

A photograph of a young child with curly hair sitting in a large pile of fallen autumn leaves. The child is wearing a light purple long-sleeved top and blue pants. In the background, there are trees and a wooden bench. A semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the event information.

# Leaves Fall Down



Palatine Public Library

Baby Storytime

October 16, 2021



# Opening Song

Hello, baby! Hello, baby!  
Hello, baby! It's time to say hello!



Hello



Baby



Time

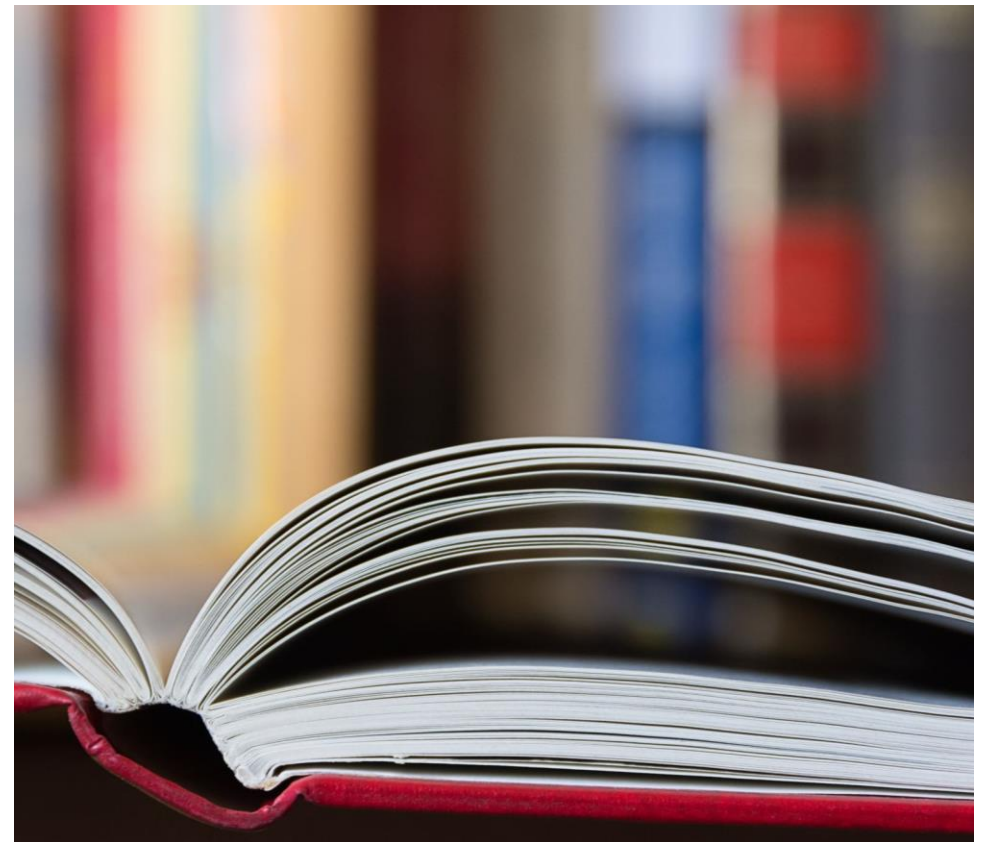
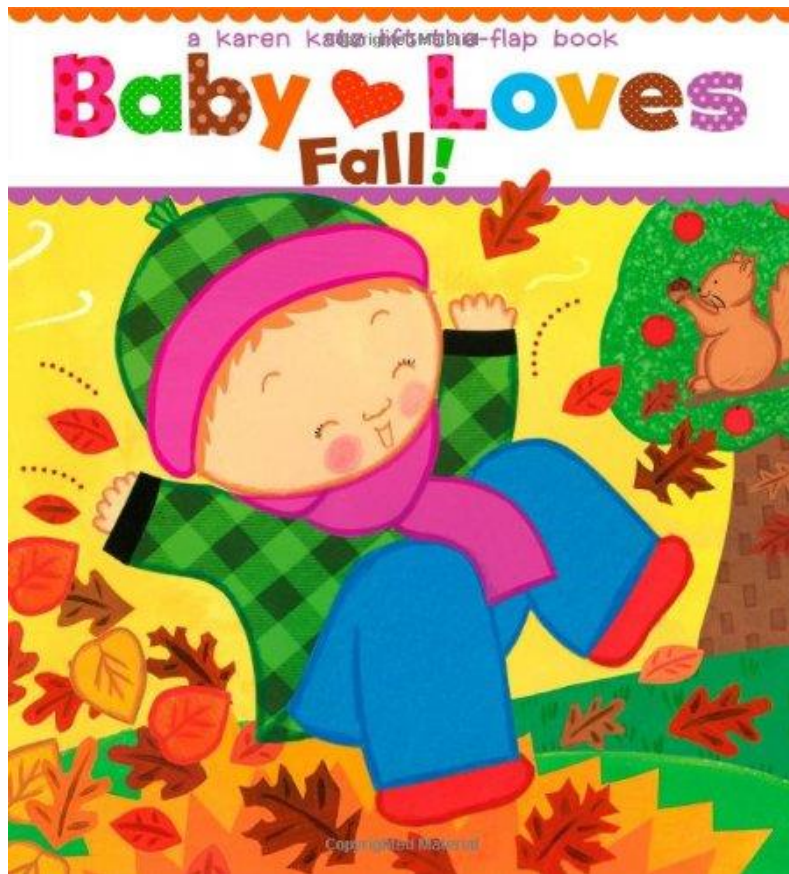


