

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Literacy	<p><u>The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything</u> Practice retelling the order of events in the story. Have your child act out the motions of the various articles of clothing in the story.</p>	<p><u>Stellaluna</u> After reading, ask your child to recall what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.</p>	<p><u>Franklin's Halloween</u> To build independence skills, have your child practice putting on his costume like Franklin in the story. Work with your child to show him how to zip or button.</p>	<p><u>Pete The Cat: Trick or Pete</u> Ask your child what his favorite thing about Halloween is. Talk with your child about how to stay safe when your family is out trick or treating.</p>	<p><u>Splat the Cat and the Pumpkin Picking Plan</u> After reading, ask: Why was getting Splat's pumpkin home a problem? What other ways could Splat have taken his pumpkin home? Encourage your child to think of creative ways!</p>
Phonological Awareness	<p>Practice clapping out syllables in Halloween themed words (pumpkin, Halloween, candy, family, costume, etc.)</p>	<p>Go on a fall listening walk with your child. Ask, "What do you hear? What else makes that noise? Where is that sound coming from?"</p>	<p>Tell a story about a Halloween memory. Challenge your child to listen for a special word (i.e., the, best, Halloween) and stomp every time he hears that word.</p>	<p>Practice identifying beginning sounds in Halloween words (witch, bat, outfit, costume, crown, wand, candy, etc.)</p>	<p>Choose a word that is familiar to your child, such as his pet's name. Together, think of words that begin with the same sound. Example: if his dog's name is Spot, you could say "Spunky Spot, Sporty Spot, Spooky Spot."</p>
Music & Movement	<p><u>Knock Knock, Trick or Treat?</u> <u>Simon Says</u></p>	<p><u>If You're a Kid (Halloween)</u> <u>Jungle Boogie</u></p>	<p><u>Monster Shuffle</u> <u>Animal Fingers</u></p>	<p><u>Carve a Pumpkin</u> <u>Mr. Sun</u></p>	<p><u>Halloween Dance and Freeze</u> <u>Walking Walking</u></p>
Math & Science	<p>Using an ice tray, freeze several different small items in ice. Have your child pour water of various temperatures of on the cubes. Ask, "What happened when you poured hot or cold water on the ice?"</p>	<p>Have your child observe a pumpkin using her five senses. Ask, "What you see? What do you smell? What do you feel? What do you taste? If we shake the pumpkin, what do you hear?"</p>	<p>Have your child help you with laundry. Ask him to order shirts smallest to largest, or sort by colors.</p>	<p>Use pieces of candy as a non-standard unit of measurement. Challenge your child to measure items in your home with the candy. Ask, "How many candy bars (or candy corns) tall? Which is the tallest? How do you know?"</p>	<p>Create a pattern using two types of silverware with your child (spoon, spoon, fork, fork, spoon, spoon...). To make it more challenging, use three types of silverware!</p>
Motor Skills	<p>Using playdough, have your child roll out long "worms" to create all the letters in his name!</p>	<p>For this activity, you will need plastic or paper straws and string. Cut the straws into small pieces. Work with your child to thread the straws on the string to create a necklace!</p>	<p>Blow up a balloon and have your child try to keep the balloon in the air as long as possible. To make this more challenging, blow up two balloons and have your child try to keep both balloons up!</p>	<p>Examine the inside of a pumpkin with your child. Have her work on picking out the small seeds on the inside (these are great for saving and toasting later!)</p>	<p>Fill a large bowl with dirt. Using a glass of water, have your child pour small amounts of water into the dirt to create mud! Let your child construct different structures!</p>
Social Emotional	<p>Talk with your child about your plans for trick-or-treating. Remind him (if you are trick-or-treating this year) to accept candy and treats from neighbors with gratitude, respect, and patience. Allow your child to dress up in his costume and role play/practice trick-or-treating at home before the big night.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to give your mailman some Halloween fun! Help her pack a Halloween Treat bag and draw a picture for a 'gift' tag to leave in your mailbox for a fun Halloween surprise when your mail gets delivered. Bonus: Make one for a neighbor or family member, too!</p>	<p>Using a pumpkin shaped piece of orange paper or a paper plate colored orange, challenge your child to create different faces with markers, crayons or playdoh to convey different emotions. Discuss the various emotions with your child.</p>	<p>Help your child learn to identify her feelings and how to cope when she is sad, scared or disappointed. Share scenarios with your child and help her work through how to handle them. (You feel sad that you dropped your candy on the ground. You feel scared of the spooky Halloween decorations, etc.)</p>	<p>Talk with your child about all the ways he is special and unique. With 5 pumpkin shaped cutouts, help him create a positive pumpkin patch by sharing one thing he loves about himself for each pumpkin in the patch. Write these on the pumpkins as a reminder of how wonderful your child is!</p>