

## Curriculum Share

### DRDP Measure:

COG 9: Inquiry Through Observation and Investigation

Child observes, explores, and investigates objects (living and nonliving things) and events in the environment and becomes increasingly sophisticated in pursuing knowledge about them

COG 11: Knowledge of the Natural World Child develops the capacity to understand objects (living and nonliving things) and events in the natural world, including how they change and their characteristics

Age Group: Infants and toddlers

## Developmental information

October and Autumn are fun and familiar themes to help children learn about seasons and nature. Children will begin seeing pumpkins and gourds throughout their neighborhoods, in supermarkets and stores and perhaps in their own homes. You can talk to your child about how pumpkins grow from a seed to a plant with leaves and flowers to a fruit that grows to make its own seeds. Talk about the colors of the pumpkins (orange, red, yellow, green and gray) Cut open a pumpkin and let children explore the insides. Use pumpkin puree and make tasty pumpkin pancakes. If you celebrate Halloween, help your child draw faces on pumpkins, talking about parts of the face.



### 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 bats in the air."  
The third one said, "But we don't care."  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."  
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."  
"Oo-oo!" went the wind and out went the light.  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Click on the picture to the left to see a YouTube video of 5 Little Pumpkins. Use the picture to learn the simple lyrics.

Click on the picture to the right to see a time lapse video of a pumpkin growing from Garden for Climate.



Click on the picture to the left to access a video with recipe of pumpkin pancakes from Gkfooddiary. Adjust to taste!

**Title: Pumpkin Power**