Say



# Read Aloud

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# Action Rhyme: Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree,  
*(raise baby's arms over head)*

Two little apples did I see.  
*(hold up two fingers)*

So I shook that tree as hard as I could,  
*(jiggle baby in your lap)*

And DOWN came the apples!  
*(lower baby between legs)*

YUM! They were good!  
*(rub baby's tummy)*





A close-up photograph of a gray squirrel perched on a dark, textured tree branch. The squirrel is facing left, looking slightly upwards. Its fur is a mix of gray and brown, and its bushy tail is visible behind it. The background is dark and out of focus.

# Rhyme: Gray Squirrel

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel, shake  
your bushy tail

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel, shake  
your bushy tail

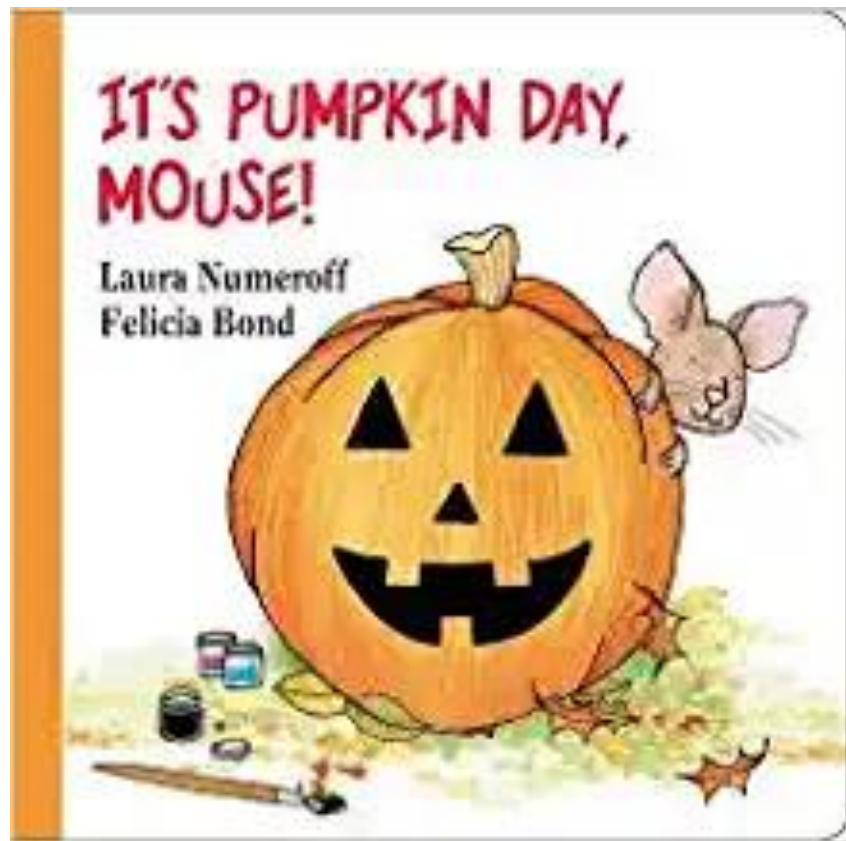
Wrinkle up your funny nose

Put a nut between your toes

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel, shake  
your bushy tail

# Read Aloud

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# Song: The Leaves are Falling Down

Tune: The Farmer in the Dekk

The leaves are falling down

The leaves are falling down

Red, yellow, green, and brown

The leaves are falling down



A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a red and white patterned shirt, is lying on her back on a teal couch. She is smiling broadly and clapping her hands. A baby with dark curly hair, wearing a white dress with colorful polka dots, is sitting on her lap. The baby is also smiling and clapping. The background is a bright, slightly out-of-focus interior space with a staircase visible in the upper right.

