

Theme:

Fall (Halloween)

This document contains all of the activities for the theme Fall (Halloween) “for the age group “Littles.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

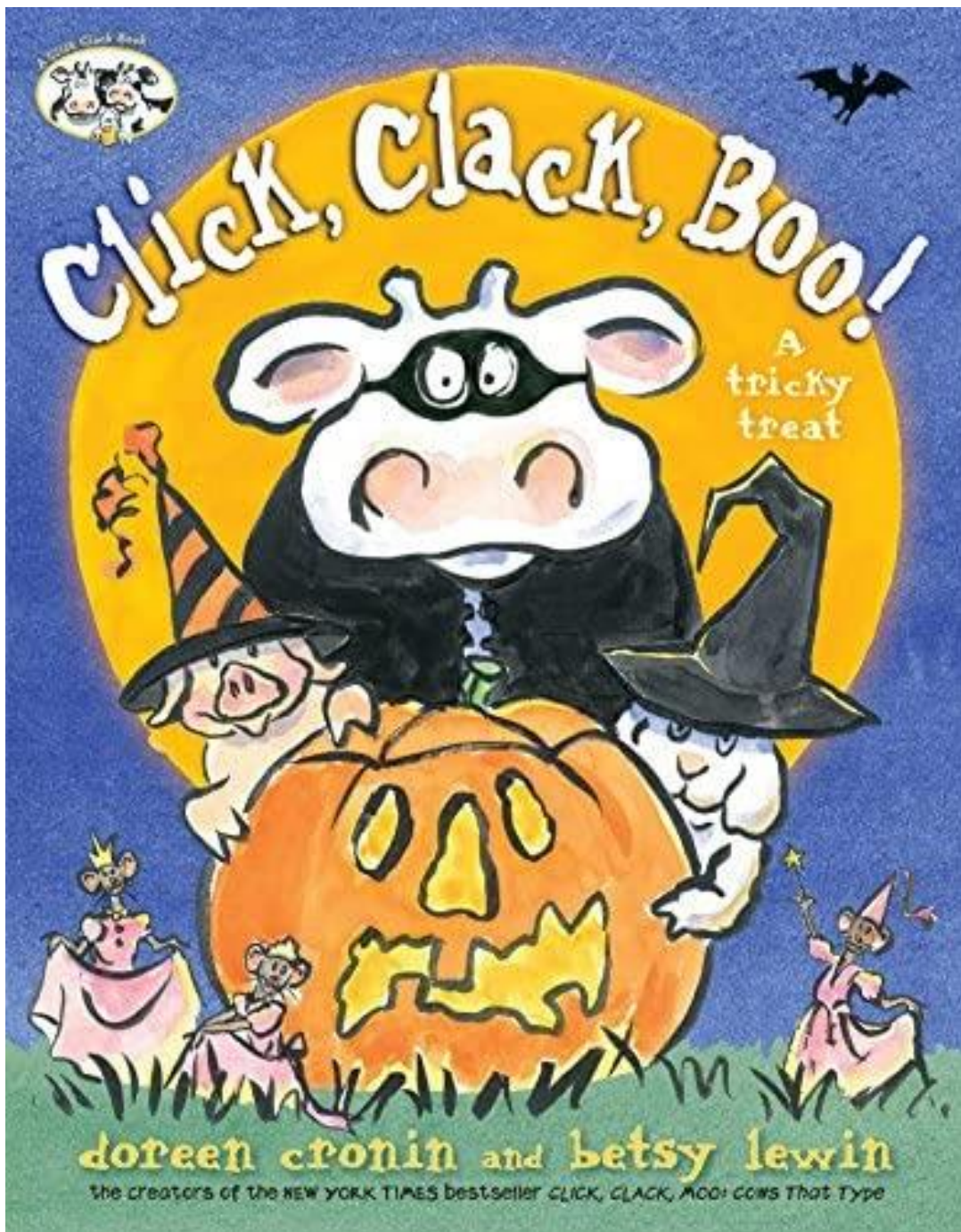
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Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcase Halloween! **You do not need to read the entire story all at once. Some children have a difficult time concentrating for an entire story, it is totally okay to portion on the story over a few reading sessions!



