

HELLO, FALL!

Welcome Song

Open Shut Them

Open, shut them, open shut them
 Give a little clap, clap, clap!
 Open, shut them, open shut them
 Lay them in your lap, lap, lap.
 Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,
 Right up to your chin.
 Open wide your little mouth,
 but do not put them in.
 Roll them, roll them, roll them, roll them,
 Roll them just like this.
 Shake them, shake them, shake them, shake them,
 Blow a little kiss!

Books

Hello, Fall!

Deborah Dison

In the Middle of Fall

Kevin Henkes

Flannel Board

"Five Fall Leaves"

Good-Bye Song

"Good-Bye Friends" (using Sign Language)

Good-bye friends. Good-bye friends.
 Good-bye friends. It's time to say "good-bye."

Songs

Scarecrow, Scarecrow Turn Around

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around
 Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground.
 Stand up tall and blink your eyes.
 Raise your hands up to the sky.
 Clap your hands then tap your knees.
 Turn around and tap your feet.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your feet.
 Scarecrow, scarecrow tap your nose.
 Swing your arms so very low.
 Now real fast to scare the crows.
 Touch your head, jump up and down.
 Now sit down without a sound!

The Leaves on the Trees

The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,
 Orange and red, orange and red.
 The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,
 All around the town.
 The leaves on the trees come tumbling down,
 Tumbling down, tumbling down.
 The leaves on the trees come tumbling down,
 All through the town.
 The leaves on the trees go swish, swish, swish,
 Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish.
 All around the town.
 We'll rake them in a pile and jump right in,
 Jump right in, jump right in.
 We'll rake them in a pile and jump right in,
 All around the town.

Early Literacy Tips for Parents of Babies

Choose baby-friendly books. Books with bright and bold and high-contrast illustrations are easy for young babies to see, and will grab their attention. Books made of cloth or soft plastic (for the bathtub) or "board books" with sturdy cardboard pages are easier for a baby to handle.

Early Literacy Tips for Parents of Toddlers

Recite rhymes, sing songs, and make mistakes. Pause to let your toddler to finish a phrase or chant a refrain. Once your toddler is familiar with the rhyme or pattern, make mistakes on purpose and get caught.



Every Child Ready to Read is used in every storytime offered at Henderson Libraries. It incorporates the five research based practices that help your child get ready to read (Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play). Learning to read begins before children start school. Help your child develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school.

