AUTUMNAL EQUINOX MOBILE

Are you starting to see signs of fall? This year the autumnal equinox, when the length of day and night are approximately equal, falls on September 22. Deciduous trees take their cue from the decreasing daylight and stop producing chlorophyll, the green pigment in their leaves, allowing yellow and orange to show through. Cool nights and sunny days encourage some trees, like sugar maples, to produce red pigments. Add in some late blooming wildflowers like asters and goldenrod and we can get quite a show! Capture some of this splendor by creating a fall mobile.

MAKE YOUR OWN FLOWER PETAL ART

**Materials:** scissors, twine, a stick and leaves and flowers collected from outside

**Directions:**

1. Gather a sturdy stick, some leaves and flowers for your mobile. If you can, take only a few from each plant so that it can stay healthy and pick leaves that have already fallen to the ground.
2. Tie the leaves and flowers onto the stick with twine in whatever arrangement you like.
3. Use twine to hang your mobile somewhere you can admire it.