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Event schedule

Family Game Night Wednesdays 5-7 pm Come learn some of the season's hottest games with us! Ages 8+

Toddler Activities Thursdays 11-1 **Toddler Train Day.** Come experience our extensive train set up.

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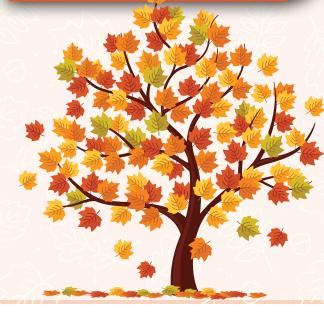
A Colorful Leaf

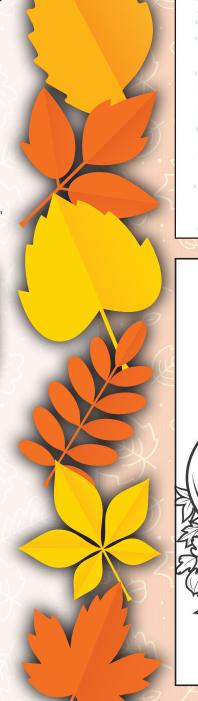
As fall approaches, you might notice that the leaves will start to turn different colors. You'll be seeing more reds, yellows, oranges, and browns. Have you ever wondered how they change colors? Well, there are three main reasons why they do: leaf pigments, the length of night, and weather.

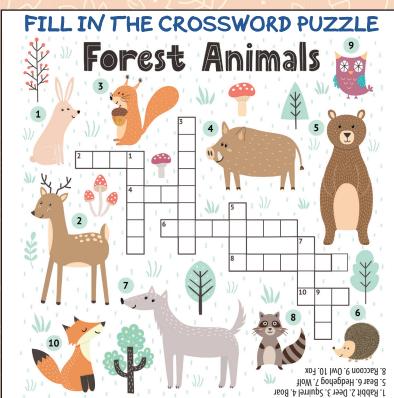
Leaf pigments are what give leaves their colors. There are three types of leaf pigments that make leaves different colors in the fall. Chlorophyll gives leaves a green color. This type of pigment helps a plant use the sunlight to get food. Anthocyanin is more of a red color, similar to a strawberry or red apple. Last is carotenoids, which give the leaves a yellow, orange, and brown color. Since the nights become longer in the fall, there is less sunlight and the weather becomes cooler at night. That means that a leaf isn't producing enough chlorophyll to give it the green color, so the leaves stop making it. When this happens, the other pigments become more visible, which is why you see the colors on the leaves changing. Eventually, the leaf separates and falls off the branch.

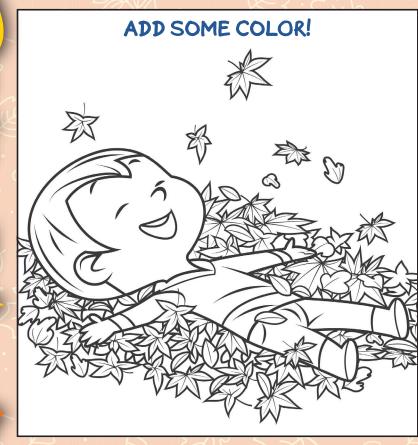
So now that you know how leaves change their colors, you are probably wondering why. Well in the winter, it gets extremely cold and if the leaves don't fall off the trees, they would just freeze. So, the trees have to get rid of the leaves so that they can grow new ones in the spring.

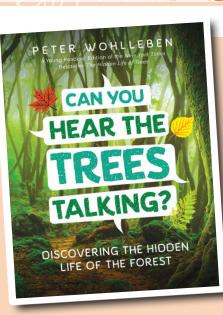












SEPTEMBER BOOK REVIEW Can You Hear the Trees Talking? by Peter Wohlleben

