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

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**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.

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**Title: Pumpkin Power**

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 Gffooddiary. Adjust to taste!