Little Blue Book Club recommends these…

**Books for Fall!**

**LEAVES**, by David Ezra Stein. “It was his first year. Everything was going well. Until the first leaf fell.” “First year”-old bear tries to put back all the leaves on the trees, but to no avail. Eventually, he gets sleepy, makes a bed of fallen leaves in a hole, and settles in for a long nap. When he awakes, it’s spring, and...hello, buds! David Ezra Stein received the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award for LEAVES.

**THE BUSY LITTLE SQUIRREL**, by Nancy Tafuri. Leaves have started to fall. The air is getting cold. And squirrel is “so busy!” getting ready for winter. Too busy to nibble with the mice. Too busy to hop with the frogs. Too busy to run with the dogs. But, finally, not too busy to…zzz…. Nancy Tafuri is another author who hits the sweet spot for tots.

**LITTLE TREE**, by Loren Long. A little tree, surrounded by other little trees, loves his leafy summer life. When autumn arrives, all the little trees drop their leaves, facing the cold of winter head on. All but Little Tree. He hugs his leaves tightly--for years. Until he’s faced with a very important decision. Growing up is hard...

**THE LITTLE YELLOW LEAF**, by Carin Berger. With lyrical text and unique illustrations, this book also speaks to the difficulty of change. As all the other leaves float off and fly past, Little Yellow Leaf holds on tight and thinks, *I’m not ready yet*. Will Little Yellow Leaf ever be ready? What (or who!) does it take to be ready?

**IN THE MIDDLE OF FALL**, by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek. In the middle of fall “…it takes just one big gust of wind, and all at once--everything is yellow and red and orange.” Another big idea with simple, tot-friendly text by Mr. Henkes.

**FLETCHER AND THE FALLING LEAVES**, by Julia Rawlinson, illustrated by Tiphanie Beeke. Sweet fox Fletcher is worried. Leaves are falling from his favorite tree, and he fears it’s sick. But then winter comes--and with it a big surprise.