RED ARE THE APPLES

A harvest of bright colors, and lots to explore! Come share a day of big orange pumpkins, shiny purple eggplants, juicy red apples, and bright blue skies – a day of fall fun and abundance.

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Autumn (or fall)is a beautiful time of the year and the time when gardens are ready to be harvested. Even if you don't have a garden, you can talk with your child about where apples and the other produce mentioned come from and the different colors they are. When you go to the store, find the apples and talk about how they can be different colors...red, yellow, green. Ask the produce person in the store to show you what an eggplant looks like (if they aren't already a part of your menu) so that your child can see how beautiful they are.

See if your child can identify the beautiful colors on each page. If they're not familiar with them, help them out and get the color crayons out and make some "refrigerator art" using those same colors.

Notice how each page has rhyming words....high/sky – right/light – all/fall. Talk about a few other words that may rhyme with these words, too. It's all about building your child's vocabulary and fun, too!