**Book of the Month**

**Leaves by David Ezra Stein**

A little bear begins to worry about a tree when its leaves change color and fall from the branches. This sweet book appeals to preschoolers since they understand what is happening to the tree before the little bear does. Nice illustrations and a gentle story make this a wonderful choice for the Fall. Preschool and young school-age.

**Other fun books featuring *Leaves* and *Autumn***

- **Time To Sleep** by Denise Fleming—Woodland animals communicate to one another about the coming of winter in this wonderful book for preschoolers.
- **Leaf Jumpers** by Carole Gerber—Fun, rhyming text describes a variety of leaves and what you can do with them. Toddlers and preschoolers.
- **Fall Leaves Fall** by Zoe Hall—Very simple text and illustrations show leaves through the seasons. Toddlers and Preschoolers.
- **Fall is Not Easy** by Marty Kelly—A tree struggles with the Fall season. Funny! Preschool.
- **Who Loves the Fall** by Bob Raczka—Very simple rhyming text conveys the many things we love about Fall. All ages.
- **Let’s Look at Fall** by Sarah Scheutte—gorgeous photographs show the many beautiful aspects of Autumn. All ages.

**Rhyme of the Month**

**Leaves**

Leaves are falling all around  
(Flutter hands downward)

Falling softly to the ground  
(Place index finger on lips)

Falling, falling,  
Falling, down.  
(Quietly and slowly lower yourselves to the ground)

**Poem of the Month**

**Autumn Concert**

In the evening  
In the thickets  
There are orchestras  
Of crickets,  
And you never  
Need buy tickets  
To hear concerts  
by the crickets.

Aileen Fisher

**Free STARS trainings are listed at** [www.piercecountylibrary.org](http://www.piercecountylibrary.org)

Due to the new smaller class size requirement, registration priority will be given to providers enrolled in our “Ready for Books” program or whose child cares are in the Pierce County Library service district (unincorporated Pierce County addresses).

We apologize for the inconvenience and we will do our best to accommodate as many providers as possible.

We appreciate your patience and understanding!
As the weather cools, our inclination may be to stay indoors more. But children benefit greatly from time spent in the fresh, crisp air of Autumn. Here are some easy outdoor ideas:

- If it’s dry, set a blanket on the grass, lie down on your backs and watch the clouds.
- While on a walk, collect objects for a possible Autumn art project—acorns, leaves, sticks and pebbles etc. These can either be glued onto colored paper or placed into an egg carton for sorting or discussion.
- Ask the children to look at a local tree and talk about what it looks like. Talk together about how the tree is changing.
- Step outside without jackets for a moment. Ask the children to describe what they feel—how can they tell it’s cold? Where do they especially feel the cold? What does it make them want to do? Return inside and repeat the same routine with the warmth of the indoors.

If you have questions about this newsletter or if you would like to register for STARS trainings, call 253-548-3424 or email susana@piercecountylibrary.org for details.