



Lines from the Learning Leaders

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Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a restful Fall Break. We are happy to be back at school and looking forward to teaching and learning.

We are excited to bring you more tips and strategies to use in the classroom. Please let us know if there is a specific topic that you would like addressed in our monthly newsletter.

Pumpkin Math

Students estimate the weight, height, and circumference of a pumpkin. Then the students use measuring tools to find the exact measurement. A scale is used to weigh the pumpkin. A ruler is used to measure the height of the pumpkin. String is used to measure the circumference of the pumpkin. After the pumpkin is measured using a string, then the string is measured using a ruler or yardstick. Next, students compare their estimations with their exact measurements.

Students can also estimate the number of seeds in the pumpkin. Then cut off the top of the pumpkin and count the seeds. Carving the pumpkin and/ or roasting the pumpkin seeds can be an added bonus for the children.



Poems for the Month

Pumpkin

Pumpkin pumpkin
big and round,
I'm glad you grow
upon the ground.
I'm glad you don't
grow in a tree
for then you might
fall down on me.

---Author Unknown



Autumn Fires

*In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!
Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.
Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!*

---Robert Louis Stevenson

Books for Read-Alouds

The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything

(Kindergarten and up) by Linda D. Williams; sequencing, predicting

Mousekin's Golden House

(Preschool and up) by Edna Miller; fall themes, nature

It's Pumpkin Time

(Preschool and up) by Zoe Hall; sequencing, plants, nature

Five Little Bats Flying in the Night

(Preschool and up) by Steve Metzger; number sense and counting

Ten Timid Ghosts

(Preschool and up) by Jennifer O'Connell; number sense and counting

Shake dem Halloween Bones

(Kindergarten and up) by W. Nikola-Lisa; rhyming, repetition, hip-hop

The Widow's Broom

(2nd grade and up) by Chris Van Allsburg; predicting, inferring, drawing conclusions

Bunnicula

(3rd grade and up) by Deborah Howe; predicting, inferring, drawing conclusions

Quote:

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

---Nelson Mandela