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Song Suggestion:

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS



Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate

(One hand up)

The first one said "My, it's getting late."

(Point to thumb)

The second one said, "There's witches in the air"

(Pointer finger)

The third one said, "But we don't care"

(Middle finger)

The fourth one said, "We'll run and run and run"

(Ring finger)

The fifth one said, "It's just Halloween fun"

(Little finger)

"So whooooo" went the wind

And out went the lights

(Clap hands)

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of site.

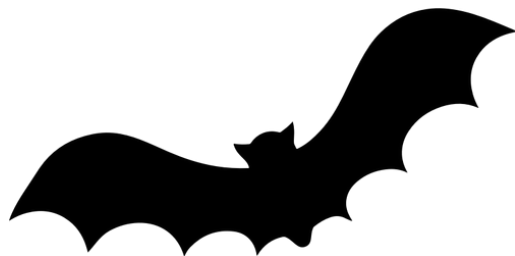
(Roll arms)

Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



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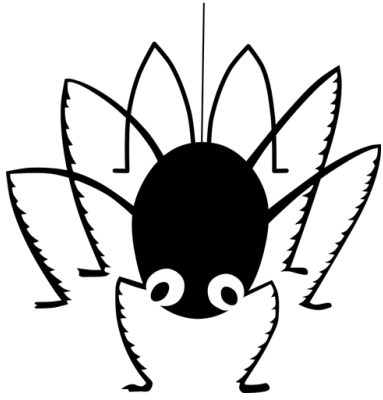
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FALL



LEAVES



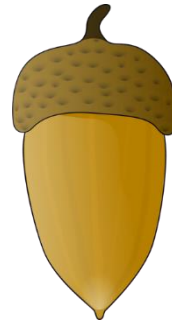
SPIDER



PUMPKIN



RAKE



ACORN

Art Project 1:

Pumpkin Papier Mache

What you need for this activity:

- *Balloon
- *Old newspapers or paper scraps
- *1/2 Cup of Flour
- *2 Cups boiling water
- *1/2 Cup lukewarm water
- *(Non-toxic) Orange and Black Paint and paintbrush

Directions:

- *For this activity your child will make a Pumpkin!
- *To start-make your Papier Mache glue:
 - **ADULT PORTION
 - Boil 2 cups of water
 - While waiting on the water to boil, mix your flour with the lukewarm cup of water until there are no more clumps.
 - Once the water is boiling, slowly mix in the flour/water mixture
- *While waiting for your glue to cool, blow up and tie your balloon!
- *Cut your newspaper or scraps into strips.

*Once the glue is cooled: Cover your balloon, with newspapers and your “glue.” (As long as your child is no longer putting things in their mouth, they may do this portion)!

*Give it time to dry: turn your balloon once one side is dry to allow the entire balloon to get dry and hard.

*Then, paint the balloon orange. If desired once the orange paint is dry, paint eyes and mouth with the black paint.

*Once the paint is completely dry, carefully pop the balloon with a needle (naturally an adult should do this). Throw balloon away.

Art Project 2:

Hand Spiders

What you need for this activity:

- *Orange Construction Paper
- *Black/purple non-toxic paint
- *Paintbrush
- *White chalk or yarn
- *Googly Eyes
- *Non-toxic squeeze glue

Directions:

- *For this activity your child will make a spider!
- *To begin: Draw the web on the paper. For a simple web: make a small circle in the middle of the page, followed by large circles. Connect the circles with lines. (If using yarn, glue down)
- *Next: form a circle in the middle of the page with the paint (this is the body)
- *Paint ONLY the fingers (not thumb) black on both hands and press firmly down on either side of the “body.”
- *Add on the googly eyes!



Fine Motor Activity: **Halloween Playdough**

What you need for this activity:

- *Play dough
- *Halloween Playdough Mats
- *Large Zipper bag.

Directions:

- *Play dough is a fun way to build up the muscles in your child's hands that they need for fine motor skills!
- *Print of all or one play dough mat. Place it inside the zipper bag (so that the paper does not get gross).
- *Follow the directions on each play dough mat or simply play!

