

Hamilton K Lesson "Signs of Fall"

INTRO (5 minutes)

1. Introduce self and volunteers and talk about what Irvine is.
2. Go over what the different seasons are and ask what season we are in right now.

Fall Characteristics:

- Days are starting to get shorter
- Temperature is getting colder
- Leaves are changing colors and falling
- Animals are migrating
- Animals are starting to eat a lot and store food for hibernation

3. Go over what we will be doing today:

- We are going to be going outside on a nature hike
- Go over rules about being outside and on a nature hike
 - Stay with teacher/Mrs. Katie/Camille
 - Explore with all of our senses (hands, eyes, ears, nose, but no mouth)

HIKE (45 minutes)

1. First part of the hike give students leaf necklaces and have them try to find their shape of leaf on the ground or in a tree.

- Discuss why leaves fall from the tree, and then talk about what nuts/seeds are! Show the different seeds that you have brought & act out a "Growing Seed Motion/Song"

Find a good tree and have kids lay under the tree with leaves falling down...if there is no tree like this yet have kids collect fallen leaves and put them in a trash bag (2 one for you and one for Camille) then sprinkle leaves from high up on kids to stimulate falling leaves.

- Sing Song : "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down!"

2. Ask the students what some animals do when it starts to get colder---hibernate & migrate & adapt

- Talk about how birds sometimes migrate south to find more food during the winter
- Play "Migration" with the kids

3. Hand children color hunt cards. Try to get kids to collect as many leaves of their color and take it back into the classroom.

4. Place the colors onto the chart in the front of the room by using duct tape and a big piece of poster paper.

CONCLUSION: (5 minutes)

-Talk about what we saw today on the hike and what will soon be coming to them as the fall continues on.