



# A Peek at Our Week



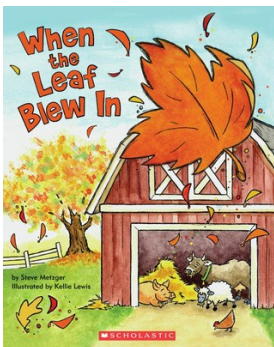
## Tree Study Week One



This week our class is beginning to study trees. We'll be observing and comparing trees to learn about what lives in them, what they're made from, and who cares for them. We hope that this study will help children explore and appreciate nature. As we study trees, we will use literacy, math, the arts, and technology to explore the topic in depth. We will learn important social studies and scientific concepts through firsthand investigations. If you are able to take a "tree walk" with your child, we would appreciate your help in collecting tree parts to investigate. If you can, please take a bag to a tree area to collect things that have fallen such as leaves, bark, acorns, twigs, flowers, fruit, or cones. See below for suggestions of other tree parts to bring in. We need your help to enrich the children's learning. If you work with trees, please let us know. Perhaps you're a gardener, forester, tree trimmer, tree farmer, or nuresery worker. Even if your job is unrelated to trees, we'd still love to have you involved in our study. Extra hands are always appreciated!

At home, you can help your child explore and appreciate nature by learning about trees. Invite your child to talk about trees. Share stories about your favorite childhood memories involving trees and games you might have played around them. Wonder aloud with your child to encourage his or her thinking about trees (i.e. I wonder why leaves fall from trees, or I wonder what makes some trees grow so big.) Thank you in advance for playing an important role in our learning!

## Literacy Emphasis



This week our literacy Emphasis is a book called, "When the Leaf Blew In" by Steve Metzger. This book will tie into our tree study, and help build verb vocabulary. We will also practice sequencing and re-telling the story using the pictures in the story as prompts.

## Class Turkey

I will send home one feather for you all to decorate as a family. You may decorate it anyway you choose—crayons, stickers, sparkles—the sky is the limit! Once you finish, please send it back to school and it will be compiled into a class turkey. Thank you for participating with us!

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### Morning Class

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### Optional Homework

- Go on a "tree walk" and collect things that have fallen from trees to bring back to school (bark, leaves, acorns, etc.)
- Decorate your turkey feather and bring it back to school so we can make our class turkey!
- Practice color vocabulary by talking about the colors of leaves

### Upcoming Events

Home Visits 11/18

Thanksgiving— 11/24  
No School

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No School!

Home Visits (ER 12/2  
day, AM only

Workshop on 12/9  
tantrums at  
Lockhart