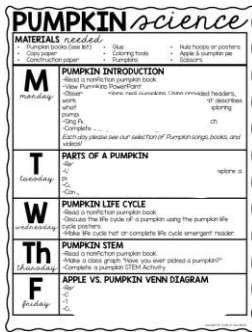


GETTING STARTED *with* PUMPKINS

Your students are going to love learning all about pumpkins through exploration with real world connections, and you are going to love all that is packed in this Pumpkins Unit! This overview is set up to show you everything that is included and how it can be used best. Pick and choose what works for you and your students.

LESSON PLANS

These comprehensive lesson plans are ready for you to integrate learning about pumpkins into every aspect of your classroom. They are perfect for supplementing existing curriculum or pulling engaging activities when you're short on time.



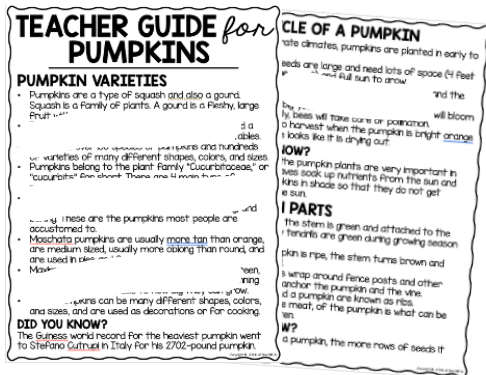
AT-HOME LETTER

Send home these notes and let families know what their children are learning about in science. This letter also includes ideas for families to extend the learning at home.



TEACHER GUIDE

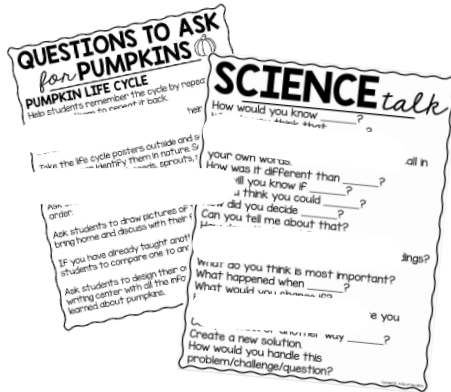
Everything you need to know for teaching about pumpkins is ready for you in this guide. When students want to dig deeper, you will be prepared with fun facts to keep their interest and deepen their knowledge.





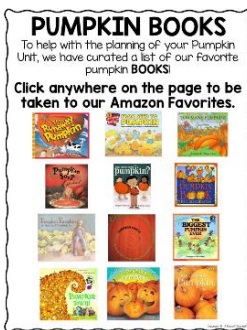
SCIENCE CENTER

Use this guide for tips on how to set up your science center and keep students motivated to enter the science center each day to make new discoveries.



QUESTIONS

Encourage your students' natural curiosities with questions regarding pumpkins. You may also print off the provided list of open-ended questions that can be used with any science lesson to encourage "science talk" with your class.



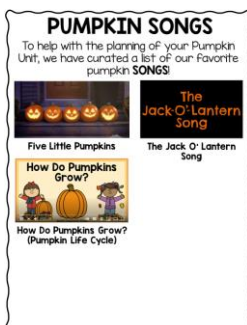
BOOKS LIST

To make planning easy, we have curated a list of our favorite pumpkin books that will engage your students while they learn new information.



VIDEOS LIST

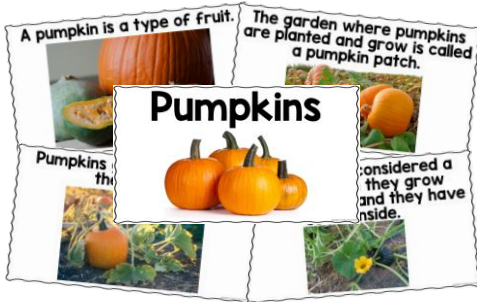
To make planning easy, we have curated a list of our favorite pumpkin videos. Each picture is linked to the corresponding video.



SONGS LIST

Our song list is linked and ready to use with your students. You can show them the video with the song, or simply play the song in the background during center time, dismissal, clean-up, or any other transition during the day.

