

# OCTOBER 2023

**Building the Foundation for Growth** 



# THE PUMPKIN PATCH: A CLASSROOM OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

As autumn arrives with its golden hues and brisk breezes, there's an undeniable magic in the air. It's a season that invites exploration and discovery, especially for young learners. One of the most delightful autumn traditions is delving into the world of pumpkins. In this article, we'll explore the myriad educational benefits of incorporating pumpkins into a child's learning experience, and how it can transform any learning environment into a vibrant, enriching space.

#### SCIENCE AND NATURE EDUCATION

The pumpkin is a remarkable teacher in the realm of biology. From the intricate patterns of seeds to the gradual metamorphosis from seedling to fruit, the life cycle of a pumpkin is a captivating story of nature's wonders. Through hands-on activities like seed counting and observing the stages of growth, children develop a profound appreciation for the natural world.

#### **MATHEMATICAL ADVENTURES**

Pumpkins are a treasure trove of mathematical possibilities. Their various shapes, sizes, and weights invite exploration and comparison. Engaging children in activities like estimating, measuring, and even basic addition and subtraction with pumpkins lays a strong foundation for mathematical concepts and critical thinking skills.

#### **CULTIVATING CREATIVITY**

Pumpkin decorating is a canvas for creativity. From paintbrushes to carving tools, children have the chance to express themselves and bring their imaginations to life. This artistic endeavor not only enhances fine motor skills but also encourages self-expression and boosts confidence.

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st: Orange week dress up day MONDAY, OCTOBER 2nd: Truth and Reconciliation Day: Centre Closed MONDAY OCTOBER 9th: Thanksgiving: Center closed TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th: Yellow week dress up day MONDAY, OCTOBER 16th: Red week dress up day WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th: Early Dismissal for Parkland FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th: Pro - D day, OSC available. No preschool classes MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd: Brown week dress up day FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th: Pumpkin patch TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st: Halloween Party

#### **REMINDERS**

We will have a pumpkin patch on Friday, October 27th at Parkland Players. The date may change.

We will have a Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31st.

REMINDER: if children are not attending daycare on any given day, please notify staff so that we know not to expect them.

Please note, we are Nut free and low sugar facility. Please do not pack any nut or high sugar snacks, lunch, or drinks.

Please have children prepare for the rain season! Make sure to label all gears (hat, rain boots, rain jackets!) with children's name as we have many similar ones.

Scholastic flyers have been sent through Himama. Our class code is RC149292!

#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

FALL
PUMPKINS
THANKSGIVING
FAIRY TALES
HALLOWEEN



#### **ACTIVITIES FOR HOME AND AT SCHOOL**



## FALL FUN EXTRAVAGANZA: BITAA ACTIVITY BOOK

every child this fall season!

Explore our delightful lineup of autumn activities for October in the Bitaa Activity Book, specially tailored for our daycare's little ones!

From creative crafts to fun outdoor play, there's something to spark joy in

Read the instructions



### THE ENCHANTING STORY OF HALLOWFFN

As the leaves turn colorful and the air gets cooler, it's time for one of the most exciting holidays of the year - Halloween! Let's explore together the magic behind Halloween and learn about its fascinating history and customs.

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