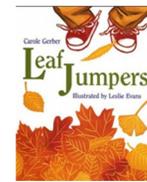


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**Talking:** Crisp autumn leaves make wonderful sounds! Ask your child what kinds of sounds rustling leaves make while still on the trees. Do they make different, crunchier sounds when we step on them on the ground? What about when we're playing in a big leaf pile? Ask your children if they know any words that sound like these sounds that leaves make.

**Singing:** "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down" is a fall take on the traditional "London Bridge is Falling Down" created by folks at The Learning Station. Encourage your child to move and sing with lyrics, music, and movements found online at: <http://goo.gl/Ef4Pq5>

**Reading:** Look at the cover of the book together. Point out the title, author and illustrator. Talk about what these things are and mean. **Leaf Jumpers** uses rhyming to help shape the story. Ask your child to listen for rhyming words. Share how rhymes may be hidden in stories.

**Writing:** Just as leaves have special shapes that tell us what kind of tree the leaf is from, letters also have shapes with special meanings. Have your child write the first letter of his or her name. Can you find this letter "hidden" in the shape or veins of any of the leaves in the book? Help your child draw a tree using this letter as the "leaves".

**Playing:** Build a leaf pile for your child to play in. If dry leaves are not available on site, consider bringing leaves from another safe location in bags, or go to a park where leaves are plentiful. Encourage children to wear long garments during leaf pile play.

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