

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "Oh, my, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
The third one said, "But I don't care!"
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"
"Whooo," went the wind, And out went the light, And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



necessary because once the big decisions are made, the little ones are easy - does it get me closer to my goal or not? If the answer is no, you know how to respond. So many of us are unsure of what we want, we only know what we don't want!

Raising the leaders of tomorrow is a worthwhile task and one I know we are all interested in achieving. Don't we want citizens who are well rounded, a child who is empathetic, appreciative and therefore happy? We know that when you appreciate what you have, joy is the result. Don't we want children who are thinkers? Children who can formulate opinions, analyze what others say, and then determine their own thoughts on an issue? Remember the mind is like a parachute - it works best when it is open! Don't we want self confident children? Keeping in mind that self esteem comes from what you do, not from what others say about you and your actions. Don't we want self-disciplined children, kids who reflect a strong sense of self and who have incorporated positive self talk? Lastly, don't we want successful children? Leaders who understand that 100% effort and doing what others don't want to do will always set you above the crowd.

So how do we get there? Visit:

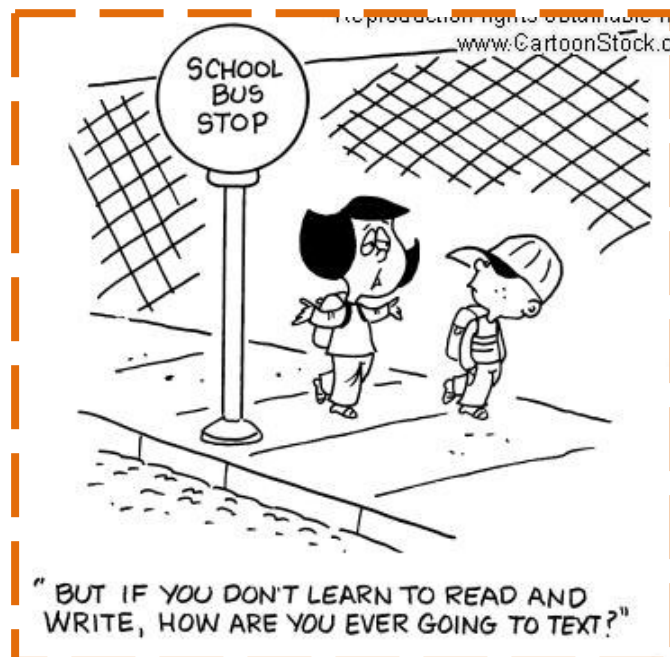
http://thehomeschoolmagazine.com/How_To_Homeschool/articles/156.php

Motivating Your Child IS As Easy As P.I.E

By: Debbie Elder



Like baking a pie, motivating your children requires preparation: "P" for planning, "I" for involvement and "E" for enthusiastic encouragement. In order to prepare for this task, you need to know what it is you are trying to accomplish. There are two basic principles we need to keep in mind when discussing motivating our children. First, every child wants to succeed, and secondly every child wants to please you - the parent! Our job is to make it easy for them! In order to provide the guidance our kids require we need to do our homework. Take a minute and ponder these two questions. What do you want walking out your door at 18? And what is your plan to achieve this goal? This is



Let's Make A Jack O' Lantern!!!



What you need:

Small terra-cotta pots
Orange craft paint
Sponge applicator
Yellow craft paint
Black fine point marker
Green chenille stem
Brown fine point marker
Toothpick
Green felt
Scissors
Small silk leaves
White craft glue



See for details: <http://crafts.kaboose.com/pumpkin-jack-o-lantern-pots.html>

How to make it:

For jack-o'-lantern pot:

1. Paint terra-cotta pot orange, inside and out, using a sponge applicator or paintbrush.
2. Add a face, paint it yellow. When dry, outline the yellow facial features with black marker.

For pumpkin pot:

1. Same as Step 1 above.
2. For the pumpkin, use a brown marker to draw lines from the top to the bottom of the pot.
3. Twist green chenille stem around the toothpick until toothpick is completely covered. Cut off remaining chenille. Remove chenille from toothpick and untwist half of it to give it a curly appearance.
4. Fold the tightly twisted end in half, then wrap a little of the untwisted end around the folded ends to secure and hold it together.
5. Cut out three leaves from green felt. Turn pot upside down and glue leaves to the bottom of the pot. Take the chenille stem and glue it to the center of the leaves, the folded end (stem) pointing upward with the untwisted end (vine) going off to the side.
6. Glue a few silk leaves to the top rim of the pot (the bottom of your pumpkin).

Quiz Answers:

True - Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the US.

False - Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

False - Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

False - Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.



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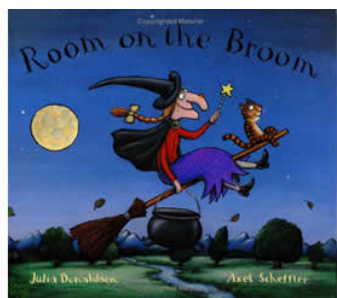
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The Book Nook:

Room on the Broom

By: Julia Donaldson

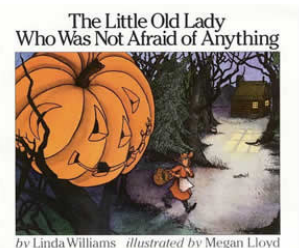
The witch and her cat couldn't be happier, flying through the sky on their broomstick-until the witch drops her hat, then her bow, then her wand!



The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything

by Linda Williams

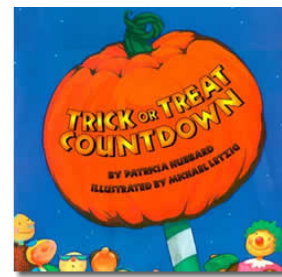
Once upon a time, there was a little old lady who was not afraid of anything! But one autumn night, while walking in the woods, the little old lady heard . . . CLOMP, CLOMP, SHAKE, SHAKE, CLAP, CLAP. Oh NO!



Trick or Treat Countdown

by Patricia Hubbard

This counting book takes children from 1 to 12 and back down again through rhyming verse that features things associated with Halloween!



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Quiz: What do you know... about Halloween?

(Answers on pg 3)

True or False: Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

True or False: Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is the setting sun and black is the darkness.

True or False: Halloween is the 1st most commercially successful holiday.

True or False: Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people put them on their porch to signify they are a Christian family.

What to Expect in Kindergarten...

Lessons:

Sight words: I, like, the
Letter sounds
Scientific Tools and Methods
Early Explorers: Columbus,
Mapping skills
Writing Numbers
Graphing

Activities:

Jumpstart's Read for the Record: 10/6
Columbus Day: 10/10 (Center OPEN - Curriculum closed)
Ticonderoga Farm Field Trip: 10/27
Halloween Parade and Parties: 10/31

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