

# PUMPKINS

## BOOKS

Big Pumpkin

Pumpkin Eye

It's Pumpkin Time

Pumpkin Soup

Apples and Pumpkins

From Seed to Pumpkin

Plumply, Dumply, Pumpkin

How Many Seeds In a Pumpkin?

Pumpkin Town

Pumpkin Jack

## SNACKS

### RICE CRISPY PUMPKIN TREATS



- 1.
2. Make a batch of Rice Crispy treats and tint them orange.
3. When cool enough, butter your hands and shape into balls (the lumpy bumpier, the better)
4. Shape a softened tootsie roll into a stumpy stem for the top!

<http://preschoolalphabet.blogspot.com/2011/10/pumply-dumply-pumpkin.html>

### PUMPKIN ORANGES



### PUMPKIN QUESADILLAS



Tortillas and cheese-Cut pumpkin with cookie cutter, and face with a knife.

<http://penpalsandcookingals.wordpress.com/page/2/>

## CIRCLE TIME

DLTK's Crafts for Kids

### I'm a Little Pumpkin

*Tune of I'm a Little Teapot*

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



## 5 LITTLE PUMPKINS (song on-line)

<http://youtu.be/cm1qvX1ygOo>

## LEARN SHAPES AND CARVE PUMPKINS WITH SHAWN THE TRAIN-(on-line)

<http://youtu.be/YsJmKTa1SXA>

## PUMPKIN HIDE AND SORT



<http://preschoolalphabet.blogspot.com/2011/10/plumly-dumply-pumpkin.html>

## Pumpkin Hunt ... To go with the book-Plumply, Dumply Pumpkin Hunt

1. Print your lumpy and round pumpkins [here](#).
2. **Hide** the pumpkins around the yard just like you would an egg hunt. Give the kids trick-or-treat buckets.
3. **Sort** the pumpkins into smooth vs. bumpy pumpkins.
4. Sort again by color (print a set in orange and a set in yellow)
5. **Pumpkin Race** ... use the same pumpkins!
  - \* Spread the pumpkins out all over the grass.
  - \* Label one bucket with a lumpy pumpkin, a second with a round pumpkin (see bottom, right picture).
  - \* The kids run out, find one pumpkin, run it back and place it in the matching bucket.
  - \* Run out to find another pumpkin, run back....
6. **Hide & Switch**
  - \* Have the kids choose one of the sorted buckets (after your pumpkin race)
  - \* Let them hide their pumpkins all around the yard.
  - \* Then have them switch buckets and now find all of the other pumpkins!

## PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN



Make a manipulative for the adorable pumpkin poem: Pumpkin, pumpkin round and fat, turned into a Jack-O-Lantern just like that. Students color, cut and glue their pumpkins back-to-back on a Popsicle stick and then flip their pumpkin puppet when appropriate, while saying the rhyme.

<http://boymamateachermama.com/2012/10/12/boy-mama-pumpkin-pumpkin-stick-and-rhyme/>

## SCIENCE

### PUMPKIN SINK OR FLOAT PRINTABLE EMERGENT READER

<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/SinkandFloatEmergentReader.htm>

## LIFE CYCLE OF A PUMPKIN (COLORED PRINTABLES)

[http://www.montessoriforeveryone.com/assets/PDF/Life\\_Cycle\\_of\\_a\\_Pumpkin.pdf](http://www.montessoriforeveryone.com/assets/PDF/Life_Cycle_of_a_Pumpkin.pdf)

## PUMPKIN LIFE CYCLE CRAFT AND PRINTABLE



PRINTABLE:

[http://printables.atozteacherstuff.com/download/pumpkins/pumpkin\\_lesson.pdf](http://printables.atozteacherstuff.com/download/pumpkins/pumpkin_lesson.pdf)

## SILLY PUMPKIN PUTTY

- 1 3/4 teaspoons of borax
  - 2 1 1/3 cups very warm water
- Combine in small bowl

In a second bowl combine

- 1 2 cups of white school glue
- 2 1 1/2 cups very warm water
- 3 a few drops of orange food coloring
- 4 Pumpkin pie spice - added until you have reached the desired scent



Once the ingredients of each bowl are well mixed, combine both bowls.

