STORY TIME DESCRIPTION
It’s almost that time of the year when leaves start to change colors and begin falling off the trees. You will be inspired to go outside to pick up those leaves and play after listening to Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert. Leaf Man is made of leaves and other natural loose parts. Throughout the story he’s blown around by the wind to different places. Do you know where Leaf Man is headed? No one’s quite sure, but this much is certain: A Leaf Man’s got to go where the wind blows!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
- **Learning about Leaves:** [Project Learning Tree](https://www.projectlearningtree.org) Pinterest board called “Learning about Trees” has ideas, for implementing ways to use leaves for reading, math, and science.
- **12 Leaf Projects:** [We Are Teachers](https://www.weareteachers.com) has 12 lessons that involve using leaves for art, science and math.
- **Four Season Tree Art Lesson:** [Kiddo TV](https://www.kiddotv.com) demonstrates an art lesson about the seasons.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES
- **Virginia Agriculture:** [Preschool Nature Explorers](https://www.virginiaculture.com) is developed by Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom. This document is a collection of nature-based lessons and activities that helps young children explore the natural world.
- **Fairy Dust Teaching:** [Fairy Dust Teaching](https://www.fairydustteaching.com) has great ideas and ways to use loose parts.
- **Inspiring Play: Loose Parts:** [Redleaf Press](https://www.redleafpress.com) highlights the four books by Lisa Daly and Mariam Beloglovsky that focus on loose parts play.

RELATED CHILDREN’S BOOKS
- *[Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf]* by Lois Ehlert
- *We’re Going on a Leaf Hunt* by Steve Metzger
- *Trees, Leaves & Bark* by Diane Burns
- *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson
- *In the Middle of Fall* by Kevin Henkes
- *Fall Walk* by Virginia Brimhall Snow
- *Look What I Did with a Leaf* by Morteza E. Sohi
- *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves* by Lucille Colandro
- *A Leaf Can Be...* by Laura Purdie Salas
- *Leaves Fall Down: Learning About Autumn Leaves* by Lisa Bullard
- *Fall Leaves Fall* by Zoe Hall
- *The Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger