**Books of the Month**

**Apples and Butterflies** by Shauntay Grant
A young girl dreams about exploring all that Nature has to offer in this lovely, poetic picture book. The vibrant illustrations suit the contemplative tone of this book perfectly. This would be a wonderful book to begin discussions of all the places and activities that your children explore in the natural world. Best for preschool and young school-age children.

**Other fun books about Apples:**

**Apples and Robins** by Lucie Félix—A fresh and creative picture book featuring die cut shapes telling the story about apples, robins, and changing seasons. All ages.

**Apple Pie Tree** by Zoe Hall—This lovely picture book follows an apple tree throughout the seasons and ends with a recipe for apple pie. Preschool and young school-age.

**Apple Harvest** by Calvin Harris—A very simple non-fiction book about apples and Autumn featuring large, vibrant photographs. Toddlers and preschoolers.

**Apple** by Nikki McClure—This very simple picture book looks at the seasons of an apple tree. Beautiful woodcut illustrations bring this book to life. All ages.

**Our Apple Tree** by Göel Kristina Näslund—This lovely book follows an apple tree over an entire year and is a wonderful introduction to an apple’s life cycle. Preschool and young school-age.

**The Apple Pie that Papa Baked** by Lauren Thompson—A festive take on the old rhyme, “House that Jack Built”. Preschool.

**Rhyme of the Month**

**Farmer Brown’s Apple Tree**

Farmer Brown has five red apples
hanging from a tree
He reached right up
and took one off,
and ate it hungrily.
Now Farmer Brown has four red apples
hanging from a tree...

Three red apples...Two red apples...
One red apple...Zero red apples...

**Poem of the Month**

**Backyard Circus**

Apples, Apples
juggle, toss
If you drop one
applesauce!

Nikki Grimes
Learning Ideas for October:

**Guess the Number**

1. Cut a window into the bottom left corner of the first envelope (see photo).

2. In the next envelope, cut a window in the bottom right corner. For the third, cut a window in the top right corner. For the fourth, cut a window in the top left corner.

3. Use the marker to write “Guess the Hidden Number” on each envelope.

4. Draw a large number on each piece of paper. Start with 1 and continue through 9. Be sure to position the 1 so that it will show through at least two of the windows.

5. Randomly sort your pile of numbered pages so that you won’t be working from 1 through 9.

6. Slip one of the numbers into one of the envelopes.

7. Show it to your children. Can they tell you what number it is? Be prepared to discuss what they can see through the window. A horizontal line in the top right window can belong to a 5 or a 7.

8. Give your children pieces of paper and the pencil. Help them draw a grid of four squares and have them copy what they see through the envelope window into the appropriate square. Now slip the number into another one of the envelopes. This will give your children a different view. Again, have them draw what they see.

**Painting with Feathers Etc.**

Pour tempera paint into a few different cups. Set out different materials to use to paint:
- Feathers
- Fabric scraps
- Cut potatoes
- Leaves
- Sticks
- Forks
- Combs and Brushes, etc.

Talk with the children about how the materials were alike and how they were different in terms of how the paint looks on the paper.

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