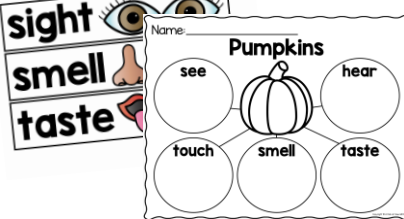
LESSON CONTENT for PUMPKINS



PUMPKIN POWERPOINT

This includes a PowerPoint to project on a smartboard and printable posters to use as a big book or display in your science center.

PUMPKIN HEADERS



PUMPKIN FIVE SENSES

Use the provided headers and worksheet to engage your students in discussion and observation about pumpkins using their five senses.



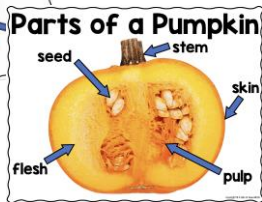
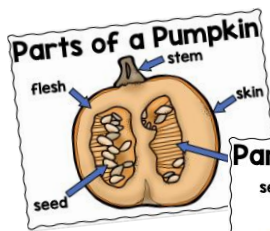
FINGERPLAY

Use these fingerplays to transition throughout the unit. Put a copy in the library center for students to practice.



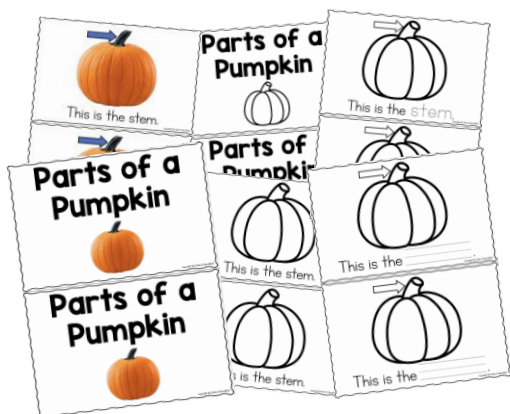
PUMPKIN COLORS EMERGENT READER

Students can practice reading and review color words with this interactive emergent reader. After reading the book in whole group, copies can be put in the reading center or sent home for extra practice.



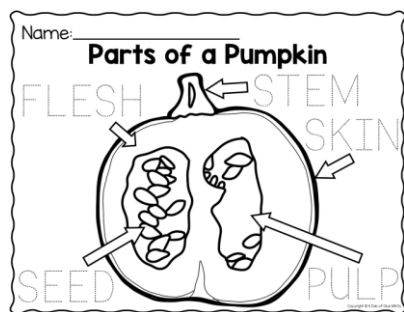
PARTS OF A PUMPKIN POSTERS

Help students understand and visualize the different parts of a pumpkin with these posters. Includes real-life and clipart options.



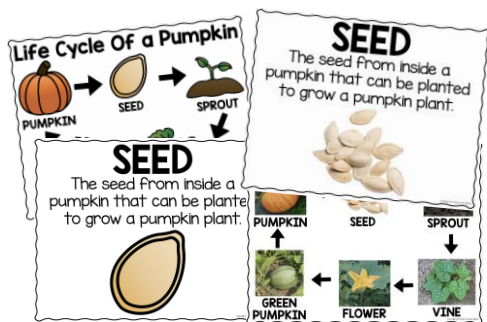
PARTS OF A PUMPKIN EMERGENT READER

Students can practice reading while learning about the parts of a pumpkin with this easy reader. After reading the book in whole group, copies can be put in the reading center or sent home for extra practice.



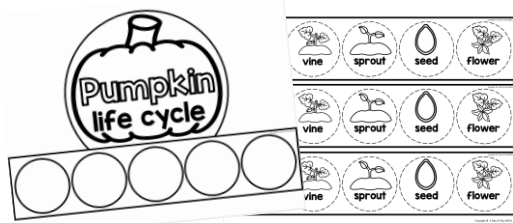
PARTS OF A PUMPKIN WORKSHEET

After learning about the different parts of a pumpkin, students can complete this parts of a pumpkin cut and paste worksheet.



PUMPKIN LIFE CYCLE POSTERS

Use these posters to teach your students about the pumpkin life cycle. Use either or both versions, one with clipart and one with real-life photos.



