



Perry Public Library Storytime



BOO! Happy Halloween!

Stories we shared:

Julius' Candy Corn: by Kevin Henkes

Pumpkin Heads: by Wendell Minor

Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by L. Williams

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

Five Little Pumpkins: by Dan Yaccarino

Pumpkin, pumpkin: by Jeanne Titherington

Mouse's First Halloween: by Lauren Thompson

Pumpkin Faces: by Emma Rose

Jack-O-Lanterns: by Lola Schaefer

The Halloween Play: by Felicia Bond

Sheep Trick or Treat: by Nancy Shaw

When the Goblins Came Knocking: by Anna Hines

House that Drac built: by Judy Sierra

Popcorn: by Frank Asch

The Vanishing Pumpkin: by Tony Johnston

Mousekin's golden house: by Edna Keller

Pumpkinville mystery: by Bruce Cole

Arthur's Halloween: by Marc Brown

Big pumpkin: by Erica Silverman

Clifford's Halloween: by Norman Bridwell

Georgie's Halloween: by Robert Bright

Harriet's Halloween candy: by Nancy Carlson

Halloween parade: by Mary Lystad

Pumpkin personalities: by Ruth Kate

It's Pumpkin Time: by Zoe Hall

What will you be for Halloween? By Mark Todd

Halloween Monster: Catherine Stock

Halloween Mice: by Bethany Roberts

Halloween Day: by Anne Rockwell

Corduroy's Halloween: by B.G. Hennessy

Hallo-Wiener: by Dav Pilkey

Creepy Crawly Critters: by Nola Buck

Beneath the ghost moon: by Jane Yolen

Pumpkin light: by David Ray

The biggest pumpkin ever: by Steven Kroll

Apples and pumpkins: by Anne Rockwell

Six creepy sheep: by Judith Enderle

Too much trick or treat: by Jayna Miller

Old Devil Wind: by Bill Martin Jr.

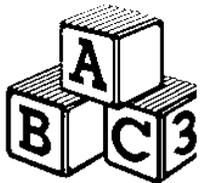
A Halloween happening: by Adrienne Adams

Scary Scary Halloween: by Eve Bunting

Dinosaur's Halloween: by Liza Donnelly

Pumpkin people: by David Cavagnaro

Very Scary: by Tony Johnston



Early Literacy Extras:

- ✓ Talk about the names of favorite Halloween traditions such as “pumpkin, scarecrow, cider, candy, costume” - sound out the different parts of the word “pump” and “kin” – clap while saying them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster.
- ✓ Help your child think of words that rhyme with Halloween like “green, clean, bean, thirteen, queen, screen, teen, tangerine, submarine, trampoline” – make up silly rhymes with these words.
- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the “H”- “huh” sound all around the house (hat, hand, help, hot, happy).
- ✓ The sense of rhythm obtained from listening to songs and rhymes will help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Say silly rhymes and sing songs about Halloween (on following pages).
- ✓ Help your child learn sequencing. This will help later on in recalling the parts of a story (beginning, middle, end). When you are making a costume or carving a pumpkin, ask you child to help you remember the steps, or ask him to repeat the order in which you did things. “What did we take out of the pumpkin first? What did we do next?”
- ✓ When you are finished trick or treating, ask you child to tell you what other costumes he remembers seeing.
- ✓ Look at the candy wrappers and name the letters you see. Sort them by size ,shape, color, flavor, etc.

Songs and rhymes we shared:

Five Little Pumpkins

(count on fingers)

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 and run and run!"
The fifth one said "It's Halloween fun!"
Then OOOOOO went the wind
(make noise like the wind)
And out went the lights
(clap hands on "out")
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight
(roll hands)
** you may substitute "spooks" or "goblins"
for "witches"*

Little Ghost *(act out rhyme)*

Little ghost, little ghost, flying through the air
Little ghost, little ghost, tickling my hair
Little ghost, little ghost, flying way down low
Little ghost, little ghost, tickling my toe
Little ghost, little ghost, circling all around
Little ghost, little ghost, please sit down

Black Cat

Black cat, black cat up in the tree
(Look up)
Black cat, black cat staring at me
(circle hands around eyes)
Black cat, black cat come down from there
(shake finger)
Black cat, black cat you gave me a scare!
(put hands on hips and shake head)

Count the Pumpkins

A little pumpkin *(make a small circle)*
A middle sized pumpkin *(a larger circle)*
A great big pumpkin I see *(biggest circle)*
Now let's count all the pumpkins
1 2 3! *(make 3 circles again)*

I'm a Little Pumpkin *(sing to "I'm a little teapot")*

I'm a little pumpkin orange and bright
You'll see me out on Halloween night
Carve me a face and add a light
I'll glow and glow throughout the night



Make Toasted Pumpkin Seeds:

1. Separate the seeds from the pulp and rinse them in a colander
2. In bowl combine 2 c. pumpkin seeds, 1 1/2 tbsp. cooking oil, melted butter or margarine, 1 1/4 tsp. salt, until seeds are coated. *(Try other spices like paprika too!)*
3. Spread on large shallow baking pan.
4. Bake at 250 degrees approximately 1 hour, stirring occasionally until crisp, dry and golden brown.