LEAF PILE
A Sight Word Game

Students see who can “rake up” the most leaves before the wind blows them away!

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Congratulations!

You have just downloaded an exciting and fast-paced way for your students to practice their sight words during the fall season. Because all of Fry's 100 first words are included, this game is appropriate for every level of reader in your classroom!

Thank you SO MUCH for your purchase!

-Mr. Hughes

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Leaf Pile - A Sight Word Game
Teacher Directions

Included in this kit is everything you need to get your students practicing their sight words. Designed to be used as a center, a take-home-and-return activity, or even as a class competition.

**Directions for Use:**
1. Print the leaves, leave pile, wind, and friend cards on cardstock.
2. Laminate for better durability.
3. Cut out around the pieces. Leave "The Leaf Pile" as a full sheet. Cut the "My Leaf Pile" cards apart.

**OBJECTIVE:** To gather the most leaves before the pile is gone.

4. To play the game, choose how many words you want the students to practice. In the top left corner of each card is a number. This number tells you if the word is from the first 25 words, the second 25 words, etc. To start, you may only want the first 25 words in the leaf pile, so you would separate all the "1" cards and add those to leaf pile. Or if, you have advanced readers, you may choose of have only the last 50 words (cards with 3's and 4's in the top left corner). The ability to choose which words your students use, make this game very flexible for all learners. Additionally, up to 4 students can play at a time.
5. One student draws a card at a time. Below is the explanation of each card that might be drawn:
   - If it is a leaf, the student must read the word correctly. If he/she does, they add the leaf to their leaf pile. If they do not read the word correctly, it is returned to the middle leaf pile.
   - If the card is a "Wind Card", the student must put all their cards back on "The Leaf Pile" in the middle. The card is then set aside and NOT returned to the leaf pile.
   - If the card is a "Friend Card", the student can keep the card. The "Friend Card" allows the student to keep all their cards IF they draw a wind card. If a wind card is drawn and a student has a friend card, both cards are set aside out of play and the student keeps all his/her cards. I tell my students that their friend helped keep the leaves from blowing away in the wind.
6. Play continues with students taking turns choosing a card and playing as outlined above.
7. When the last card has been played, the winner (if you choose to have a winner), is the student with the most leaves. Friend Cards and Wind Cards do NOT count towards the total. Having the students count the cards is a great way to help with counting and addition.
8. It may be easiest to store each set of 25 cards (1, 2, 3, and 4's) in separate bags to make it easier to set up the game the next time it is played.
Alternate Ways to Enjoy your Leaf Pile-A Sight Word Game:

- Make mini black leaf bags by cutting up a large black garbage bag and taping into smaller bags. Tape on the "wrong side out" seams, and then turn right-side-out. The students then place the leaf cards they earn inside the leaf bag. This helps the students keep track of which cards they have "raked".
- Remove the Wind Cards from the game, and have the Friend Cards give the students two turns in a row (like a friend came and helped them rake leaves, so they get two additional turns).
- Remove the Friend Cards and only have the Wind Cards, this will prolong the game and give students more practice.
- Remove both the Wind and Friend Cards until students get a good grasp of the game.
- Use as a center for one or more students (not more than four is recommended).
- Play as a class with 2 or 3 groups of students taking turns drawing a card.
- Have the students sort the cards they earn into the four colors as they win them. Then when a wind card is drawn, have them match the color of the wind card to the leaves they have to return to the pile. This allows the students to keep most of their cards and not become frustrated.

I hope that you enjoy sharing this reading activity with your students as much as I enjoyed creating it for our reading buddies!

If you need further assistance or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: createdbymrhughes@gmail.com
I am willing to help in any way that I am able.

Happy “Raking” -

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