

The following songs and projects have typically been used with pre-k and kindergarten classes in Pittsburgh Public Schools. Many thanks to Linda Ehrlich, Kim Russo, Mary Moses, and the rest of the Pittsburgh Public Schools Pre-K team.

## Tree Songs

### Leaves, Leaves, Everywhere (sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

*Leaves, leaves, everywhere,  
Falling off the trees.  
Red and yellow, orange and brown,  
A wonderful sight to see.*

### The Dancing Leaves (sung to Clementine)

*Dancing leaves are falling down  
Orange, yellow, red and brown.  
They are dancing, they are dancing  
They are dancing on the ground.  
With their crisp and crunchy sounds  
They are the child's delight.  
Dancing, dancing up and down  
From the morning to the night.*

### Leaves on the Tree (sung to the Wheels on the Bus)

*The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown.....  
In the town.*

*The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish.....  
Down on the ground.*

*The leaves on the trees come tumbling down.....  
Down to the ground.*

*The birds in the trees go tweet, tweet, tweet.....  
All over town.*

Other verses can be added by teachers and students.

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## Simple Tree Art Activities

### Leaf Wreath:

Cut the center out of a paper plate. Have children collect leaves and then glue on to the paper plate. Add bow and other decorations by choice.

### Leaf Prints and Rubbings:

Collect leaves and make leaf prints using tempera paint. You can do leaf rubbings as well. Put a piece of paper on top of a leaf and rub with crayons.

### Leaf Collages and Mobiles:

Collect leaves and other natural materials and have children make individual collages as well as a large collage for the classroom. Use branches as a base for a mobile with natural materials.

Collages can be made by crumbling dried leaves. Then the children use the smaller pieces to create pictures of leaves or other items.

### Leaf People:

Glue a large leaf to a piece of paper and then have children add legs, arms, head, etc. You can have the children draw the additions, or use pipe cleaners, construction paper, etc.

### Leaf Making:

Have the children discuss colors of leaves. Then paint large sheets of paper the colors they've identified. Then cut out leaf shapes which can be hung on mobiles, on a bulletin board, added to a tree trunk that the children have made out of torn paper, etc.

### Window Leaf Display:

Preserve leaves between two sheets of contact paper and hang on window in the classroom. This can be done in both spring and fall so children can be aware of the changing colors of leaves.