

Month: October Week: 1 Subject: Mathematics

Day 1	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd	M5.2 Understand measurement through description and comparison
	Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M1.1 Demonstrate strong sense of counting
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May compare pumpkins by size (big vs. small) when prompted by the teacher.	May measure pumpkins using a ruler, string, or cubes and record results with teacher guidance.

Activity: Pumpkin Measurements

Children will measure real pumpkins using nonstandard tools such as linking cubes, string, or measuring tape. Teachers will model how to measure height and width, then record results on a chart. Students will discuss which pumpkin is tallest, shortest, widest, or narrowest. Younger children will focus on simple size words like "big" and "small," while older children may attempt to count and compare measurement units.

Resources/Materials Pumpkin Measurement Worksheet Key Vocabulary: tall, short, measure Support:





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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd	M1.1 Demonstrate strong sense of counting
	Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M1.3 Recognition of number relations
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May count pumpkins with teacher support up to 5.	May count pumpkins independently up to 10 and match to written numerals.

Activity: Counting Pumpkins to 10

Teachers will provide small pumpkin manipulatives or cutouts for counting practice. The class will count pumpkins together while pointing to each object. Children will practice recognizing the written numeral 10 and connecting it to the correct quantity of pumpkins. Younger preschoolers may stop at 5, while older students will work toward fluency with numbers up to 10.

Resources/Materials • Small pumpkin counters or cutouts	Key Vocabulary: count, number, ten, more, less	Support:
• Number cards 1-10		





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Day 3	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd	M1.2 Demonstrate understanding of written numerals
	Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M2.2 Demonstrate awareness of patterning
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May place counters into a ten frame with teacher guidance.	May fill ten frames independently and recognize patterns in how numbers are represented.
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Activity: Ten Frame Pumpkins

Children will use a ten frame mat and pumpkin counters to practice counting and number recognition. Teachers will model how to place one pumpkin in each box until reaching 10. Older preschoolers will notice patterns, such as rows of 5, and discuss how they know when the frame is full. Younger children will simply enjoy placing counters in the boxes while counting along.

Resources/Materials Ten frame mats Pumpkin counters (mini erasers, cutouts, or small objects) Key Vocabulary: frame, row, count, full, empty, ten Support:





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Day 4	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd	M1.2 Demonstrate understanding of written numerals
	Color: Orange Shape: Circle	M1.3 Recognition of number relations
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May place pumpkins on the trailer with teacher guidance while counting aloud.	May independently place the correct number of pumpkins to match the numeral called out.

Activity: Runaway Pumpkins Trailer

Teachers will display the trailer mat and provide pumpkin counters. The teacher will call out a number, and children will place that many pumpkins onto the trailer. Younger preschoolers may focus on matching one pumpkin per space while counting together with the class. Older preschoolers will demonstrate independence by listening for the number, placing the correct amount, and self-checking. Teachers will verify accuracy and encourage children to say the number sequence out loud to reinforce numeral recognition and one-to-one correspondence.

Resources/Materials Runaway Pumpkins trailer mat Pumpkin counters or cutouts Resources/Materials Support: Support:





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Day 5	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Pumpkin Palooza Number: 10 Letter: Dd Color: Orange	M1.1 Demonstrate strong sense of counting M1.2 Demonstrate understanding of
	Shape: Circle	written numerals
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May roll and place playdough "seeds" with teacher guidance, counting along to 5.	May independently count and place seeds in each numbered box up to 10 (or higher), saying the numbers aloud as they work.

Activity: Pumpkin Playdough Mat

Children will use playdough to create tiny "pumpkin seeds." They will place one seed in each numbered box on the mat, counting aloud as they go. Younger preschoolers may stop at smaller numbers and enjoy the fine motor experience of rolling playdough. Older preschoolers will work toward filling all boxes, ensuring the number of seeds matches the numeral shown. This activity strengthens both math skills and fine motor coordination.

Resources/Materials • Pumpkin playdough mats	Key Vocabulary: seed, count, number, box, pumpkin	Support: Playdough Mal	
(laminated) • Playdough		Directions: Laminate the mats. Have students make tiny seeds for the pumpkin. Then, students count the seeds by placing one seed in each box.	

