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ECS Newsletter

FALL FUN

The colours, sights, and sounds of fall are here and won't be around for long!! Take a break from the hustle and bustle to take advantage of the outdoor play days while they last and to cherish some special time with your child. Whether you're running an errand, walking to school, or catching up with some friends at the park, make an everyday outing into a fun talking time for your child.

As you crunch through the leaves, model the sound that they make "Crunch, Crunch, Crunch". If your little one can't say the whole sound, try "k, k, k" or "ch, ch, ch". Talk about the leaves breaking as you step on them. "Wow, listen to that crunch, crunch, crunch. Leaves are breaking!" Take time to feel the leaves. Some words that might describe them are: crispy, dry, crunchy, hard, breaking, crumbling, red, orange, yellow.

As the cool autumn wind sends a shiver, talk about the wind and weather. "Brrrrr...it's cold (gesture with a cold shiver). The wind is blowing." Show how you can blow with your mouth and even pick up a leaf to blow off of your hand. Talk about leaves that are blowing and falling to the ground. "Leaves fall...fall to ground!" Do they fall *fast* or *s-l-o-w*? You can also notice how it is "warm" in the sun and "cold" in the shade.

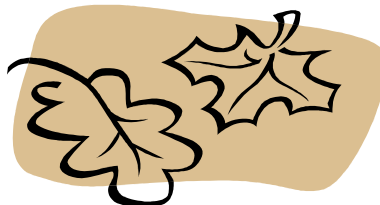
Identify vocabulary words that your child can practice that may be unique to fall... pumpkins, gourds, spiders, leaf piles, first snowflakes (yikes!), and of course the Halloween decorations

you see on your walk around the neighbourhood. For those of you with children with less language, say the names and one descriptor (e.g., "Look....pumpkin....orange pumpkin."). If your child has more language, provide more information (e.g., "Look...an orange pumpkin on the steps...it's big and bumpy). Again, if you are able, let your children touch, smell, and play with these items. The more ways a child is able to experience new things, the more likely he is to learn it, remember it, and express it!

One last example... take a deep breath in and smell the season. Think back, especially, to your youth and the smells you loved about fall. Some fall smells include...spicy cinnamon (in a cup of apple cider or yummy pie), fresh crisp air, smoke from fireplaces or leaves being burned, or fall mums. Encourage your little one to "sniff" and "smell". After you take a deep breath in to smell, let it out with an "ahhhhh". Enjoy the look on your child's face when she smells something really "yummy" or kind of "yucky".

Have fun as you explore outdoors and keep up the "good talking".

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ECS Calendar

October

30, 31 Classroom Parties

November

8,9 Coffee Mornings "Help is on the Way" with Ingrid Hein

24 Secret Santa

December

20 - 21 Classroom Parties

20 - 21 Last day of class

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Volunteer Calendar

Don't forget to sign up for your next volunteer day! What a great opportunity to see your child in action. The volunteer calendar is located by the mailboxes in the coat area.