As the ingredients of both bowls are mixed the pumpkin putty will begin to form. Once the ingredients are well enough mixed you will want to remove the slime substance from the bowl and finish working it by hand. This whole process is really fun for the kids

<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/09/pumpkin-slime-play-recipe.html>

## PUMPKIN MOON SAND



4 cups of play sand (we got a 25 pound bag from Home Depot for \$5)

2 cups of corn starch

1-3 cups of water

Pumpkin pie spice

Orange food coloring, liquid watercolors, or powdered paint

In a sensory bin or similar container combine all ingredients and mix well. We used homemade powdered paint to color our sand, but you can also use watercolors or powdered tempera. We started with one cup of water and added more until we had the desired consistency. Really, it depends on what consistency you prefer your moon sand to be. We like it a bit more moist

<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/09/pumpkin-moon-sand-recipe.html>

## PUMPKIN SPICE SCENTED SENSORY RICE

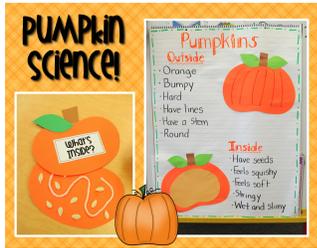
**What you need:** a few cups of rice( you can use as little or as much rice as you want), food coloring, water, pan ( or a metal or glass bowl), spoon, newspaper, and pumpkin spice.

**What to do:** put the rice in the pan. Then in a small bowl put 5 Tbl of water and mix in food coloring( I have a gel orange food coloring I used and we squeezed about 2-3 drops out). Add the mixture to the rice. Now stir until blended. Add a few sprinkles of pumpkin spice and mix again. My rice was slightly wet. I then transferred it to newspaper to dry overnight.

<http://www.frogsandsnailsandpuppydogtail.com/2012/09/how-to-make-pumpkin-spice-orange.html>

# LARGE PUMPKIN SCIENCE UNIT COVERING MANY BOOKS (Great free printables and ideas)

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Pumpkin-Mini-Unit-FREEBIE-394303>



## COLORED PUMPKIN SEEDS

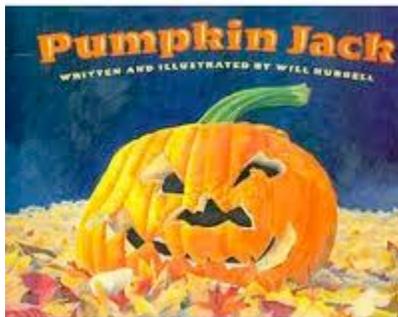


Dye them and use them in your art and craft projects or as counting or sorting manipulatives in your centers.

Dry pumpkin seeds for 20 min. in a 325 degree oven. Use a few tablespoons of vinegar with several drops of food coloring (like an Easter Egg). Let soak several minutes, remove and dry on paper towels. Video on link below:

<http://www.nuttinbutpreschool.com/dying-pumpkin-seeds/>

## PUMPKIN JACK (Read the book, science project to go along)



<http://growingkinders.blogspot.com/2010/10/pumpkin-jack.html>

# MATH

## PUMPKIN SEED COUNTING



<http://www.earlylearningactivities.com/PDF/pscount.pdf>

## SORTING, PRE-WRITING, PATTERNING, AND MORE!



<http://3dinosaurs.com/wordpress/index.php/free-pumpkin-activities-pack/>

## PUMPKIN SOUP

**Prep Time:** 5 Minutes **Cook Time:** 1 Hour **Difficulty:** Easy **Servings:** 8



### Ingredients

- 2 whole Pie Pumpkins
- 1 quart Vegetable Or Chicken Stock
- 1/2 cup Heavy Cream
- 1/3 cup Maple Syrup
- Dash Of Nutmeg
- Salt To Taste
- Extra Cream, For Serving

### Preparation Instructions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place pumpkins on a cookie sheet and roast them until slightly shriveled and soft. Allow to cool slightly, then slice in half and carefully scoop out seeds and pulp. Scoop yummy flesh into a bowl. Set aside. In a pot, heat up the pumpkin flesh with the stock and maple syrup until simmering. Mash out the big chunks, then transfer the mixture to a blender or food

processor (or use an immersion blender) and puree until velvety smooth. Add cream and nutmeg, then blend again. Reheat if you need to, or just go ahead and serve in a hollowed-out pumpkin of whatever size you'd like.

## PUMPKIN SEEDS (COUNTING PRINTABLE BOOKLET)



[www.mrswillskindergarten.com](http://www.mrswillskindergarten.com)  
Clip art: [Scribble Doodles](http://www.scribbleDoodles.com)

<http://www.mrswillskindergarten.com/2011/10/fall-goodiesmonsters-and-pumpkin.html>

## ART

### PETER, PETER PUMPKIN EATER



Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater  
Had Cindy and couldn't keep her.  
He kept her in a pumpkin shell  
And there he kept her very well.

