

Suggested Books:

Pumpkins by Ken Robbins

Pumpkin Baby by Jane Yolen

This is Not a Pumpkin by Bob Staake

Five Little Pumpkins by Michael Scott

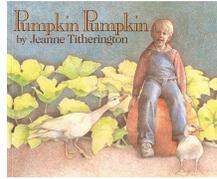
The Biggest Pumpkin Ever by Steven Kroll

Pumpkin, Pumpkin by Jeanne Titherington

Seeds, Sprouts, Pumpkin, Pie by Jill Esbaum

Duck and Goose Find a Pumpkin by Tad Hills

Piggies in the Pumpkin Patch by Mary Peterson



Play to Learn Pumpkins



Featured Song of the Week:

Pumpkins

(to the tune: "Frere Jacques")

Pumpkins are growing

Pumpkins are growing

In the patch

In the patch

Look at all the pumpkins

Look at all the pumpkins

Orange and Round

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“Recipe” for playing at home:

Pumpkin Seed Predictions

You will need:

- Pumpkin (or other vegetable with large seeds)
- Knife
- Bowl
- Newspaper & paper towels
- Scooper
- Paper and glue

Activity:

- Begin by answering this question with your child: “How many seeds are inside the pumpkin?” This is called a prediction.
- Cover a table with newspaper. Cut pumpkin open and encourage your child to help clean out the insides and wash the seeds.
- Count the number of pumpkin seeds and see how close your prediction was to the actual amount. For a simpler approach, pick up a handful of seeds, predict the number of seeds in your hand, and then count them.
- For extra fun, glue pumpkin seeds to paper to make a collage. “How many seeds did you use in your collage?”



What is my child learning?

Opening up a pumpkin and scooping out the seeds is an incredible sensory experience for children to learn through what they see, touch, and smell.

Providing your child with opportunities for sensory play at home encourages curiosity and promotes fine motor skills.

Making predictions invites your child to use known information to make a best guess; an important skill as a scientist.

Comparing predictions to the actual results improves future predicting and estimating abilities.

Counting a number of objects together develops math skills, like the sequence of numbers (“1, 2, 3, 4,...”) and one-to-one correspondence (only counting an object once).



Come play at the Museum!

ADMISSION

The Museum offers *Pay As You Will* admission. Pay what you can during your visit to help us ensure that every child gets a chance to play!

HOURS OF PLAY

Wednesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Member Hours:

Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.