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Sapling #1

A Red Maple Turkey Centerpiece

- Materials:**
- Toilet Paper Tube
 - A Couple of Red Maple Leaves (any color)
 - Construction Paper (red, orange, black, brown, and green)
 - White Paper Plates
 - Crayons
 - Glue

Task: How can we make a Turkey with using a Red Maple Tree?

“Did you know?”: Red Maples have a huge span of colors when their leaves change in the fall. Their colors include yellow, orange, red, and purple. Red Maple leaves also sprout red leaves when they first grow in in the spring. They then turn to a green color for the rest of spring and summer until they turn their beautiful fall colors. An interesting thing about Red Maples is that they are also called Swamp Maples because they love the moisture so much. They even grow well in swamps and very moist climates.

Procedure:

- Bring in an empty toilet paper tube from home. First we will look all over the ground it see if there are any maple leaves on the ground that we can use. If there is no maple leaves on the ground then we will pick a couple from the tree. Try to get a variety of colors so that your project can have color in it.
- After collecting about 3 leaves each, we will start constructing our turkey. Then we will get a couple of different colors of construction paper. Then we will take some glue and glue one of the Red Maple leaves onto the end of the toilet paper tube for the back feathers of the turkey.
- When we will take the construction paper and cut out shapes of the turkey’s face, eyes, and feet. We can decorate the turkeys any way we like with using the construction paper or the Red Maple leaves.
- After the turkey is all decorated we will put glue on the bottom of the tube and we will glue it to the center of a paper plate. The paper plate can be decorated any way we want with crayons, construction paper, and the red maple leaves.
- After we are done decorating our paper plates. We will have a turkey centerpiece for our turkey dinner tables.

Product: The turkey centerpiece

Connections to Tell Me, Tree: Exploring the leaves of the tree