<http://gardenofpraise.com/bul89.htm>

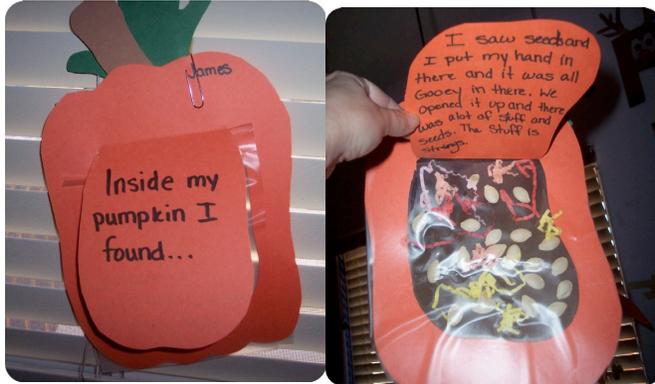
### PAPER PLATE PUMPKIN



Using a paper toilet paper tube for stem.

<http://michellesjournalcorner.blogspot.com/2010/10/pumpkin-paper-plate-craft-for-kids.html>

## INSIDE MY PUMPKIN



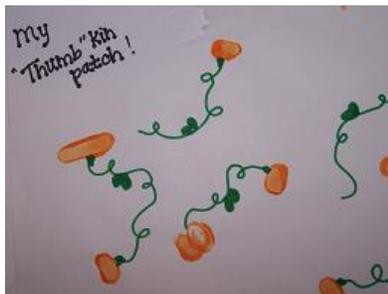
*Inside my pumpkin I found...*

*I saw seeds and I put my hand in there and it was all gooey in there. We opened it up and there was a lot of stuff and seeds. The stuff is stringy.*

Use contact paper on back of pumpkin, facing it so the sticky side is forward. Using string, or colored Easter grass, and seeds, and then add another piece on the front to cover the inside of the pumpkin. Write what they found inside!

<http://www.greatestresourcechildcare.com/ArtProjects.html>

## “THUMB”-KIN PATCH CRAFT



1. Put a small amount of the orange paint on a paper plate or in a bowl
2. Put thumb in paint (now it gets difficult...)
3. Press thumb onto paper. Repeat to make as many pumpkins as you want
4. Once paint is dry, use green marker to draw vines and leaves
5. Write “My ‘Thumb’kin Patch” at the top of paper

## TISSUE PAPER PUMPKIN



Paper plate, painted with glue over tissue squares.

## MORE ACTIVITIES MAGNETIC PUMPKIN PLAY



Spray cans black and orange. Add magnets to pom poms and can even place them on a magnetic pan or burner cover.

<http://www.teachpreschool.org/2011/10/magnetic-pumpkin-play-for-preschoolers/>

## DRAMATIC PLAY PUMPKIN PATCH



Add some fake mums in an orange metal bucket from Dollar Tree. The fake sunflowers are also from Dollar Tree. Put them in a Pringles container wrapped in burlap. Make some signs. or print them for a fee from the website.

Add some colorful gourds and Indian corn. Of course, no fall theme dramatic play scenario would be complete without a bale of hay and a scarecrow.

<http://www.pre-kpages.com/dramatic-play-pumpkin-patch/>

## BONUS RECIPE

### PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

**pumpkin**  
*chocolate chip*  
**cookies**



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| 1/2 c. vegetable oil           | *combine oil, pumpkin, sugar, egg, and vanilla   |
| 1 c. pure pumpkin              | *In a separate bowl, combine baking soda & milk. |
| 1 c. sugar                     | Add to pumpkin mixture.                          |
| 1 egg                          | *In a separate bowl, combine cinnamon, baking    |
| 1 tsp. vanilla                 | powder, salt, and flour.                         |
| 1 tsp. baking soda             | *Fold in chocolate chips.                        |
| 1 tsp. milk                    | *Preheat oven to 350                             |
| 2 tsp. cinnamon                | *Allow batter to sit for 15 minutes.             |
| 2 tsp. baking powder           | *Using cookie scoop, place cookies 2" apart      |
| 2 c. flour                     | on baking sheet.                                 |
| 2 c. flour                     | *Bake for 12-13 minutes.                         |
| 2 c. semisweet chocolate chips |  |

<http://www.twotwentyone.net/2013/10/pumpkin-chocolate-chip-cookies/>