Activity Packet 2022

Go on a leaf hunt. Use the attached chart as your scavenger hunt list. You can also:

1. Identify the type of tree the leaves came from. For more detailed information you can download a Trees of Ohio Field Guide at <https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/wildlife/backyard-wildlife/Publications/2015/201509%20Trees%20of%20Ohio%20Field%20Guide.pdf>
2. Talk about what colors the leaves are. Make a simple bar graph of the different colors.
3. Count how many leaves you find.
4. Learn about features of leaves. Are they smooth-edged or toothed? Simple or compound? Lobed or not lobed?
5. Learn about why leaves turn color in the fall. [Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf](#) by Lois Ehlert is a good place to start. Some easy science experiments can be found at <https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/super-easy-science-experiments-demonstrate-leaves-change-color/>
6. Place the leaves between two sheets of clear contact paper and hang them in the window.

Or have a scavenger hunt that is broader in scope using the template found at: http://i1.wp.com/hodgepodgecraft.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Autumn-Scavenger-Hunt-Printable-www.hodgepodgecraft.com_.jpg?resize=644%2C457

Some great fall worksheet activities from And Next Comes are (you will need to sign into this website):

Fall Leaves I Spy – <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2015/09/free-fall-i-spy-printable-for-kids.html>

Word Scramble – <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2021/10/fall-word-scramble.html>

Emotions Match – <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2021/11/leaf-emotions-spot-the-match-game.html>

Acorn Emotions Puzzles – <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2021/11/acorn-themed-emotion-puzzles.html>

Deep Breathing Poster – <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2019/10/fall-leaf-deep-breathing-exercise.html>

Fall tree art project. Use the attached tree template (or draw your own). Color the tree brown. Provide paint in yellow, orange, red, brown and green (washable kids paint!) and broccoli florets. Dip the broccoli into the paint (one floret per color . . . or not) and use it to stamp leaves onto the tree branches.

Another possibility is to use toilet paper rolls for leaf stamping – check it out at <https://www.craftymorning.com/toilet-paper-roll-leaf-stamping-fall-tree-craft/> Or they can use their fingerprints or cotton swabs to stamp “leaves”. Read Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert for some additional artistic inspiration. You can also paint with corn on the cob (see <http://www.autismadventures.com/fall-sensory-fun/>)

Go apple picking (or buy some at the grocery store). Cut up the attached sequencing photo (from www.KidsSoup.com) and learn about how apples grow. You can cut apples in half (both lengthwise and crosswise) and make apple prints with paint.

Check out these books at the library:

Johnny Appleseed by Reeve Lindbergh

Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell

Goodby Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak

Too Many Pumpkins by Linda White

Pumpkin, Pumpkin by Jean Titherington

It's Pumpkin Time by Zoe Hall

Ask your librarian for more ideas. (Help your child to do this by preparing and practicing a social script at home.)

Practice fractions by cutting apples into halves, quarters and eighths. Other apple-themed worksheets and activities are available at:

<https://www.preschoolplayandlearn.com/apple-worksheets-for-preschoolers/>

There are lots of great activities centered around pumpkins. We've included Life Cycle of a Pumpkin and Parts of a Pumpkin worksheets (from

<https://laiaprincep.wordpress.com/2016/10/30/pumpkin-pumpkin/>). Watch Spookley

The Square Pumpkin at <https://youtu.be/Qo2BAoqxbdM>

Find some rocks. Smooth, round or oval ones work the best. Bring them home and paint them to look like pumpkins, apples, happy faces or hearts. You can also paint with messages – “You are special”, etc. Take one on your next walk and leave it for someone else to find. This can be a great way to introduce acts of kindness.

Pull out your Lego or Duplo blocks. Select one size. Stack them in various sized stacks. Count them by ones, twos, fives and tens. Measure each stack with a ruler and record the measurements. Practice addition and subtraction with single-sized bricks.

Fire prevention week is October 9-15, 2022. Check with your local fire station – they may be having an open house. There are some great Sparky the FireDog activities at <https://www.weareteachers.com/fire-prevention-week-activities/>, including downloadable activity sheets. Take the time to talk about fire safety: “stop, drop and roll”, what to do if there is a fire and PRACTICE!

Additional fire safety craft ideas can be found at https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/fire-safety/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=newsletter_9-24-22&utm_medium=email.

