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The Busy Squirrel

Autumn is one of Mia's favorite seasons.
Every morning, she walks through the park on her way to school.
The leaves are changing from green to bright red, orange, and yellow.
They crunch beneath her shoes as she walks.

One chilly morning, Mia noticed a squirrel running quickly from tree to tree.
The squirrel carried acorns in its mouth and buried them in the ground.
Then it hurried back to collect more.

Mia asked her teacher why squirrels work so hard in the fall.
Her teacher explained that squirrels gather food before winter arrives.
During the cold months, food is harder to find, so they hide nuts and seeds to eat later.

That afternoon, Mia watched the squirrel again.
She smiled because she knew exactly why it was so busy.
As she walked home, she collected colorful leaves to make an autumn collage with her family.

QUESTION:

- 1.) Why did Mia become interested in the squirrel?

- 2.) What happens to the leaves during fall?

- 3.) Why is it important for squirrels to prepare for winter?

- 4.) What would you collect during fall? Why?