# Action Song: Open Shut Them

Open, shut them. Open, shut them. Give a little  
clap, clap, clap!

Open, shut them. Open, shut them. Put them in  
your lap, lap, lap.

Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,  
right up to your chin!

Open wide your smiling mouth, but do not let  
them in!

Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them  
past your cheeks and chin.

Open wide your smiling eyes. Peeking in, boo!

Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,  
right down to your toes.

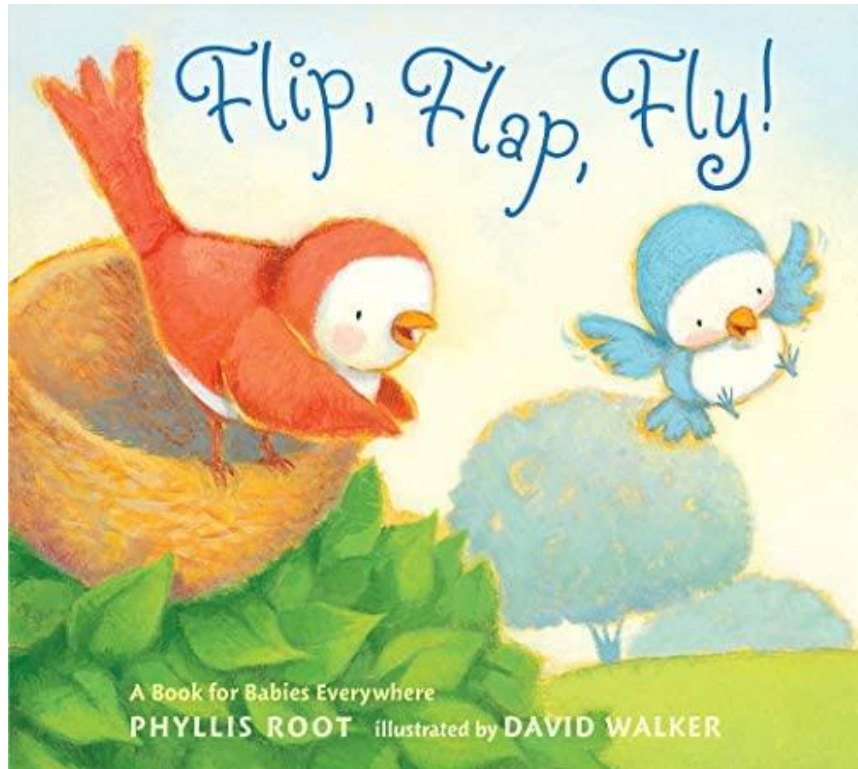
Let them fly up in the air, and BOP you on the  
nose!

*Repeat first two lines.*



# Read Together

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# Bounce: Fall

Autumn winds begin to blow.  
*(blow gently on baby's cheek)*

Colored leaves fall fast and slow.  
*(wiggle fingers downward)*

Twirling, whirling all around.  
*(roll hands)*

Until, at last, they touch the  
ground.  
*(lower baby between legs)*





## Early Literacy Tip

**This week's literacy tip:** We know that literacy begins in infancy, and it begins with the communication between you and your child. The patterns of speech and language that you are using now will help your baby learn to speak. Later on, when the time comes, these language activities will help them learn to read, too.



# Closing Song

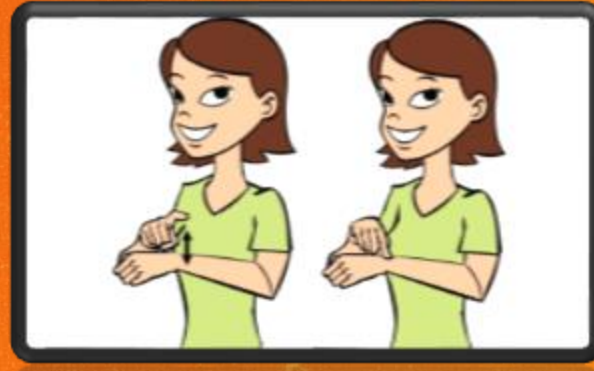
Goodbye, baby. Goodbye, baby.  
Goodbye, baby. It's time to say goodbye!



Goodbye



Baby



Time



Say



# Resources

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Mel's desk

Storytime Katie

[Babysignlanguage.com](http://Babysignlanguage.com)

