



Every Your

Child Ready to Read

"Pumpkin Time" Toddler Time @ Corinth Library

Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills
your child can start learning from birth!*

1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.

- Talk with your child about what we did at toddler time today.
- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :
 - EP Sloat Patty's Pumpkin Patch
 - ER Simon Pumpkin Fever
 - EF Ochiltree Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins
 - EP Serfozo Plumply, Dumply Pumpkin
- Have your child draw a picture then ask your child to tell you the story about it.

2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.

- Let your child see you reading for your enjoyment.
- Visit your public library often.

3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.

- Ask your child to name parts of a pumpkin plant.
- Read together everyday. After you read a story talk about the story and pictures so your child hears and learns more words.
- When you child talks to you, add more details to what she says.

4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.

- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.

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<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm>

5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

- Help your child play with the letter “P”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up peas on their lunch plate.

6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.
- Play word games such as “What sounds like ‘ran’ or “What starts with the same sound as ‘ball?’”

Mr. Pumpkin

Tune: Where is Thumbkin

Mr. Pumpkin, Mr. Pumpkin,
Round and fat, round and fat.
Harvest time is coming.
Harvest time is coming.
Yum, yum, yum. That is that!

Pumpkin Poem

**One day I found two pumpkin seeds.
I planted one and pulled the weeds.
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.
(I really am quite proud of that.)
But there is something I'll admit
That has me worried just a bit.
I ate the other seed, you see.
Now will it grow inside of me?**

**(I'm so relieved since I have found
That pumpkins only grow in the
ground!)**

Have You Ever Seen a Pumpkin?

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 fat one, a small one.
Have you ever seen a pumpkin,
that grows on a vine?

I'm a Little Pumpkin

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 seeds out!

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-Eater

**Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-Eater;
Had a wife and couldn't keep her;
He put her in a pumpkin shell,
And there he kept her very well.**



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