

FALL BOX: CRAFT AND GAME INSTRUCTIONS

Leaf Suncatcher Craft Instructions:

Items Included - Embroidery Hoops, Contact Paper Squares, Bag of Leaf Confetti, Twine

Not Included - Scissors, Marker or Pen

Optional - Real leaves, Decorative Ribbon

1. Have each child unscrew their embroidery hoop so the inside ring comes out.
2. Help them peel the backing off one sheet of contact paper and place it sticky side up in front of them.
3. Give each child some leaf confetti. They can press this to the contact paper however they choose, but make sure their design will fit within the 3" hoop.
4. Peel the back off the second piece of contact paper. Center this paper with the craft and press it down firmly starting in the center, sandwiching the leaves. Smooth the paper outward as you go.
5. Center the inner hoop over the design.
6. Pick up the paper and inner hoop together and press firmly into the outer hoop. It should fit snugly.
7. Tighten the screw back together so the inner hoop is secure.
8. Using scissors, trim the contact paper edges.
9. Tie a loop of twine around the screw for hanging.*
10. Have the kids write their name somewhere on the outside of the hoop.



*You can also use a decorative ribbon to tie a bow around the top of the suncatcher if you wish, but this is not included.

Apple/Chopstick Race:

Items Included - 4 sets of Chopsticks, 4 sets of Chopstick Helpers (optional), Red Pom Poms, 4 Buckets

Not included: Timer

1. Up to four kids can go at a time for this race. Give them each a set of chopsticks and a bucket.
2. Place red pom poms (apples) in a pile in the center of a desk or table. Make sure the kids who are playing are equidistant from the apples and that they are an arm's length or less away.
3. Set a timer for 1 minute.
4. Using only one hand and their chopsticks, have the kids try to get as many apples in their bucket as they can before time runs out. The one with the most when the time goes off, wins!
5. If the kids are having trouble using the chopsticks (which is likely with inexperienced fingers!), attach the helpers to the chopsticks and try again.

Blowing Leaf Race:

Items Included - Paper Straws, Artificial Leaves

Not included: Start/Finish line placeholders

1. Mark the beginning and end of the race with washi tape, rulers, or other placeholders. Place these at least 5ft apart, but longer is better if possible. This race can be done on top of desks/tables or on the floor.

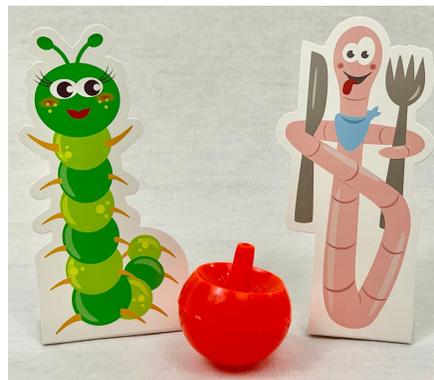
2. Choose two to four kids at a time for this race. If four kids are racing, make sure they have room to spread out. They each get a straw and one leaf.
3. Have the kids each place their leaf behind the starting line.
4. When you say, "Go!", the kids will put their straw in their mouth and, using only their breath, blow the leaf along until it crosses the finish line. NOTE: If the kids blow someone else's leaf on purpose to set them back, they are disqualified. The child who gets their leaf across the finish line first is the winner!
5. To make this more challenging, have two kids go at a time and give them one straw and two leaves each. They must get both leaves across the finish line to win. Or, make an obstacle course. Make two lines of three chairs. Have two students go at a time. They each have to keep their leaf on track by blowing it under the first chair, around the 2nd chair, and over the top of the third chair (instead of blowing the leaf, they'll suck the leaf to the bottom of the straw to lift it over the chair). The first student who completes the obstacles and gets their leaf across the finish line, wins.



Spinning Apples:

Items Included - Apple Spin Tops, Cardstock Stand Up Worms

1. Fold the bottoms of the cardstock worms so they stand up. Arrange them so they are in the middle of a desk/table or on the floor. They should be set 2" or so apart.
2. Give each child an apple spin top. You might give them a minute to practice
3. One at a time, have the kids take turns spinning their top to try and knock down as many worms as they can. Reset the worms after each turn. The person who can knock down the most worms is the winner!
4. If the kids are having trouble spinning the tops, have them use the tops like bowling balls. Set up the worms like bowling pins and have the kids take turns rolling the apples to knock them down.



NOTE: The apple top unscrews into 2 pieces and is hollow inside. This makes it a great spot for a piece of candy, sticker, or other small treasure!

Apple Scoop Relay:

Items Included - Soup Spoons, Red Pom Poms, 4 Buckets

1. Divide the kids into two teams and place them in two lines. NOTE: This is a great game to play with the entire class!
2. Divide the red poms (apples) between two buckets and place one at the start of both lines.
3. Place an empty bucket at the end of each line.
4. Give each child a spoon.
5. When you say, "Go!", the first child in line scoops one apple from the bucket with their spoon and passes it to the child beside them. That child then passes it to the next person in line and so on until it reaches the end of the line. The child at the end of the line will dump the apple into the bucket. The child at the start of the line does not need to wait for each apple to travel all the way down the line before scooping a new apple. NOTE: The kids may only use their spoon to transfer the apples. If an apple drops to the floor, they may pick it up and put it back on their spoon only.
6. Game continues until all the apples are transferred from one bucket to another. The team to fill their bucket first is the winner!

Tips:

1. Ask for parent volunteers beforehand and let them know what station you'd like them to run. They'll be more comfortable if they know what's expected of them ahead of time.
2. Plan your snack/treat time to be first. That way you can set up the stations and have them ready to go by the time the kids are finished eating.
3. Set up the craft, Apple/Chopstick Race, Blowing Leaf Race, and Spinning Apples as stations. Divide the students into four equal (or as equal as you can get) groups. Have each group rotate through the stations until they've done all four. Plan for 5 - 10 minutes at each station.
4. The Apple Scoop Relay game is best played with the entire class. Save this for the end. This is an extra game to have in your back pocket if you have time. If not, no worries - though I do think the kids would have a blast doing this!
5. Try not to get too wrapped up in everything running perfectly. Inevitably things will come up, go wrong, and take longer/shorter than expected because ... life. Just remember to stay calm and party on!

Tentative Party Timeline*:

Snack - 15 - 20 minutes (not included, but check our blog for ideas!)

Stations - 4 stations 5 - 10 minutes each, 20 - 40 minutes total.

1. Leaf Suncatcher Craft
2. Apple/Chopstick Race
3. Blowing Leaf Race
4. Spinning Apples

Whole class - Apple Scoop Relay - 5ish minutes per game. Can repeat as needed or as enjoyed!

This timeline is just a suggestion. Feel free to make the party your own.

Thank you for choosing ROOM(PARTY)PARENT!