LEAVES/SCARECROWS

BOOKS

We're going On a Leaf Hunt
When the Leaf Blew In
Red Leaf Yellow Leaf
Fletcher and the Falling Leaves
A Friend For All Seasons
The Falling Leaves and the Scarecrow
The Little Scarecrow Boy

SNACKS

HAYSTACK COOKIES

http://www.teachingheart.net/scarecrow.html

1 box of Fiber One
2 cups of butterscotch chips
2 cups of white chocolate chips

Melt the chips together in the microwave (about 2 min.) Stir until smooth. Add the box of Fiber One and stir. Quickly place a large spoonful onto wax paper or into muffin cups. Let set for about an hour and you have some yummy Haystacks to enjoy!

CHEESE LEAVES

ACORNS

https://www.hersheys.com/recipes/recipe-details.aspx?id=8805

Ingredients

ROYAL ICING or Decorator's Frosting (recipe follows)
HERSHEY'S KISSES Brand Milk Chocolates or Pumpkin Spice Flavored Candies
Mini vanilla wafer cookies
Peanut Butter Chips or Butterscotch Chips

Directions

1. Prepare ROYAL ICING and place in pastry bag with small tip. Remove wrappers from candies.
2. Place vanilla wafer cookies on tray. Squeeze small amount of icing onto bottom of candy piece. Press candy bottom onto vanilla wafer .
3. Place small dab of icing on bottom of peanut butter chip or butterscotch chip.

ROYAL ICING: Stir together 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon warm water and 1-1/2 teaspoons pasteurized dried egg whites (meringue powder). Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until spreadable.

MOLASSES PUMPKIN KISS COOKIES

http://www.thediaryofdaveswife.com/2012/09/27/molasses-pumpkin-kiss-cookies

1. 1 tsp Baking Soda
2. 1/4 tsp Ground Nutmeg
3. 1/4 tsp salt
4. 3/4 cups (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature
5. 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
6. 1/2 cup molasses

7. 1 egg
8. 1/4 cup granulated sugar
9. 1 tsp. vanilla extract
10. 1 Package of Hershey's Pumpkin Spice Kisses

Instructions
Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg, and salt in a large bowl. Beat butter and brown sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg, and vanilla; beat well. Gradually add in flour mixture on low speed until incorporated. Press dough into flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Shape dough into 1 inch balls, Roll in granulated Sugar. Place on parchment lined baking sheets 2 inches apart. Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges of cookies just begin to brown. Immediately press 1 unwrapped Kiss into the center of each cookie. Transfer to wire racks to cool completely. Store in an air tight container for up to 5 days. Enjoy!

SOFT FROSTED PUMPKIN SPICE COOKIES

Yield: 3 dozen cookies

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- frosting:
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1/2 cup softened cream cheese
- 2-3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves, and salt; set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the 1/2 cup of butter and white sugar. Add pumpkin, egg, and 1 teaspoon vanilla to butter mixture, and beat until creamy. Mix in dry ingredients. Drop on cookie sheet by tablespoonfuls; flatten slightly.
3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven.
4. **For the Frosting:**
5. Cream butter and cream cheese together. Slowly add powdered sugar and mix with an electric mixer until thick and creamy.
6. Add vanilla and cinnamon.
7. When cookies are cooled- spread frosting on top with an offset spatula.

http://www.the-baker-chick.com/2012/09/soft-frosted-pumpkin-spice-cookies/

CEREAL SCARECROW

Applesauce, mini box cereal, fruit roll-up, plastic spoon, raffia, and tape.

CIRCLE TIME

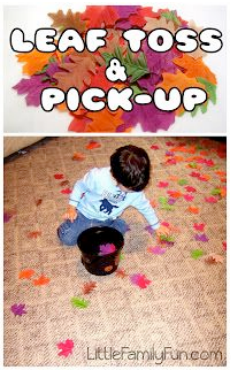
I'm A Little Scarecrow

I'm A Little Scarecrow
Stuffed with hay
Here I stand in a field all day.
When I see the crows,
I like to shout,
"Hey! You crows, you better get out!"

Scarecrow Chant

Scarecrow, scarecrow,
How scary can you be?
You scared away the crows,
But you can't scare me!