Math Activity:

Halloween Counting Game

What you need for this activity:

- *Halloween counting game
- *Child-safe scissors
- *Non-toxic glue stick and construction paper (optional)

Directions:

This Halloween game will ask your child to practice counting by completing Halloween images. They will focus on counting groups of 1 and 2.

*Prior to playing the game, we recommend gluing the game pieces onto construction paper. Then cut them out.

*See game directions for details.

Halloween Counting Game

Directions:

This counting game combines math and gross motor skills!

Give each child playing one set of game cards.

Place the “Halloween Pieces” in the center of those playing, face-up.

The first child rolls the dice. They may take that Halloween Piece from the center (if they have not yet completed their game card). For example: the witch only needs one broom but the bat needs two wings.

Then they must complete the gross motor skill aligned with the piece.

Broom: pretend to fly while holding a broom stick

Spider: crawl around on the ground like a spider

Mummy: walk around slowly with arms out front

Bat: Run and flap your “wings” (arms) like a bat

Pumpkin: sit on the ground and curl body up tight like a ball

Frankenstein: Do a monster dance (optionally play “monster mash” song).

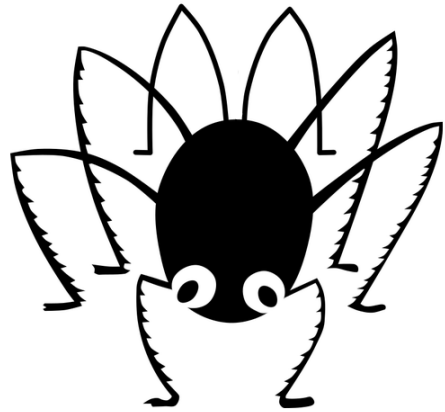
Whoever completes each of their cards first wins!

Game Cards

Give the witch 1 broomstick



Give the spider 1 web



Give the mummy 1 toilet paper roll



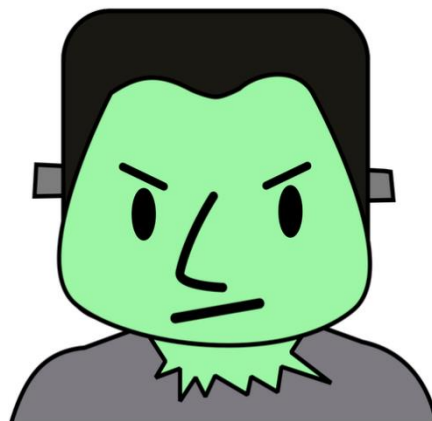
Give the bat 2 wings



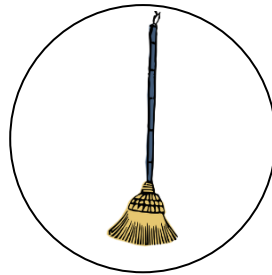
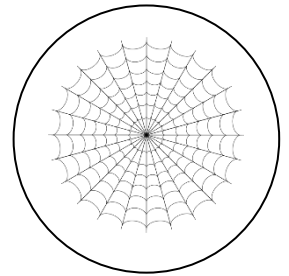
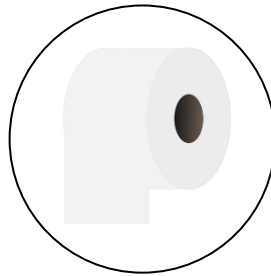
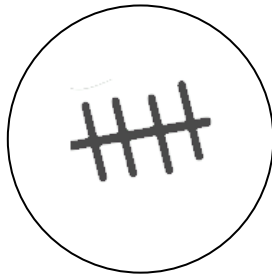
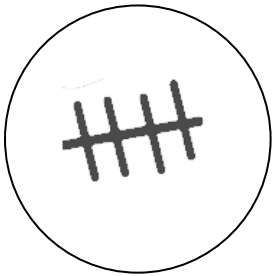
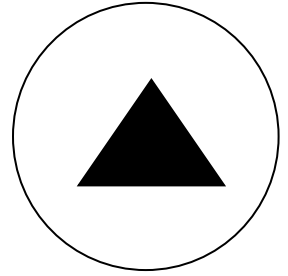
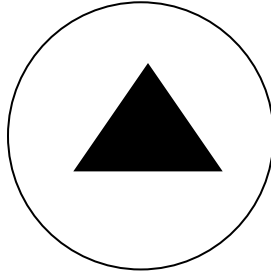
Give the pumpkin 2 eyes



