

PUMPKIN PALS

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KIDS' DAY OUT
SINGLE DAY LESSON PLAN FOR GRADES K-5

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Get ready to explore pumpkins! Pumpkin Pals is an interactive school-age lesson plan that encourages children to construct knowledge through thoughtfully planned activities and active exploration of their environment. Children will learn about pumpkins. While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning area of “Scientific Thinking and Technology”. Specifically, children will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas: Origin and Evolution of the Universe, Writing, and Visual Arts.

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SINGLE DAY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION	DURATION/SCHEDULE
Arrival Activity (Early drop off): Puzzles/Games	As Needed
Ready Set Learn: Pumpkins	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Vegetable Predictions	30 Minutes
Snack	15 Minutes
Themed Activity: Pumpkin Ring Toss	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Pumpkin Mobile	45 Minutes
Lunch	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Pumpkin Weaving	45 Minutes
Social-Emotional Learning: Unity	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Pumpkin Prompt	30 Minutes
Wrap Up	15 Minutes
Pick Up Activity (Late Pick Up): Puzzles/Games	As Needed

MATERIALS LIST

- Thread or yarn
- Hole-punch
- Scrap paper in patterns and colors
- Ribbon
- Tacky glue
- Tempera paint
- Black markers
- Small fake pumpkins
- Glowstick necklaces
- Masking tape
- Pencils
- Old newspapers
- Transparent or masking tape
- Orange, green, brown, and black construction paper
- Ruler
- Vegetables (Such as squash or pumpkins) of various sizes (Suggestion: one Vegetable for every 4-5 students) (Non-living modifications can be made by filling up clear plastic bags with orange tissue paper and tying off the top of the bag with string.)

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EARLY DROP-OFF



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

- Puzzles and games related to pumpkins



DURATION/SCHEDULE

3 hours – 6 to 9 a.m.



MATERIALS

- Variety of games and puzzles



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS



GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Use play to practice new skills and knowledge
- Cooperate with peers during activities
- Coordinate eye and hand movements



STANDARDS

- AL.1 2.A
- AL.1 2.C
- 10.5 2.B



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

READY SET LEARN: PUMPKINS

Welcome to Pumpkin Patch Paradise!

DISCUSSION: Start by asking the children what they know about pumpkins. Ask them if they know anything about how pumpkins grow. Ask the children if they have tried pumpkin-flavored foods.

FUN FACTS:

- The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and took 6 hours to bake.
- The largest pumpkin ever grown weighed 2,702 pounds 13.9 oz, and was grown in Tuscany, Italy.
- The Connecticut field variety is the name of the traditional American pumpkin.
- Pumpkins are 90 percent water.
- 80% of the pumpkin supply in the United States is available in October.
- Native Americans flattened strips of pumpkins, dried them, and made mats.
- Native Americans called pumpkins "isqoutm squash."