PUMPKIN LIFE CYCLE HAT

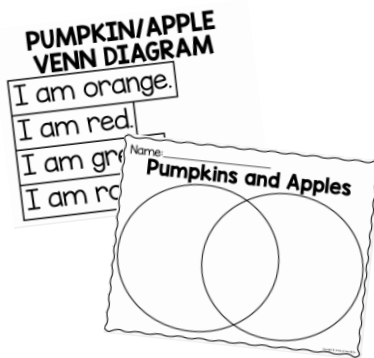
Students can show what they've learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin by making this fun hat.



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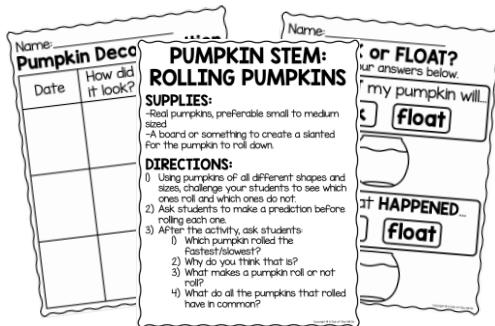
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Use this question to engage your students, pique their interest, and get them talking about pumpkins!



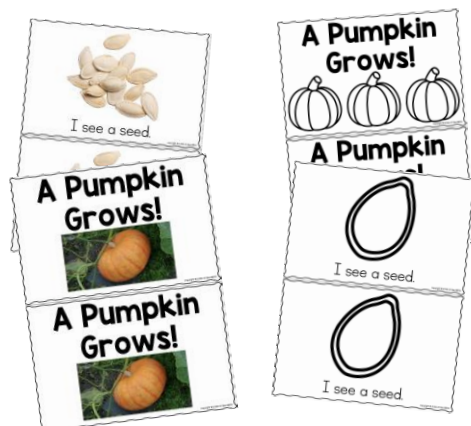
PUMPKIN AND APPLE COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Use the provided headers to complete a compare and contrast activity with your class after learning about both apples and pumpkins.



PUMPKIN STEM ACTIVITIES

Engage your students in hands-on learning and exploration all about pumpkins with our pumpkin STEM activities.



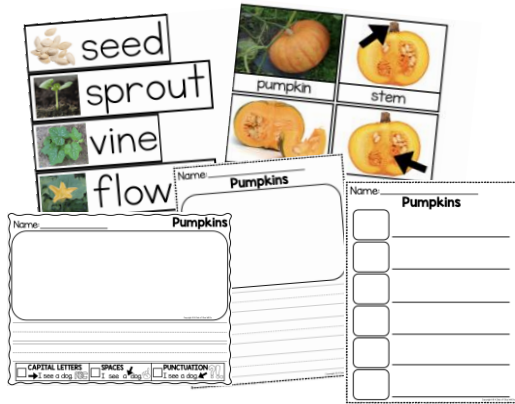
A PUMPKIN GROWS EMERGENT READER

Students can practice reading and review the life cycle of a pumpkin with this easy reader. After reading the book in whole group, copies can be put in the reading center or sent home for extra practice.

BONUS MATERIALS for PUMPKINS

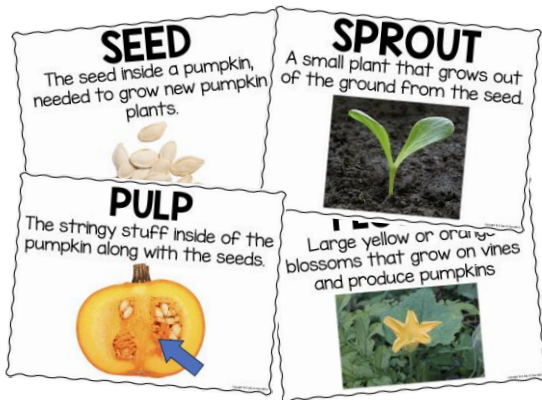
WRITING CENTER

Set up your writing center with word cards and writing papers that meet the needs of your students. Need all uppercase letters or just lowercase? No writing lines or list writing paper? There is something for every learner.



