

# *Fall Collage*

The Fall collage art activity allowed the children at the YCP to use fall materials in a new way. The collage items were familiar to the children and they included leaves, twigs, acorns, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, and any other nature items that the children brought from home. The children used glue dots to attach their fall materials to their cardboard and with the help of instruction cards they completed their unique and individual collages with as many fall items as they wanted to use.



Children are always trying to express themselves and one way to appropriately allow this to happen is through art. Therefore, providing children with meaningful art activities allows them to make connections to their life experiences. By giving them the choice to have the necessary time, space, and materials we are allowing them to explore their world without imposing our own ideas and beliefs on them. Giving each child this opportunity is important because it provides them with hands on learning directly involving their natural surroundings.

The objectives of the Fall collage art activity were for the children to express that the materials they were using were all Fall items, to use the glue dots correctly to attach their materials to their cardboard, and to refer to the instruction cards as needed. These objectives were met during the activity in various ways. Through having conversations with each child we were able to talk about the materials and where they came from. The children used the glue dots independently and I would help when a child needed assistance using them on their cardboard. Since the children had made collages previously they did not need the instruction cards to complete their collages, however, when I directed their attention to a card the children used the pictures and the words to tell me what the card said.

