**PreK/TK**

**Fall Outdoor Classroom Ideas**

1. Collect acorns and different kinds of leaves and sort them talk about their attributes.

Individual Assessment skill – **Mathematics** - Groups objects using one or more attribute (similarities/differences, size/shape, colors, etc.)

1. Collect leaves, acorns, sticks that have fallen and make a nature collage for Fall.

Individual Assessment skill – **Fine Arts -** Uses a variety of art materials for exploration.

1. Collect acorns for an estimation jar. Have each child estimate how many acorns and record their responses.

Individual Assessment skill – **Mathematics** -Verbally identifies (without counting) the number of objects

1. Read a book about Fall on a cool or windy day, ask questions if they can relate anything outside to what’s happening in the book.

Individual Assessment skill – **Science/Engineering –** Is familiar with scientific topics regarding Earth & Space (such as- weather, sky, seasons, nature, etc.)

Individual Assessment skill - **Emergent Literacy Comprehension –** Makes predictions about the text.

1. Collect leaves and do leaf rubbings for your classroom.

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1. Explore the changing colors of the tree leaves, ask questions about the changes in the trees. Leaves falling, why they fall.

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1. Go on a nature hunt for acorns and leaves that we only find during fall weather. Use a clipboard and tally the number of items they find. Record and count their items.

Individual Assessment skill – **Mathematics – Rational counting** (to count objects)

1. Have your friends rake up a large pile of leaves and take turns having them jump into the leaves with two feet.

Individual Assessment skill – **Gross Motor** – jumps with two feet.

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