

Fall Circle Time – for October & November

Squirrel Jump (hopping over a rope & acting out)
Marsha Johnson

I'm a frisky squirrel with bushy tail
from house to fence to branch I sail
gathering nuts for the winter freeze
watch me jump from tree to tree.

Jumpity jump jump
hippity hop hop
bouncity bounce bounce
now it's time to stop stop!

Time to Rise (children act out)
Robert Louis Stevenson

A birdie with a yellow bill (bill with 2 fingers)
Hopped upon my window sill, (hop)
Cocked his shining eye and said: (tilt head)
"Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy-head!" (wag finger)

“Oh God, you are my God, early will I seek you.”
Psalm 63:1 (point up, stretch arms)

THE SQUIRREL

Anonymous (I learned this back in elementary school!)

Whisky, frisky,

Hippity hop;

Up he goes

To the tree top! (with this verse, circle beanbag around body all the way to top)

Whirly, twirly,

Round and round,

Down he scampers

To the ground. (pass beanbag around body, in a circle, all the way down)

Furly, curly

What a tail!

Tall as a feather

Broad as a sail! (use beanbag & hands to show tail, then tall, then broad)

Where's his supper?

In the shell,

Snappity, crackity,

Out it fell. (question motion with arms, pretend beanbag is the shell, then falls to ground)

Seasonal Verse - I could not find tune so I made one up. Motions from Marsha Johnson, modified by me.

Yellow the bracken, golden the sheaves, (join hands, circle right)

Rosy the apples, crimson the leaves (circle left)

mist on the hillside, clouds grey and white, (motion hills with hands, then puffy clouds w/ arms)

Autumn good morning, summer goodnight! (motion waking up stretch, lying head down on hands)

Vowel Song (to tune of the B-I-B-L-E song)

A-E-I-O-U, these are the vowels for you. They help us read our words it's true, AEIOU, vowels!

Vowel Buddy Song (to the tune of AWANA Cubbies. Hold hands and circle around.)

We are the vowel buddies, we're happy all day long. We always go together, that's why we sing this song. When you see two of us, the first one says it's name... and that is how we play the vowel buddies game.

Math Song - we are singing one of the Classical Conversations skip counting songs or another number song with motions.

Ex. One, two, buckle my shoe, count by 10s and hop forward, count by 2s, 3s, 4s, etc. and make up motions. We use the CC songs.

After that I tell a story related to our lesson block that week. You could read or go right into their morning school work.

Later, once we have all that, we'll add this & might drop the first two.

Standing Poem , with motions

November

The Moon

Robert Louis Stevenson

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,
On streets and fields and harbour quays,
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,
The howling dog by the door of the house,
The bat that lies in bed at noon,
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;

And flowers and children close their eyes
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

Habit/Character: Compassion/tenderheartedness (not related to poem)

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers (and sisters), be tenderhearted, be courteous.” 1 Peter 3:8