

0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> Make a fall handprint tree by tacking up a long piece of freezer paper on a tree outside in the yard. Then using brown paint, have the children paint a tall bare tree on the paper. Let dry. Fill three bowls with tempera paint, one for each color—yellow, orange, and red. Then have the children place the flat of their hands on top of the colors of their choice. Allow the paint to drip off and then start making colored leaves all over your bare tree.</p> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify;"> ◆</p> <p> ◆</p> <h3 style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt"> MATH IDEAS</h3> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> Use acorns and leaves as counters for addition and subtraction problems.</p> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> Make graphs of the fall months' temperatures and precipitation.</p> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify;"> ◆</p> <p> ◆</p> <h3 style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt"> READING IDEAS</h3> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> My favorite fall book is Brambly Hedge Autumn Story, which tells a story about how mice make fall preparations for the winter. The illustrations are just adorable and have been a favorite fall tradition since my first child was very young.</p> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> Cut pretty shaped fall leaves out of orange, yellow, red, and brown construction paper. Each time a child reads a book, have him write the title on a leaf and hang on a bare tree on a bulletin board or just place on your refrigerator.</p> <p> ◆</p> <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt; text-align: justify"> Make pretty shaped fall-colored leaf bookmarks out of construction paper; then cover with contact paper.</p> <p> ◆</p>