

## WILD CHILD ~ LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In *Wild Child* by Lynn Plourde & illustrated by Greg Couch, the season of autumn is personified as a little girl who doesn't want to go to bed. The human characteristics she is given match her season; and so, her pajamas look like fall leaves and her bedtime snack is the fall bounty of apples, pumpkins, and cranberries. Try personifying another part of nature, such as: mountains, a rainbow, a river, a tree, a volcano, etc. Tell a story for those parts of nature in which they remain true to their characteristics.



Compare *Wild Child* with its sequels: *Winter Waits*, *Spring's Sprung*, *Summer's Vacation*. Make a list of as many similarities and differences as you can.



Create a "wild child" collage by using fall objects (leaves, acorns, etc.) and gluing them onto paper; add details with crayons/markers.



Do a "fall" dance using scarves the color of autumn leaves and moving creatively (blowing in the wind, floating slowly to the ground, being raked into a pile of leaves, etc.).

