

### Month: October Week: 1 Subject: Mathematics

Day 1	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M1.1 Demonstrate strong sense of counting
Indicators		
	Younger Toddlers	Older Toddlers
	May listen and point to pumpkins as the teacher counts.	May count aloud with the teacher up to 5 and begin recognizing the number sequence.

### **Activity: Counting Pumpkins**

Teachers will provide real or pretend pumpkins and count them together with the children. Younger toddlers may simply point or place their hand on each pumpkin as the teacher counts slowly. Older toddlers will be encouraged to say the numbers with the teacher and attempt counting independently. The teacher will emphasize stopping at "5" and repeating the sequence multiple times to build familiarity. Repetition and modeling will help toddlers begin to connect quantity with number words.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary:	Support:
<ul> <li>5 small pumpkins</li> </ul>	count, one, two, three,	
(real or pretend)	four, five, pumpkin	





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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M5.2 Understand measurement through description and comparison
Indicators		
	Younger Toddlers	Older Toddlers
	May choose between a big and a small pumpkin when asked.	May sort pumpkins into groups (big vs. small) and begin using descriptive words.

### Activity: Pumpkin Match (Big/Small)

Teachers will present two baskets of pumpkins, one with big pumpkins and one with small pumpkins. Younger toddlers will be guided to point to or hold up a "big" or "small" pumpkin when asked. Older toddlers will sort pumpkins into two categories and use words like "big" and "small" to describe what they see. The teacher will encourage comparison by asking, "Which pumpkin is bigger?" and "Which one is smaller?" This helps toddlers practice early measurement and descriptive language.

Resources/Materials  • A set of big and small pumpkins	Key Vocabulary: big, small, pumpkin, compare	Support:
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# Month: October Week: 1 Subject: Mathematics

Day 3	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M1.2 Demonstrate understanding of written numerals  M1.3 Recognition of number relations
Indicators		
	Younger Toddlers	Older Toddlers
	May match puzzle pieces with teacher support.	May complete simple pumpkin number puzzles (1–5) and begin naming numbers.

#### Activity: Pumpkin Puzzle (1-5)

Teachers will provide simple pumpkin puzzles with numbers 1-5. Younger toddlers may focus on putting the puzzle pieces together with assistance, enjoying the visual match. Older toddlers will begin to recognize numerals by connecting each number to the correct number of pumpkins on the puzzle. Teachers will model naming the number as the child fits each piece in place. This combines fine motor coordination with number recognition, making math playful and hands-on.

Pumpkin puzzles ni	Key Vocabulary: number, one, two, three, four, five	Support:
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# Month: October Week: 1 Subject: Mathematics

Day 4	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd Color: Orange	M1.1 Demonstrate strong sense of counting M1.3 Recognition of number relations
	Shape: Circle	
Indicators		
	Younger Toddlers	Older Toddlers
	May place pumpkins on the trailer with teacher assistance while counting together.	May independently place the correct number of pumpkins on the trailer as the teacher calls out a number.
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#### Activity: Pumpkin Trailer

Teachers will use a pumpkin trailer mat and pumpkin counters for this activity. The teacher calls out a number between 1-5, and children place that many pumpkins on the trailer. Younger toddlers may need support, but they will learn one-to-one correspondence by placing one pumpkin at a time. Older toddlers will begin to count independently as they load the trailer. The teacher will check accuracy and encourage children to say the number sequence aloud while loading pumpkins.

Resources/Materials  • Pumpkin trailer mat	Key Vocabulary: pumpkin, trailer, number	Support:
Pumpkin counters or cutouts		





# Month: October Week: 1 Subject: Mathematics

Day 5	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd	M1.1 Demonstrate strong sense of counting
	Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M1.2 Demonstrate understanding of written numerals
Indicators		
	Younger Toddlers	Older Toddlers
	May roll playdough into small balls and place them in boxes with teacher support.	May independently count and place the correct number of playdough "seeds" to match the numerals up to 5.

### Activity: Playdough Mat

Teachers will provide laminated playdough mats with boxes labeled 1-5. Children will roll playdough into small "pumpkin seeds" and place them into each numbered box. Younger toddlers may simply enjoy rolling and placing the dough with teacher guidance, while older toddlers will count and match seeds to the written numerals. This activity strengthens fine motor skills while reinforcing number sense. Teachers will encourage repetition and celebrate when children fill each box correctly.

Resources/Materials  • Laminated pumpkin playdough mats (1-5)	Key Vocabulary: seed, playdough, number	Support:
<ul> <li>Playdough</li> </ul>		

