

Family Newsletter



Developing Early
Language and
Literacy in Danville



“Fall”

What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs and rhymes related to our theme “Fall”!

As the leaves in the trees change their colors and the temperature gets cooler, children will begin to notice changes in their environment as the Fall season comes upon us.

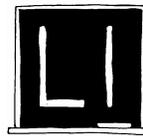
New Concepts:

Positions and Syllables

We will learn different position words and phrases like “first”, “last”, “in” and “out”.

We will also start to learn about syllables by counting and clapping the syllables of names of people in our class. For instance Jarron has two syllables, so we clap twice!

Letter of the Week



Big “L” and little “l”

Some “L” words we will talk about are Leaves, Lion, Little, Love, and Letters!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big “L”

Straight line down. Then, straight to the right.

Letter Talk for little “l”

Straight line down.

Practice drawing letters in sand, sugar, cornmeal or in the air!

Learn the Letter “L”

Songs we are singing

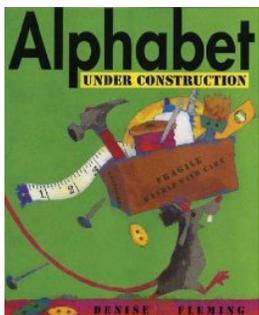


“Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes”

“Hickory Dickory Dock”

New Book: “Alphabet Under Construction”

by Denise Fleming



This book is about a mouse and the letters of the alphabet. We will talk about how different letters are the same or different as we are reading the book. You can help your child recognize letters by pointing them out as you see them around your house, in the grocery store, at a restaurant or all around your community. Letters have the same name, but look different. Help your child name letters for both small and big letters, like “L and l”.

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Autumn Walk

Fall is a great time to get outdoors and discover all the beautiful changes that are taking place. Try to visit one of the parks in your community with short, easy walking trails for you and your child.

While walking around the park, ask your child to find all of the different colors and point them out.

Play a game such as “I Spy”. For instance, “I spy something red” or “I spy something that begins with the letter L”.

Try to get outside and enjoy all the beauty that this season has to offer!



Try These Tips at Home

Teach your child to use: **Positional Words**

- When singing “Hickory Dickory Dock” have your child stand up when you sing “the mouse ran up the clock” sit down when you sing “the mouse ran down”.
- Ask your child to put his/her plate “on top of” the counter after dinner.
- Ask your child what they do “last” before they go to bed.
- Ask your child what they do “first” when they wake up in the morning.

Help your child learn the letters: **L and I**

- Help your child write the letter “L” in the air or on the palm of his or her hand.
- Go on a letter hunt for words in your house that either start with “L” or have the letter “L” in it or on it.
- Let your child circle all the L’s they find a newspaper or magazine you are finished reading.

Talk to you child about: **the Fall season**

- When driving around town, talk about how the leaves are changing colors.
- Explain to your child that **Autumn** is another name for **Fall**.
- When singing “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes” change the words to “Leaves, Branches, Trunk and Roots”.
- Let your child help rake leaves, and then help your child write a short story about it. Explaining what you did “first”, “next” and “last”.

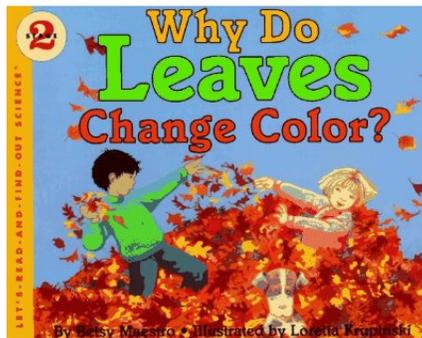
Books related to theme

- “Fall Leaves Fall” by Zoe Hall
- “It’s Fall” by Linda Glaser
- “Leaf Man” by Lois Ehlert
- “Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf” by Lois Ehlert
- “What Makes the Seasons” by Megan Montaque Cash
- “When Autumn Falls” by Kelli Nidey

Book Pick: “Why Do Leaves Change Color?”

Author: Betsy Maestro

Illustrator: Loretta Krupinski



The book explains what happens to leaves when they change colors and fall from the tree. There are pictures of leaves of different colors, sizes and shapes. Directions are provided on how to make a leaf rubbing and how to press leaves. Great for teaching your child about science and reading!

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