



# Read & Create: Fall Forest Friends



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Watch our Fall Forest Friends mini-early literacy video  
Available starting 10/11 at [bit.ly/SCLstorytime](http://bit.ly/SCLstorytime)

## Kit includes:

- Hedgehog leaf craft
- This activity sheet



## SING TOGETHER:

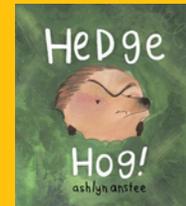
### The Leaves Are Falling Down

(to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell)

The leaves are falling down  
The leaves are falling down  
Red, orange, yellow, green, and brown  
The leaves are falling down

GROWNUPS - Change the words to favorite songs to incorporate new concepts or activities. The Farmer in the Dell can become "The leaves are falling down" or "There's dinner to be cooked" or "There are phases of the moon."

## Fall Booklist



### Hedge Hog!

by Ashlyn Anstee

### Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter

by Kenard Pak

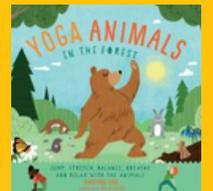


### In the Middle of Fall

by Kevin Henkes

### Yoga Animals in the Forest

by Christiane Kerr



## TALK TOGETHER:

### What we eat! -

Try this fun rhyme featuring apples,  
a favorite fall food!

Way up high in the apple tree,  
Two red apples smiled at me.  
I shook that tree as hard as I could,  
Dooowwwwwwn came an apple,  
Mmmm, it was good!

GROWNUPS - Talk about foods you like to eat then plan a meal together using at least one favorite food from each family member.

## PLAY TOGETHER:

### Animal "Charades"



Take turns pretending to be different forest animals, creating their movements and sounds.

For younger kids, provide animal suggestions: "Can you be a frog? A bear? A snake? A rabbit?"

For older kids, let them choose the animal and have you guess!



# Read & Create:

## Fall Forest Friends

### Five Little Pumpkins



**Cut me out and use me as a template to create five little pumpkins!**

#### You will need:

- Paper, foam, or felt
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, stickers

#### Instructions

- Cut out this pumpkin shape and use it as a template to trace five pumpkins on paper, foam, felt, or any other sturdy material.
- Cut out the pumpkins. Let older kids practice their cutting skills.
- Decorate your pumpkins to have a variety of faces. Talk about the different emotions as you draw the faces and make faces yourself.
- Use your pumpkins to create the rhyme. (see below)

Five Little Pumpkins sitting on a gate  
The first one said, "Oh my! It's getting late!"  
The second one said, "There's a chill in the air."  
The third one said, "But we don't care."  
The fourth one said, "We're ready for some fun."  
The fifth one said, "Let's run, run, run."  
So, "Woo" went the wind, and out went the lights.  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

## Getting Ready for K!

### Five Little Pumpkins Activity

- **Social/Emotional Skills** - learning the names for a variety of emotions and being able to recognize those feelings in yourself and others
- **Art Knowledge** - using a variety of tools and techniques to express yourself, naming tools and colors