Work on proprioception. Check out <https://www.theotttoolbox.com/proprioception-sensory-marshmallow-dough/> for a recipe for sensory marshmallow dough (or make bread from scratch or a mix and have your child help with the kneading). Create a backyard obstacle course by placing circles made out of string (3 to 4 feet in diameter) and practice jumping in and out of the hoops on two feet, on one foot and on alternating feet. Digging a hole is a great activity, as well. If you shop for pumpkins, have your child pick up various sizes and discuss which are big, little, heavy, light, etc.

You can practice counting (and eye-hand coordination) with the game found at: <https://toddlerapproved.com/2012/09/fall-pine-cone-toss-simple-counting-game.html>. If you don't have pinecones, use marshmallows, paperclips or other small objects.

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LEAF HUNT

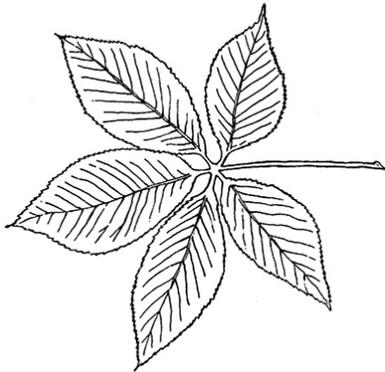
These are leaves from six common Ohio trees.
Can you find them?



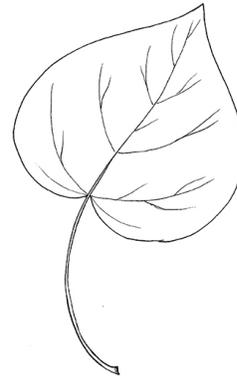
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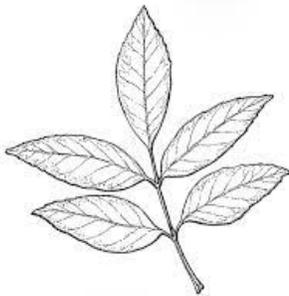
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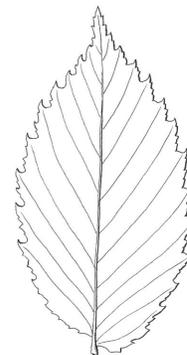
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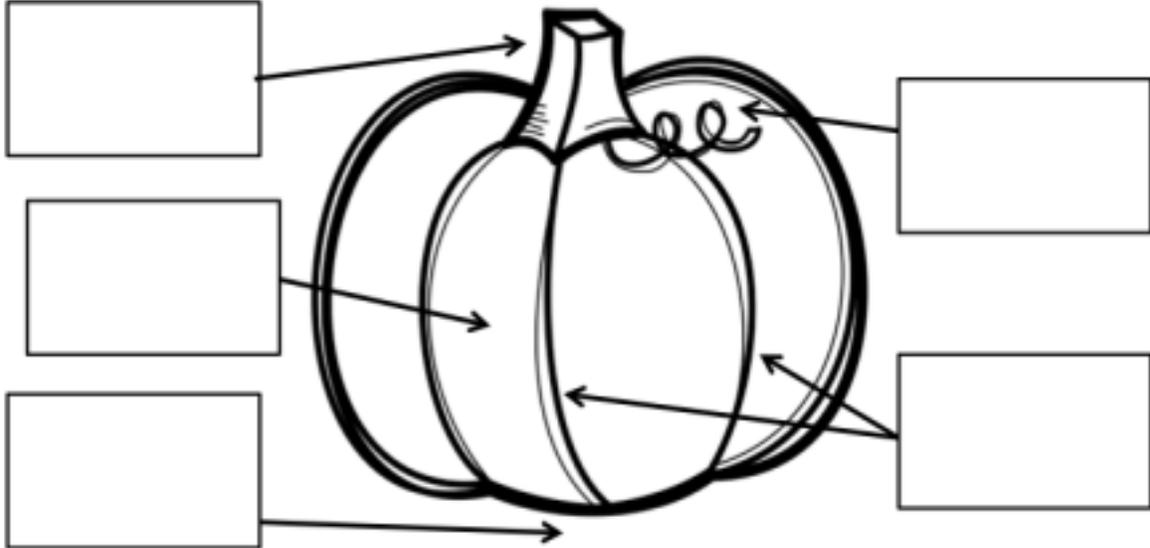
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Did you find others?
You can identify them with a book from the library
or by downloading the Trees of Ohio Field Guide from the Division of Wildlife.

Name: _____

Parts of a Pumpkin

Directions: Cut out the labels below and glue them into the correct boxes.



vine

rind

ribs

stem

blossom
end