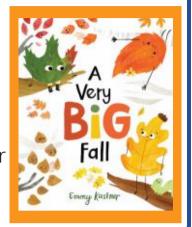
### KINDERGARTEN READINESS TIPS

#### Read this book about fall leaves:

A Very Big Fall by Emmy Kastner



#### **Grown-up tip**

As the seasons change, it's a wonderful time to engage your child through outdoor learning opportunities. Take a hike in the local mountains or a nearby park trail.

Gather leaves, pinecones and acorns.

Count them, sort them, trace them, or chart them. As you sing this fun song, you reinforce beginning concepts of colors and size. Encourage children to do the hand motions in large exaggerated movements to build gross-motor skills and get their wiggles out. Practice the hand motions in small finger movements that build fine - motor skills preparing children to cut paper and write with a pencil.

#### Take a look at this!

Visit OC Public Library's Kindergarten Readiness webpage to see a video of this rhyme. Scan the QR code to find out more!



# Falling, Falling, Falling Leaves

(Tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Falling, falling, falling leaves,
Mother Nature, did you sneeze?
--Achoo!
Red and yellow,
Orange and brown.
Big leaves, little leaves,
On the ground.
Falling, falling leaves,
Mother Nature, did you sneeze?
--Achoo!

Hand Motions: Wave hands in the air and wiggle fingers like falling leaves. Use scarves to demonstrate colors, size, and blowing wind.

## Try this fall title!

In the Middle of Fall by Kevin Henkes

