**Lesson Description**

*Fall Leaf Printing: Students will dip collected fall leaves into paint and then press onto a piece of paper, and repeat. Students will engage in the print making process, and will be encouraged to layer different prints of leaves on the paper.*

**Objectives**

*Students will create a print using collected fall leaves and tempera paint.*

*Students will demonstrate understanding of printmaking processes by printing leaves on the entire paper.*

**Rationale**

*Students will have fun exploring a non-traditional painting technique.*

**Materials**

*Tempera Paint*

*Paint Trays*

*Construction Paper*

*Leaves*

*Baby wipes*

*Smocks*

*Paint Brushes*

**Classroom Set-up**

*You can set up on the big green table. Move the existing exhibit materials onto the sink counter. Cover the table with white butcher paper to keep the mess at bay. Put out 3 sets of primary colors- one for each table space. Put a stack of construction paper at the edge of all 3 ends of the table so that people can grab a piece. Have leaves set next to the paint containers, only yellow leaves, only red leaves, only blue leaves – to prevent mucky paint colors.*

**Accommodations**

*Younger kids may need more help, and a smock (located in the bottom cabinets on left side in art studio)*

**Instructions**

*Lesson procedures*

1. *Dip leaf into paint. Wipe off excess on the side of the container. You can also have paint brushes if the students want to have multi-colored leaves.*
2. *Press leaf paint side down onto a piece of construction paper.*
3. *Repeat with different leaves and different colors until the paper is filled with beautiful leaf prints.*

*Clean Up*

1. *Wash hands at sink if tall enough, or have parents help them.*
2. *Baby wipes work well for painty faces.*
3. *If using smocks, wipe off front in between users.*

**Notes for Museum Staff (ex: Will you need volunteers? How many will you need?)**

*If things get crazy, don’t be afraid to ask the floor staff for a volunteer. (They might even want to help)*