SCHOOL READINESS ACTIVITIES FOR FALL

Fun early learning activities are always in season!

**Count the pumpkins**
They are everywhere during the fall! How many can your child find?

Bonus: Talk about shape and size. Compare to see which are bigger and smaller.

**Look at the leaves**
Fall is a great time to practice naming colors of the leaves.

Bonus: Talk about why leaves change color. Not as much sun = not as much energy to produce chlorophyll, which makes leaves green.

**Take a sensory walk**
Can you hear the crinkle when you step on leaves? Is there a chill in the air? Fall is one of the best times to go outside and describe everything you can see, hear, smell, and feel.

**Carve a Jack O Lantern**
Use a carving kit with safety carvers. Kids can practice their fine motor skills and come up with creative faces, too!

Bonus: Carve different feeling faces.

**Sound out the season**
There are lots of words associated with the season, like "fall", "leaf", "pumpkin", "acorn". Ask your child to think about the first sound in the word. What is the letter that makes that sound? Or write the word and ask them to name the first letter.

**Spell with seeds**
Use pumpkin seeds (or acorns) to make letters. Or to spell out seasonal words.

Bonus: Roast those seeds and your child can eat every letter that they "write" correctly!