



“Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down” is the most recent song we have introduced this week to the children. The music is on YouTube by The Learning Station for Kids. Each day we move and groove together under the big front lawn tree. Some of our favorite music and movement songs have been, “We are the Dinosaurs”, “Ketchup Ketchup French Fries”, “The Airplane Song” and “Ladybug Ladybug”. All these songs can be found on YouTube as well. We tried some new yoga poses together: Tree, Waterfall, Falling leaves and Frog. During this time outside we have also shared new concepts and related books. As an introduction to the season of Autumn, we have been noticing the different colored leaves and how the wind has been blowing so many leaves off the trees. “The leaves are raining on us”, we all agreed. The children have been very in tune with the many sights and sounds outside. We watched two hawks circle above us, saw the moon in the sky during the day, noticed lots of ladybugs crawling on the chairs, and of course heard sirens from the nearby police station, and a helicopter hovering overhead.

In the big tent and in the classroom we played with a variety of sensory materials such as, colored rice with mini trucks, and oats with cinnamon. We created pictures of fall trees using dot markers for the colors and a tracing of each child’s hand as the tree trunk. We built homes for forest animals with tree blocks, played a count your Acorns game with dice and stickers, and used eyedroppers, water and markers to create beautiful paper leaves.

At circle time the children enjoyed a brain building activity centered around fall activities, danced like scarecrows and answered a survey about their favorite fall activity.

**As a reminder**, please make sure your child always has two extra masks packed in their backpack. We are working hard to keep the children safe and comfortable at school and clean, dry masks are key to this. We will send the dirty ones home in a bag daily. We also are still waiting for some family pictures for our bulletin board. We appreciate your patience in the morning with communications and check ins. Please make sure your child has warm clothes for the cool mornings. Next week we’ll be focusing on apples.

**A huge Thank You to Jean for supporting us, and a great big welcome to Dominique!  
Enjoy your long weekend!**

**Jeanne, Olivia, Carrie, Jean and Dominique**