LEAF TOSS AND PICKUP



Cut your own, die cuts, or use fabric leaves from the Dollar Tree.

LEAF SNAKE

Sew a button on the end of a ribbon, cut a slit in felt or fabric leaves, and string on the ribbon.

http://frugalgranola.com/2011/11/busy-bags-for-little-hands/

5 LITTLE ACORNS(Make or glue small acorns on popscicle sticks with 1-5 on them)

5 Little Acorns sitting in a tree.

Along came Mr. Squirrel as

HUNGRY as could be.

Then the fall winds blew and rustled all the leaves.

Down came an acorn;

Mr. Squirrel was PLEASED!

http://thepreschooltoolboxblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/5-Little-Acorns.pdf

PINE CONE TOSS GAME

http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2012/09/fall-pine-cone-toss-simple-counting-game.html

Put bowls out in order from big to small (small is harder and further away) and designate each bowl to have a certain number of points. We kept it simple and had the big bowl be worth 1 point, next bowl worth 2 points, and third (harder) bowl worth 3 points.

SCIENCE

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

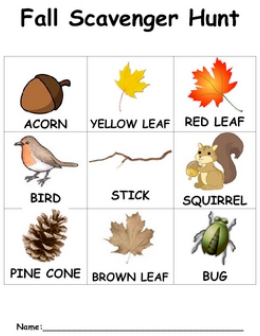
http://www.pleasantestthing.com/2012/09/fall-guess-bags-focus-on-touch.html

AUTUMN LEAF NEST

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

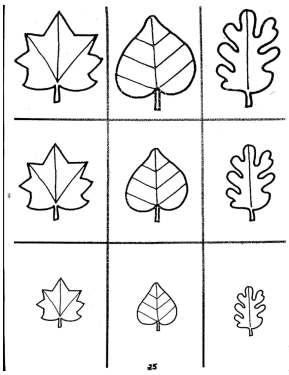
FREE PRINTABLE ON:

http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Fall-Scavenger-Hunt-215747



MATH

LEAF SIZE



PRINTABLE ON:

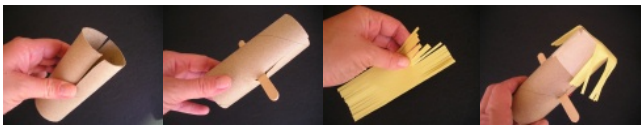
http://printables.atozteacherstuff.com/download/littlegiraffes/fall_leaves.pdf

COUNTING LEAVES

Buy or cut 10 leaves out of craft foam and write 1-10 on them. Attach 1/2 a pipe cleaner to the back and add pony bead to match the corresponding number on the leaves.

ART

TP ROLL SCARECROW



1. Cut 2 slits down your TP roll, opposite each other and about 2/3 down the roll (see picture).
2. Slide your popsicle stick into the slits. Wrap the top 1/3 of the roll with masking tape (to make the scarecrows face, and to keep the TP roll together).
3. Cut a strip of yellow construction paper about 5" X 11/2" big. Cut fringe at either end. Fold it to fit the top of the TP roll and glue on.
4. Once your Scarecrow's hair is on go ahead and draw on a face and glue on your muffin cup hat. Add a little more color by cutting out small square patches for your Scarecrow.

If you're doing this craft with preschoolers, make it easier by having the craft stick and masking tape in place and pre-cut the hair. They can glue on everything and make the Scarecrow's face!

Found on busybeekidscrafts.com

SCRUBBER PAINTED TREE

FALL PAINTED LEAVES

Q-TIP FALL TREE

http://www.messforless.net

PAPER PLATE SCARECROW

http://www.learnandgrowdesigns.com

PAPER BAG SCARECROW

www.easy-child-crafts.com

FALL TREE

Paint a paper towel tube, Cut top for branches down a couple of inches and glue leaves on the branches.

http://www.1plus1plus1equals1.net/2010/09/something-special-fall-tree-craft/

MORE ACTIVITIES

HAPPY FALL ACTIVITIES

http://www.3dinosaurs.com/printables/packs/fall.php

PRE-WRITING

http://www.1plus1plus1equals1.com/Scarecrow_Tot_Pack.pdf

FALL SENSORY BINS

Use beans or cornflakes and add a variety of fall items.