

Our Study of Leaves



Gathering and studying leaves engages our kindergarten scientists and connects them with nature.

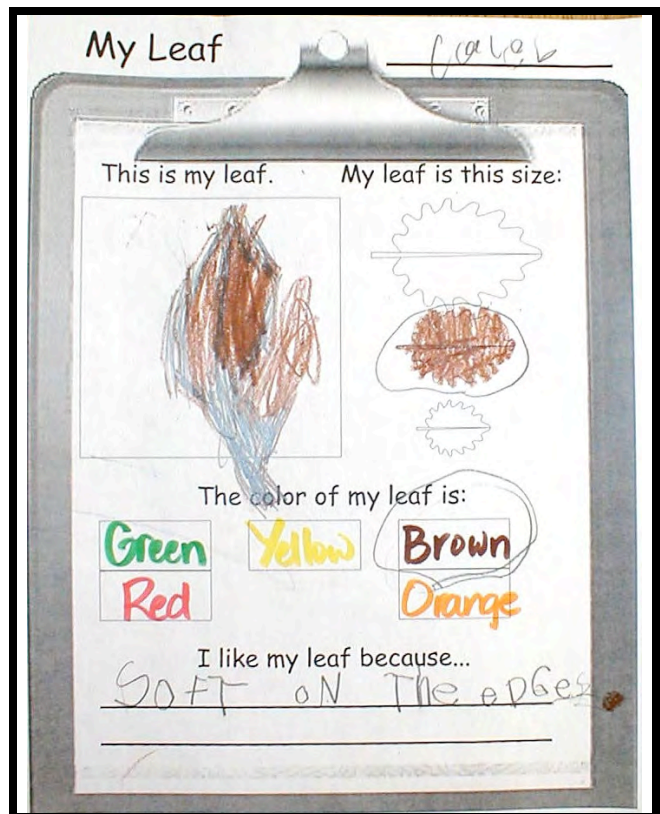
There are so many different types of leaves to look at closely with a magnifying glass – and the colors they come in are as infinite as the colors in a rainbow. My students really ‘get into’ collecting leaves at home – and school. We have discovered it is easy to keep leaves fresh by putting them into gallon ziplock bags with a damp paper towel. You can keep leaves for up to a month this way, sealed in the refrigerator without having their brilliant colors fade.

“One by one the leaves fall down...” and by late October we begin collecting and comparing them. It is amazing to see how naturally writing is produced after meaningful investigation and real hands-on activities. Here is one sample of a child’s ‘leaf research.’ Each child chose a particular leaf to learn more about.

Leaves Fall Down

*One by one the leaves fall down
From the sky come falling one by one
And leaf by leaf the summer is done
One by one by one by one.*

by Margaret Wise Brown



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