Day	1
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Theme: PumpkinsShape: CircleNumber: 11Color: WhiteLetter: Ee	SC3.1 Demonstrate awareness of life. SC1.1 Demonstrate ability to explore objects in the physical world.

Indicators

Young Toddler (1s)	Older Toddler (2s)	Younger Preschool (3s)	Older Preschool (4s)
Identify living organisms by name. Observe and experience the physical environment using all 5 senses	Name characteristics of living organisms. Use tools to explore the environment	Compare attributes of living organisms. Begin to use scientific vocabulary. Ask questions about physical properties and changes.	Differentiate animals from plants. Discriminate between living organisms and nonliving objects. Use scientific an increasing scientific vocabulary.

Activities

Teacher Says: "This week we will learn about pumpkins. Let's write some things that we already know about pumpkins on our sticky note chart."

Cal on students and prompt them as necessary.

Ex: Some pumpkins are orange.

Pumpkins have seeds inside them.

Pumpkins grow on vines

Read the non-fiction book about pumpkins. Ask, **"What new information did we learn about pumpkins?"** As the students respond add the new information to the anchor chart. Then begin the activity

Resources and Materials	
All About Pumpkins Step Guide	
Masking Tape	
16 orange balloons	
1 rule or paint stick for each student	
Topic Related Language / Key Vocabulary	Supports
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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s	5)	
	 Theme: Pumpkins Shape: Circle Number: 11 Color: White Letter: Ee 		SC3.1 Demonstrate awareness of life. SC1.1 Demonstrate ability to explore objects in the physic world.	
Indicators				
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Activities		
different parts of a p	umpkin." o look at the parts of a pumpkin. Cut open a real	et's read our non-fiction book about pumpkins. Today we will talk about the pumpkin and allow students to observe each part using a magnifying glass. (separate
•	Let's use our 5 senses to describe." n part smells, looks, feels, sounds, and tastes lik	te. ****For taste and smell make the pumpkin dip****
Resources and	Materials	
2 Real Pumpkins Cutting Utensil Magnifying Glass Chart Paper & Ma Ziploc Bag Heavy Duty Tape	rkers	
Topic Related L	anguage / Key Vocabulary	Supports

See	Teacher will help as necessary.
Touch	
Hear	
Smell	
Taste	
5 Sense	

Day 3	Topic(s) Foundation(s)		
	 Theme: Pumpkins Shape: Circle Number: 11 Color: White Letter: Ee 	SC3.1 Demonstrate awareness of life. SC1.1 Demonstrate ability to explore objects in the physical world.	

Indicators

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Activities

Teacher Says: This week we read, *All About pumpkins*. We learned that pumpkins have a life cycle. A life cycle is the stages of life a living thing goes through during its life. Read each page of the book that talks about the stages a pumpkin goes through as it grows. Add the large pictures to chart paper and draw arrows to make a pumpkin's life cycle.

Complete pumpkin life cycle worksheet or craft.

Resources	and	Materials
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Chart Paper

Life Cycle Chart copied on orange paper (pre-cut)

Green Paper (pre-cut stems)

Brown Paper

Glue

Life Cycle Template

Topic Related Language / Key Vocabulary	Supports
Life Cycle	Teacher will help as necessary.

Day 4	Topic(s)	Found	lation(s)	
	 Theme: Pumpkins Shape: Circle Number: 11 Color: White Letter: Ee 		emonstrate awareness of life. Demonstrate ability to explore ob	pjects in the physical
Indicators				
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Activities

Teacher Says: This week we are learning about pumpkins. What are some words you could use to describe a pumpkin? Today we will talk about a science word called buoyancy. Buoyancy means whether or not something can float. To float means to stay on top of water. Do you think a pumpkin is buoyant? Will it float when you put it in water? Let's do an experiment to find out.

Place the pumpkin Experiment worksheet for all to see.

Teacher Says: "Do you think this pumpkin will sink or float?"

Place a small pumpkin into a clear tub of water.

Teacher Says: Give me a thumbs up if your prediction was correct and a thumbs down if your prediction was wrong.

Now draw on your papers what happened as a result of the experiment.

Resources and Materials

1 large clear bowls filled with water

1 small pumpkin

Pumpkin Experiment worksheet

Drawing Materials for students

Topic Related Language / Key Vocabulary

Supports

Buoyancy	Teacher will help as necessary.
Buoyancy Float	
Sink	

Day 5	Topic(s)	ic(s) Foundation(s)		
	 Theme: Pumpkins Shape: Circle Number: 11 Color: White Letter: Ee 	SC3.1 Demonstrate awareness of life. SC1.1 Demonstrate ability to explore objects in the physical world.		

Indicators

Young Toddler (1s)	Older Toddler (2s)	Younger Preschool (3s)	Older Preschool (4s)
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Activities

Teacher Says: This week we are learning about pumpkins. We learned that pumpkins grow from seeds. Turn back to the page in All About Pumpkins that shows the seed sprouting.

Ask- What do you notice is happening in the picture? Let's see if we can make a seed sprout just like this picture.

Complete the experiment.

Resources and Materials

Zipper Sandwich Bags Paper Towel Pumpkin Seeds Student Worksheet		
Topic Related Language / Key Vocabulary	Supports	
	Teacher will help as necessary.	