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## Welcome to Fall

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Autumn has arrived again! As the leaves fall from the trees and the weather gets cooler, we start to bundle up in warmer clothing. Soon the evenings will get dark. What better way to spend a cool evening than snuggling up with a book? Our theme this month is owls. With their large eyes, owls seem to look wise and knowing. They are hunters who come out in the dark of night and use their large eyes to search for food. As we snuggle with a book in our cozy homes, we can be like wise owls using our eyes to collect knowledge. We can use our imaginations to nourish our lives with new ideas!



## It's Always a Good Time for a Snack

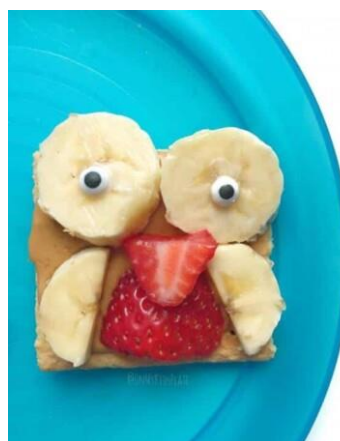
### Owl Fruit and Peanut Butter Snack (2 crackers) *from OnMyKidsPlate.com*

#### You'll need:

- \* 1 tablespoon peanut butter (or cream cheese)
- \* 1 graham cracker sheet (2 squares)
- \* 2 strawberries
- \* ½ a banana
- \* 4 candy eyes (or chocolate chips)

#### Instructions:

- \* Spread a thin layer of peanut butter on crackers
- \* Slice banana into 6 rounds, cutting two in half.
- \* Add 2 banana rounds to each cracker. Top with candy eyeballs.
- \* The half rounds become the wings. Add to graham crackers.
- \* Slice the tops off strawberries, then slice each strawberry in half longwise. Trim one piece a little shorter. The long slice becomes the belly and the short slice becomes the beak.



## Owl Action Poem

A wise old owl sat in an oak, (cross arms and sit up tall)  
The more he heard, the less he spoke; (cup right ear, then cover your mouth)  
The less he spoke, the more he heard; (cover mouth and cup left ear)  
Why aren't we all like that wise old bird? (hold both hands out, palms up, and shrug)



*Talk about which words rhyme. What are the sounds that are the same in those words? What are the sounds that are different?*



## Owl Paper Plate Craft

### Supplies:

- 2 paper plates
- Brown paint
- Construction paper – yellow, white, black and orange
- Scissors, glue and paintbrush

### Instructions:

- Paint the paper plates brown and let dry.
- Cut construction paper circles – 2 large yellow circles, 2 medium white circles and 2 small black circles.
- Glue white circles onto yellow circles and then black circles onto white circles to make the eyes.
- Cut one plate in half to make wings and trim the other to shape the ears. Glue the wings to the owl face.
- Glue eyes onto the owl face. Cut a triangle from the orange paper to make a nose and glue onto the face.



## Things That Come in Twos

When you look at the features of owls, you will notice how many of these come in pairs. Owls have two eyes, a couple of wings and a pair of feet. Using different vocabulary words to point out things that come in twos is a good way to start to build math vocabulary. Noticing pairs on an owl can allow you to extend the conversation to other things that come in twos.

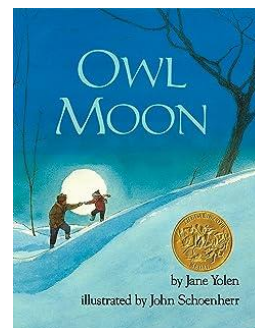
As you enjoy these cool autumn days, look around your environment and ask questions that help your child identify pairs, doubles and couples. The conversation can lead to things that go well together such as rakes and leaves, hay and scarecrows or squirrels and acorns.

What other autumn pairs will you discover?

## OCTOBER BOOK PICK Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

This beautiful, award-winning book tells the story of a child who goes "owling" for the first time with her father in the dark of a winter night. The beautiful illustrations and gentle storyline make this a favourite story to read again and again.

Watch a read-aloud of the book on [You Tube](#)



## Owls in Manitoba

Did you know that we have 11 different species of owls in Manitoba? The most commonly seen owl, and the biggest, is the Great Horned Owl. It has a wingspan of 91-153 cm (3-5 ft)! You can find out all about each of the 11 species of owls in Manitoba and see pictures at the link below. You will even find short videos that let you hear the call of each owl!

<https://birdwatchinghq.com/owls-in-manitoba/>

