

## **Ann's Creative Corner**

### **Project #203: Leaf Rubbing**

- Gather various leaves from outdoors.
- Make sure they are dry but flexible so they do not crumble.
- Place your leaf under a thin white sheet of paper. (you may choose to tape it in place with light masking tape.
- You could also try some thin construction paper or other coloured paper.
- Next take a large thick Wax Crayon.
- Gently rub over the paper with the leaf under it to create the image of the leaf.
- Encourage children not to press too hard on the crayon as we are just getting the light image of the leaf and also do not want to break the leaf or rip the paper.
- When you are done, take the leaf off the back of the paper.
- Compare the leaf and the shape you just made.
- An Adult may also like to prepare some leaves for gluing on construction paper and "Laminating" them. This can make a nice matching game where the children find the similar leaves and match them.

#### **Activity:**

Play the laminating game by matching as you sort through the laminated leaves. Place them upside down and flip them over to find the matching shapes. A game could also be created by using pre-drawn leaves that are glued down onto some firm paper like Poster Board. Make as many variations as you like. Try different sizes. Try different colours of paper. Have the children help you colour the leaves that you are making for your Matching Game.

