



# NUTTY SQUIRREL MOVEMENT GAME

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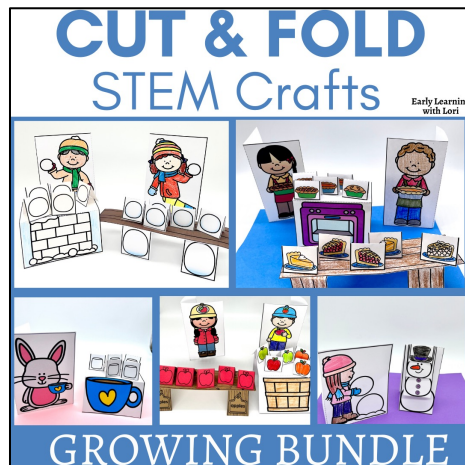
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## RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS



**PLANT SCIENCE**  
BUNDLE: 3 Experiments



Mint

Green Onion

Basil

Exploring the Parts of a Plant

# HOW TO PRINT & PREP THE CARDS

1. **Download and open the movement card PDF.**
2. The cards are designed for **double-sided printing**: each card face is followed by its matching card back, so pages are already in the correct order for flipping on the **long edge**.
3. **Important!** Most home printers do not align front and back perfectly when printing double-sided.
  1. **Test with one page first** to check alignment.
  2. For the best results, you may want to **print one side first**, then **manually flip and refeed** the pages to print the backs. (This gives you more control and ensures your card backs line up cleanly.)
4. If you prefer single-sided printing:
  1. Just print the card fronts and leave the backs blank, or
  2. Print the backs separately and glue/tape them on before cutting.
5. **Cut the cards apart** and laminate for extra durability if you'd like.
6. Store the finished cards in a basket, envelope, or small box so they're ready to go!

# HOW TO USE THE CARDS

## How to Play:

1. **Gather your students in an open space.**
2. **Draw one card at a time and read the prompt aloud.**
3. **Act it out together!** Model the movement first, then invite the whole group to join in.
4. Continue for as many cards as you'd like. Short bursts work great for transitions or movement breaks. Use more cards for a full play session!

## Fun Variations:

### Squirrel Shuffle

- Let each child take a turn drawing a card.
- The teacher reads it aloud, and the whole group acts it out.
- A great way to build confidence and social skills.

### Squirrel Says

- Just like Simon Says!
- If the teacher says **“Squirrel says…”** before the movement, everyone does it.
- If not—stay still! (Or make a silly face if you forget.)

### Nutty Freeze Dance

- Play some upbeat music.
- When the music stops, pull a card and read it aloud—everyone does the movement!
- Repeat



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CLIMB A TREE**



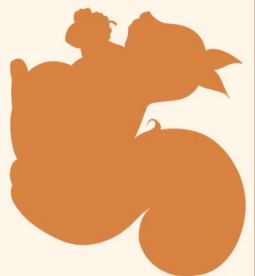
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SQUIRREL  
DANCE**



**LEAP OVER A LOG  
LIKE A FOREST  
SQUIRREL**



**RUN FAST FROM  
ONE TREE TO  
ANOTHER**



**PRETEND TO BURY  
ACORNS  
—DIG, DIG, DIG**



**PRETEND TO  
GATHER NUTS**



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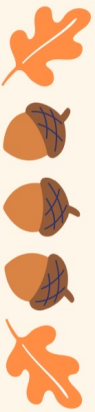
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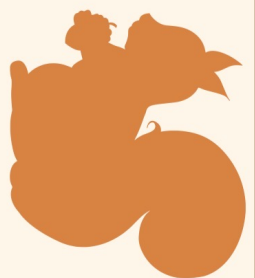
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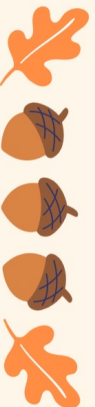
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SILLIEST SQUIRREL  
FACE**



**CHASE A BLUE  
JAY THAT JUST  
STOLE YOUR  
ACORN**



**SCURRY IN A  
CIRCLE LIKE A  
SQUIRREL**



**YOU HEAR A DOG  
BARK. FREEZE  
AND LISTEN**



**SHAKE YOUR  
FLUFFY TAIL BACK  
AND FORTH**



**TWITCH YOUR  
NOSE AND  
WHISKERS**



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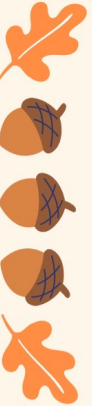
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**RUN AND HIDE—  
THERE'S A CAT IN  
THE YARD**



**BALANCE ON A  
SKINNY BRANCH**



**WIGGLE YOUR  
EARS**



**A FOX IS  
NEARBY—TIPTOE  
QUIETLY AND  
HIDE**



**RUN IN PLACE  
LIKE YOU'RE  
BEING CHASED**



**SHAKE THE RAIN  
OFF YOUR FUR**



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