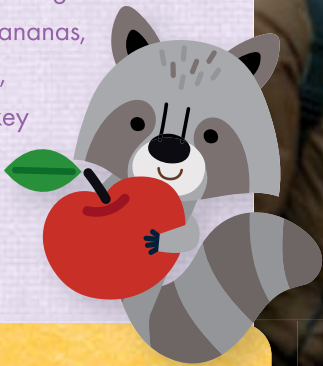


# Family Newsletter

## THIS MONTH'S THEME

# Orchard Harvest

This month, science comes to life as your child discovers the wonder of orchards. They will get to know the parts of a tree and investigate the fruit and seeds that grow from them. They will identify the animals that call an orchard home, sneak like a raccoon and polka with a porcupine. Get ready for an exciting month of peeling bananas, mashing avocados, painting with a pokey chestnut and cracking a bumpy walnut!



## Explore Around Home

Take a neighborhood walk and investigate trees together.

So much of the Orchard Harvest theme can be easily reinforced by stepping outside with your child. Take a walk and count the various trees you see. Explore the parts of a tree and discover what the seed for that tree looks like. Invite your child to discuss the colors they see as the leaves change in the crisp fall air. Look for animals that live in the trees and discover the science of nature near your home.

### Topics for a walk:

counting  
life cycle of trees  
colors  
seasons  
animal life



Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

### Today I designed apple seed art.

You can find small seeds inside an apple. I chose different materials to make my own raccoon mask. I also made a paper tail. I can play make-believe and sneak around to different places in the room.



### Today I designed a raccoon mask.

Raccoons can be sneaky and take food from an orchard. I chose different materials to make my own raccoon mask. I also made a paper tail. I can play make-believe and sneak around to different places in the room.



ASK ME: What does a raccoon's face look like? What do you think raccoons like to eat?

Preschool

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

**Letters** li, ll & Ee

**Shape** Square

**Numbers** 3 & 4

**Color** Red

**Character Trait** Patient

**Letter li** ice, iguana & insect

**Letter Ee** egg, elephant & ear

**Letter ll** leaf, lion & lemon





Topics your child will explore this month.

# Orchard Harvest

## Tree Life Cycle

- 1 Seed
- 2 Roots
- 3 Trunk
- 4 Branch
- 5 Leaves

## Fruit Trees

- 6 Apple
- 7 Cherry
- 8 Lemon
- 9 Orange
- 10 Plum

## Skin & Shells

- 16 Walnut
- 17 Chestnut
- 18 Avocado
- 19 Banana
- 20 Peach

## Animals in the Orchard

- 11 Porcupine
- 12 Bird
- 13 Bugs
- 14 Raccoon
- 15 Squirrel



### RECOMMENDED READS

# Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

**We're Going on a Leaf Hunt**  
by Steve Metzger

**A Tree Is a Plant**  
by Clyde Robert Bulla

**Be a Friend to Trees**  
by Patricia Lauber

**The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree**  
by Gail Gibbons

**A Grand Old Tree**  
by Mary Newell DePalma

**A Tree Is Nice**  
by Janice May Udry



## Sing Together

### Falling Leaves

*(Sing to the tune of "London Bridge")*

Play and walk in real leaves outside, or make-believe with paper leaves indoors. Make up movements to act out the song.

Orange and red leaves falling down,  
Falling down, falling down.  
Orange and red leaves falling down,  
It's so windy.

We are raking up the leaves,  
Up the leaves, up the leaves.  
We are raking up the leaves,  
In a pile.

Now let's jump right in the pile,  
In the pile, in the pile.  
Now, let's jump right in the pile,  
See us smile!

