

Keep this sheet.
Collect them all!



Explore your world with this Science-to-Go backpack



Books in this backpack

- **Are You Ready For Fall?**
by Sheila Anderson
- **Awesome Autumn**
by Bruce Goldstone
- **Every Autumn Comes the Bear**
by Jim Arnosky
- **Leaf Jumpers**
by Carole Gerber
- **Sophie's Squash**
by Pat Zietlow Miller

Idea!

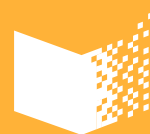
Look through the books together and point out things that you see in your area during fall.

More books
at your
library

Apples and Pumpkins. Anne F. Rockwell. E ROCKWEL
Applesauce Season. Eden Ross Lipson. E LIPSON
Pumpkin Day! Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. E WALLACE
Thanking the Moon. Grace Lin. E LIN

Local Connection

Go to a local park to see trees change colors. Do all the leaves change? Draw or paste leaves into the Science to Go field notebook.



ACTIVITY

Rotten Pumpkin

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Carving a pumpkin is a classic fall activity. But what happens next? Develop your child's long-term observation skills by letting your pumpkin decompose.

What you need:

- Pumpkin (carved will be more fun to watch rot)
- Paper (optional)
- Crayons (optional)

Try this:

1. Put your pumpkin outside to greet visitors. Your child may want to name the pumpkin.
2. After a week, check the pumpkin. What has changed?
3. Once the pumpkin is a bit mushy, begin checking on it every day or two. Encourage your child to draw pictures of the pumpkin at each observation. Write their observations under the picture to read together later.
4. Introduce new vocabulary (decomposition, mold, larva).
5. Encourage your child to use their eyes, fingers and nose to observe the pumpkin's changes. Ask them to predict what they think will happen next.

Rhyme

The Leaves on the Trees

(sing to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus")

The leaves on the tree
turn orange and brown
orange and brown,
orange and brown

The leaves on the tree
turn orange and brown
all through the town.

The leaves on the tree
come falling down
(repeat)

The leaves on the ground
go swish, swish, swish
(repeat)

Field Notebook

Add something to the field notebook!

For example: Encourage your child to draw pictures of things that remind them of fall. Or paste pressed leaves into the notebook. Label where the leaves were found.