

Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Pumpkin, pumpkin sitting on the wall (sit on floor)
Pumpkin, pumpkin, tip and fall (fall over)
Pumpkin, pumpkin, rolling down the street (roll on floor)
Pumpkin, pumpkin, trick or treat.



Pumpkin Shapes

Cut out 6 pumpkin shapes from construction paper, all the same size. On each pumpkin, draw a jack-o-lantern face. Make sure there are at least two of each pumpkin with the same face. Place all the pumpkins face down on the table.

Instruct children to choose two pumpkins at a time and try to find matching pairs. Play is continued until all pairs have been matched. Variation: for younger children keep pumpkins face up and match. For a greater challenge create more sets of pumpkins to choose from.



Catch the Jack-O-Lantern

Cut a circle from orange construction paper to cover the end of a flashlight. Darken the room and shine the flashlight on the wall. Encourage your child(ren) to run after the jack-o-lantern as you move the flashlight.

Sensory Fun

Small children may be too young to carve a pumpkin, but they can still enjoy decorating their very own pumpkin. When children are at the store or pumpkin patch, choosing a pumpkin, use this opportunity to practice the words "little" and "big", "round" and "tall" or "long" and "bumpy" or "smooth". Very young children can paint their pumpkin with a large paint brush. Preschool children will be able to draw a face on their pumpkin with markers.

Fall is also a great time to experiment with Indian corn. It's more than just a decoration! Roll them in paint and then roll onto paper. Roll them in play dough. Pull out the kernels, pull off the stalks....Use your imagination!



Spice Fundough

2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/3 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/3 cup milk, 4 tablespoons cooking oil.

Have children help make the dough within their skill level. Mix the dry ingredients together. Add milk and oil. Knead until dough sticks together and forms a ball. Divide dough into portions on wax paper sheets. Roll and shape the mixture as desired. This dough has a nice texture, an unusual appearance, and a spicy aroma. Can be fried in oil at 375 degrees. If dough is to be used only for play, use water instead of milk.

