









Fall is here! The start of a new season is always an exciting time. There's a change in the air, quite literally, with cooler weather.

Children feel it, too. They might spend more time outside or ask about the leaves changing colors. Children's natural curiosity peaks at times like this, so take advantage of that to extend their learning outside of the classroom. Encourage children to sort the leaves by their color or size, and gather and count sticks.

Anything can turn into a <u>math</u> lesson which is our education focus this month. Keep reading for ways to turn everyday moments into math moments. You can even <u>watch</u> one of the Better Beginnings staff members show you how to make music into a math lesson.

Have you wondered what star-rated quality means? Keep reading for that answer, too.

I hope in all the busyness of fall that you find time to stop and notice the changes happening around us. Doing so is always a great reminder of how far we've come since the beginning of the year. Keep that in mind as we continue <u>reaching for the stars</u>.

Wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Until next time,

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LEARNING RESOURCES







Let's Make Music

Wait, music is math? It sure is! It's especially true when children build their own instruments as they will with this resource.

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Make it Math

Help your child learn math with these hands-on activities. Have fun because that will get your toddler counting sooner.

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Sorting Sacks

Sorting shapes and colors helps children learn to organize by "same" and "different," a skill used in math.

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Sort Leaves for Kindergarten Readiness

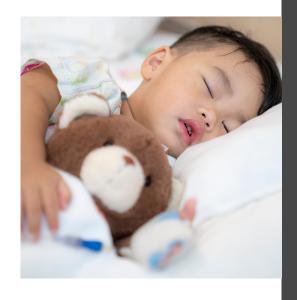
Did you know children start sorting things around two years old? Take advantage of this natural developmental step, and encourage your child to sort the fall leaves by size, shape, and color. Check out our latest press release to learn more.

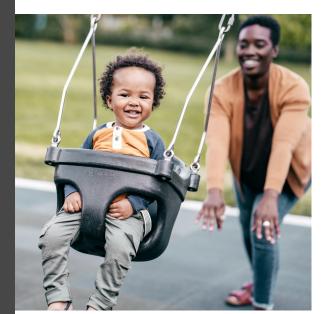
Read the Release

7 Tips for a Good Night's Sleep

Daylight saving time ended yesterday which can throw off your child's sleep schedule. View our resource for tips to help you and your child adjust to the time change.

View the Tips





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