Pumpkin Unit

It’s A Pumpkin ~ Allan Fowler
The Biggest Pumpkin Ever ~ Steven Kroll
It’s Pumpkin Time! ~ Zoe Hall
Apples and Pumpkins ~ Anne Rockwell
Pumpkin Pumpkin ~ Jeanne Titherington
The Great Pumpkin ~ Megan McDonald
Pumpkins ~ Mary Lyn Ray
The Vanishing Pumpkin ~ Tony Johnston
Grandma’s Smile ~ Elaine Moore
Too Many Pumpkins (with cassette) ~ Linda White
The Pumpkin Patch ~ Elizabeth King
Jeb Scarecrow’s Pumpkin Patch ~ Jana Dillon
The Pumpkin Fair ~ Eve Bunting
Mousekin’s Golden House
The Pumpkin People ~ David and Maggie Cavagnaro
Five Little Pumpkins ~ Scholastic
Grow a Pumpkin Pie! ~ Jane E. Gerver
The Pumpkin Book ~ Gail Gibbons
The Tiniest Pumpkin ~ Troll
The Three Friends And the Pumpkins ~ Tomie dePaola
Five Little Pumpkins ~ William Boniface
Poems & Songs

Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Pumpkin, pumpkin sitting on a wall
(children sit down)

Pumpkin, pumpkin tip and fall
(have children tip over)

Pumpkin, pumpkin rolling down the street
(child rolls on floor)

Pumpkin, pumpkin Trick or treat!

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "Oh, my! It’s getting late!"
The second one said, "There are witches in the air!"
The third one said, "But we don’t care!"
The fourth one said, "Let’s run, let’s run!"
The fifth one said, "It’s only Halloween fun."
Then woo---- went the wind, and
out went the light,
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Mr. Pumpkin
(tune: Where is Thumbkin)

Mr. Pumpkin,
Mr. Pumpkin,
Round and fat.
Round and fat.
Harvesttime is coming.
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Yum, yum, yum.
That is that!
Pumpkin Song
(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little pumpkin
Orange and round.
Here is my stem,
There is the ground.
When I get all cut up,
Don't you shout!
Just open me up
And scoop me out!

Pumpkin Song
(tune: Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?)

Have you ever seen a pumpkin,
a pumpkin, a pumpkin,
Have you ever seen a pumpkin,
that grows on a vine?
A round one, a tall one,
a bumpy one, a squashed one.
Have you ever seen a pumpkin,
that grows on a vine?

A Pumpkin Seed

A pumpkin seed's a little thing.
When it's planted in the spring
But, oh, the fun it can bring.

At Halloween it turns into
A pumpkin pie for me and you
Or jack-o-lantern that says...
       BOO!
Class Pumpkin Books

I Like Pumpkins

Each page in the book has various colored shapes designed to look like pumpkins. For example, the text on the first page may read, "I like orange circle pumpkins." The next page may say "I like square red pumpkins." It is an easy predictable pattern which the children can pick up and help to create the book.

Pumpkin Book

Page 1 "Pumpkin, pumpkin big and round."
(finger-paint a pumpkin, cut and glue on page with words)
Page 2 "I'm glad that you grow on the ground."
(cut out 4 small pumpkins, add yarn vine on page with words)
Page 3 "I'm glad that you don't grow in a tree."
(precut trunk and fall leaves, glue on orange pumpkins on page with words)
Page 4 "'Cause then you might fall down on me."
(draw self with bump on head and pumpkin broken on the ground on page with words)

How a Pumpkin Grows

For this book you can use "cheap" paper plates as the pages in the book or you can use orange and black construction paper. If using paper plates, have the children sponge paint the plate orange. After the orange paint dries, the children use black paint to design a face. The inside pages have sentence strips and representations to show the pumpkin life cycle.

Page 1- See the seed.
(Glue on pumpkin seeds.)
Page 2- See the flower.
(Glue small pieces of yellow tissue paper into a flower shape.)
Page 3- See the vine.
(Twist and glue green crepe paper for the vine.)
Page 4- See the small pumpkin.
(Glue on a small green felt or construction paper pumpkin shape.)
Page 5- See the big pumpkin.
(Glue on large pumpkin in orange felt or construction paper.)
Page 6- See the pumpkin pie!
(Glue on picture of student eating pumpkin pie.)
Other Writing Activities

- Create individual pumpkin stories. Have stamp pads available for creating fingerprint pumpkins
- Make pumpkin shape books.

The Pumpkin Seed Story

To make a pumpkin shaped book, fold an orange piece of 12"x18" construction paper so there are four sections. While it is folded, cut out a pumpkin shape (but do not cut along the fold!) Open it up and you will have 4 paper-doll style pumpkins. Have the child draw a vine across all four sections. In the first section, glue a seed. In the second section, glue yellow tissue paper to form a flower. In the third section sponge paint a green circle. In the fourth section, "knuckle paint" a pumpkin. Decorate cover, and draw a face on the back to make a jack-o-lantern.

From Seed to Fruit

Make a book to show how a pumpkin goes from seed to fruit. Use real pumpkin seeds, coffee grinds for "dirt" and raffia for vines.

A Great Pumpkin Book

1. Encourage children to use their senses to describe the outside of the pumpkin & record their responses on the chart. What does it feel like, smell like, look like, sound like, etc.?
2. Then, remove the pumpkin's lid and have the children observe & describe the inside of the pumpkin.
3. Give them the materials to make a pumpkin book. It only needs to have a cover and 1 page.
4. Record the children's descriptions of the outside of the pumpkin on the cover.
5. Record the children's descriptions for the inside of the pumpkin on the inside cover.
6. On the white inside page, have the children paste pumpkin seeds and yarn, and illustrate the inside of the pumpkin using crayons, construction paper, markers, etc.

Pumpkin Counting Book

Make a pumpkin counting book to "10 Little Pumpkins". Use the small chart seals.

Pumpkin Sense

Have the children use their five senses to describe the pumpkin. Record their answers in a pumpkin shape book with the following pages.
It looks like_________. It feels like_________. It smells like_________________. etc.
Math Activities

Measurement

• Measure the height of the pumpkin with unifix cubes and other math manipulatives.
• Measure the circumference of the pumpkin with a piece of yarn.
• Weigh the pumpkin using a balance scale.

Sorting and Comparing

• Sort pumpkins by color, stem, size, weight, etc.
• Compare pumpkins to apples.
• Draw a Venn diagram (draw one "circle" to look like a pumpkin and the other to look like an apple.) Talk to the children about the characteristics of apples and pumpkins.

Other Activities

• Count with pumpkin seeds
• Sort different shaped pumpkins.
• Pattern pumpkin seeds right side up, right side down, right side up, right side down, etc.
• Match pumpkin seed sets to numerals,
• Program plain pumpkins with the numbers 1-10
• Encourage students to put the correct number of seeds on each pumpkin.
• Use a sheet with a pumpkin form on it. How many seeds will it take to cover your pumpkin?

Science Activities

• Observe and record observations of pumpkin seeds growing in zip lock bags.
• Get real pumpkin and cut open.
• Record observations of a real pumpkin.
• Smell inside pumpkin.
• Reach in and 'scoop' the seeds out.
• Taste raw pumpkin.
• Talk about the way it feels, smells and tastes.