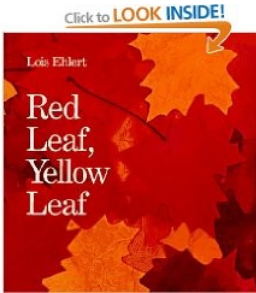


Toddler Tuesday - October 2008



Today our theme was Fall Fun and we read the book Red Leaf Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert. We talked all about fall and the colors that it brings. Everyone got to hold a red leaf and a yellow leaf during story-time and help find their leaves on the pages as we read. We even had the whirlybird - helicopter seeds from the sugar maple tree that was talked about in the book.

Activities

1. We made collages with die cuts of red and yellow leaves, whirlybird seeds, and orange pumpkins. We glued them onto paper plates.
2. We painted our own fall trees with our hands. We used the sides of our hands to make the trunk and branches and dipped our finger tips into fall colors to make the leaves.
3. We got to play in a bucket of pumpkin guts! We gutted 6 pumpkins and put the seeds and pulp into a sensory tub on the floor for kids to squeeze and play with. What a great sensory experience - especially for toddlers and twos.
4. Take your child on a nature walk. Collect items and talk about them. Make a poster board or window display of the things you find.

Other Books about Fall

It's Fall! (Celebrate the Seasons) by Linda Glaser

Mouses First Fall by Lauren Thompson and Buket Erdogan

Why do Leaves Change Color? by Betsy Maestro & Loretta Krupinski

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf: A Story of Life for All Ages by Leo Buscaglia

Arthur Jumps into Fall by Marc Brown

Autumn is for Apples by Michelle Knudson

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson & Tiphonie Beeke

Animals in Fall by Rustad and Martha E.

Who Loves the Fall by Bob Raczka & Judy Stead

