



Fall

Teacher and Librarian Guide

Sign All Season Long!

- Prepare to share the signs by watching the author's demonstration video at KathyMacMillan.com/SignTheSeasons.
- Little ones are watching and learning, even before they start to sign back themselves! Use signs in context as you talk about seasonal activities. This helps children develop a sense of security as they know what to expect.
- Introduce and repeat signs in context often, and encourage the children to sign with you.
- Children won't always make a sign correctly the first time they sign it, just like they won't always pronounce a spoken word correctly the first time they speak it. Keep signing it the correct way, and the children will soon learn.
- As you read the book, point to the pictures that reinforce the meaning of the signs.
- Repeat the seasonal signs in songs, rhymes, and games after reading the book.
- Make sure that any books or other resources you select use American Sign Language. There's a big difference between American Sign Language, which is a whole language, and Signed English, which is just a manual code to represent English words. By using ASL, you're showing respect for Deaf Culture and giving the children (and yourself) a chance to become bilingual!

Activities

Sign the capitalized words.

Share an Action Rhyme!

PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, turn around.
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, touch the ground.
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, stamp your feet.
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, PIE to eat!
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, turn around.
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, touch the ground.
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, stamp your feet.
PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, take a SEAT!





Activities Cont.

Sign the capitalized words.

Sing a Song!

Sing and sign along to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down."

AUTUMN LEAVES are falling down,
falling down, falling down.
AUTUMN LEAVES are falling down,
RED, YELLOW, ORANGE, and BROWN.

leaf



Hold up one finger to represent a stem.
Place your other hand, with fingers open, at the top of the index finger stem. Wave your hand back and forth like a leaf moving in the wind.

Write Together!

Make a list of fall things and actions. For example:

- apples growing
- pumpkins rolling
- leaves falling
- squirrels running
- pies baking
- popcorn popping

Then insert the items into this song to the tune of "Frère Jacques." Sign the words you know, and act out the actions!

For example:

APPLES growing, APPLES growing,
In the FALL, in the FALL
I like to see the APPLES,
I like to see the APPLES,
In the FALL, in the FALL.

fall



Hold one arm diagonally in front of you with the palm facing down. Hold the other hand in a 4 shape, and move it over the front of the other forearm with the side of your index finger brushing your arm, as though brushing leaves off your sleeve.

Find more resources for signing in storytime and the classroom at
KathyMacMillan.com/SignTheSeasons.



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