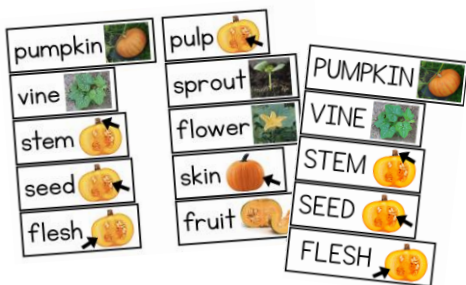
DEFINITION POSTERS

These posters use real-life pictures and simple definitions that are easy for students to understand. Hang them up in your science center, add new ones to your whole group area each day, or project on your smart board.



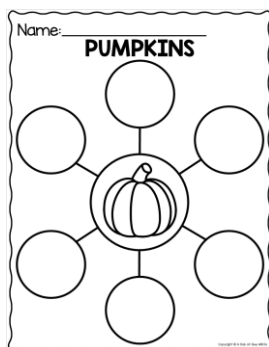
WORD WALL

Add the new vocabulary you are introducing to your students throughout the week to the word wall. Students can refer to these words throughout the year.



CIRCLE MAP

Use this circle map when introducing pumpkins to see what your students know, or after you teach the unit for them to demonstrate their new knowledge. These can be used individually, as a graphic organizer, or as a whole group.



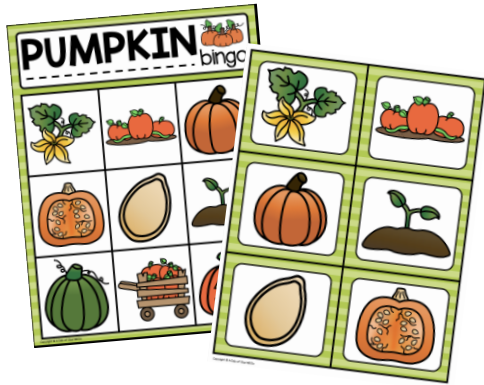
PUMPKINS EMERGENT READER

Students can practice reading during the pumpkin unit with this easy reader. After reading the book in whole group, copies can be put in the reading center or sent home for extra practice.



PUMPKIN BINGO

Add this Pumpkin Bingo game to your lesson plans as a fun way to practice listening skills. Prep for Fun Friday or have a volunteer play with students at a center. Bingo boards and calling cards are included in color or black & white.



PUMPKIN TASTE TEST WORKSHEETS

Pick and choose from our assorted pumpkin taste test worksheets to use when doing a class taste test of pumpkin recipes.



CAN-HAVE-ARE PUMPKIN ACTIVITY

After learning about pumpkins, complete this Can-Have-Are chart as a whole group and/or independently.



PUMPKIN SENSORY BIN

Sensory bins encourage open-ended thinking, language development, and help build fine motor skills.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Plastic bin or tub
- Black beans, corn, or colored rice
- Real or pretend miniature pumpkins
- Real or pretend leaves
- Acorns
- Optional: parts of a pumpkin such as some dried seeds or stem
- Optional: toy tractors and mini toy rakes

ACTIVITY:

Fill the bottom of the bin with beans, corn, or rice. Place the pumpkins, leaves, acorns, and any other materials in the bin. Add scooping materials such as cups, bowls, and spoons.

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SENSORY BIN

Use these sensory bin suggestions to engage your students in hands-on learning about pumpkins.

PUMPKIN SURPRISE IN A CUP

- 1 clear plastic cup, spoon, & Ziploc bag per child
- 1 vanilla pudding cup per child
- 2 graham crackers per child
- 2 tablespoons of pumpkin pie filling per child
- whipped cream
- cinnamon



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Give each of your students 2 graham crackers in a plastic sealable sandwich bag.
- 2) Secure the top of the bag to contain the crumbs and invite your students to crush the graham crackers inside the bag.
- 3) Have students sprinkle the crumbs into the bottom of the clear cups.
- 4) Use a spoon to scoop the vanilla pudding on top of the crushed graham crackers.
- 5) Ask students to add two tablespoons of pumpkin pie filling to their cups. Have students mix the pudding and the pie filling together. (This could also be pre-mixed together before adding to the cups.)
- 6) Optional: Add a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon to the top.

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PUMPKIN SURPRISE IN A CUP RECIPE

Use the provided recipe to help your students make a “pumpkin surprise.” This is a tasty snack that mimics a pumpkin pie and is easy to make.