DIY STORYTIME

THEME: TREES

Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you.

READ
Franklin Plants a Tree by Sharon Jennings
When Grandma Gives you a Lemon Tree by Jamie Deenihan
Balance the Birds by Susie Ghahremani
In My Tree by Sara Gillingham
Stuck by Oliver Jeffers
Froggy Builds a Tree House by Jonathan London
Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson
We’re Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger
Pick a Pine Tree by Patricia Toht
Shake the Tree! by Chiara Vignocchi

SING
All the Leaves are Falling Down

(Tune: London Bridge is Falling Down)

All the leaves are falling down
Falling down, falling down.
All the leaves are falling down,
It is fall time.

They are yellow, red and brown,
Red and brown, red and brown.
They are yellow, red and brown.
It is fall time.

Take the leaves and crunch them up,
Crunch them up, crunch them up.
Take the leaves and crunch them up.
It is fall time.

Watch them drifting to the ground,
To the ground, to the ground.
Watch them drifting to the ground.
It is fall time.

TALK
Talk about words that begin with the letter T, like “tree”. Practice saying these words in funny voices (for example, robot, mouse, dinosaur, etc.).

PLAY
Play I Spy outside. Can you spy some trees?
What color are their leaves?

Do a yoga tree pose. Balance on one leg while placing the sole of your opposite foot along the inside of your standing leg. How long can you hold it? Try switching sides.

WRITE
Lay a leaf under a piece of paper and use a crayon to rub back forth over the paper, creating a leaf rubbing.

Pick up a Take & Make kids craft from the library and make your own puzzle pieces fall tree.