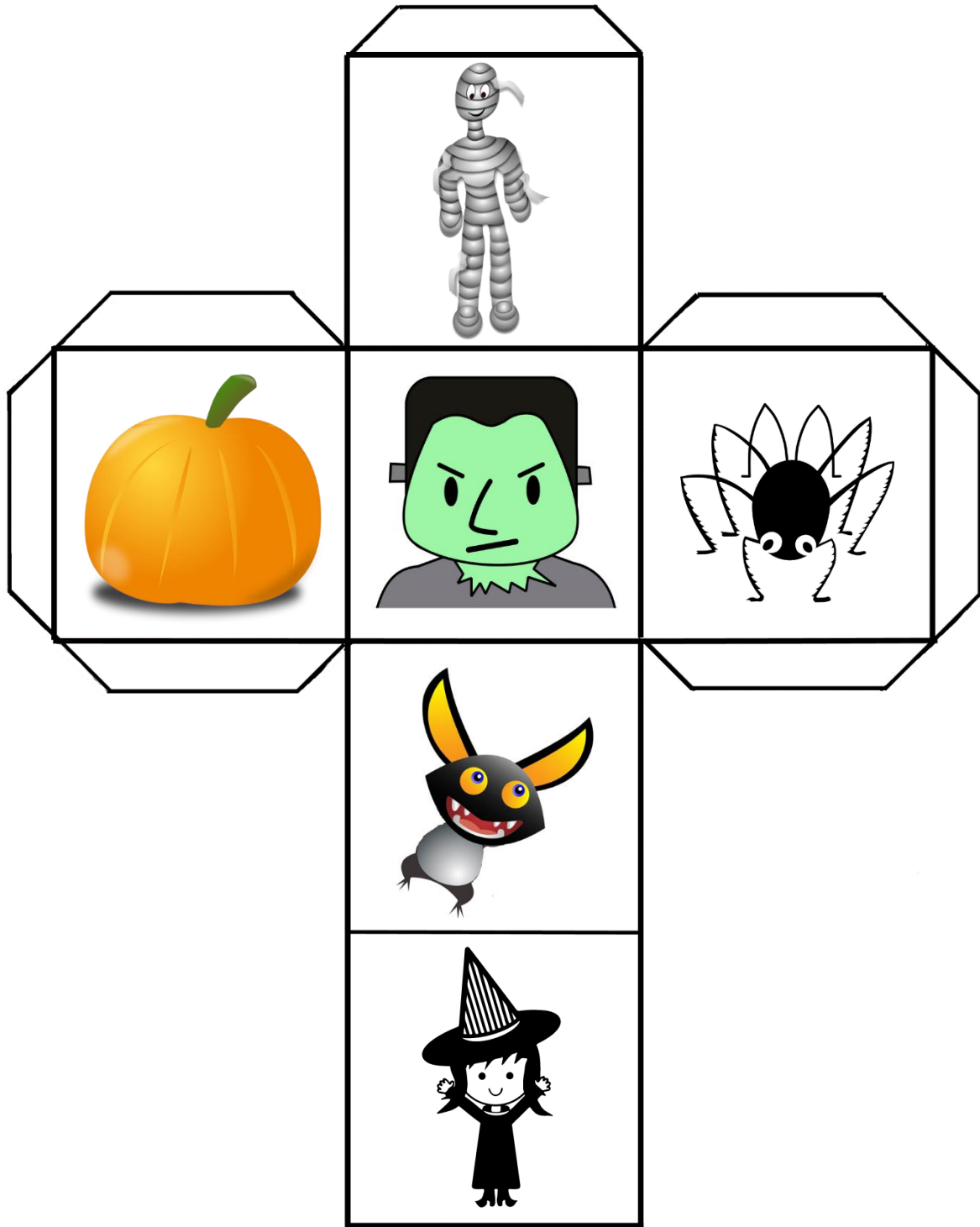
Give Frankenstein 2 scars



Halloween Pieces



Printable Dice



Language Activity:

Think, Draw, Write

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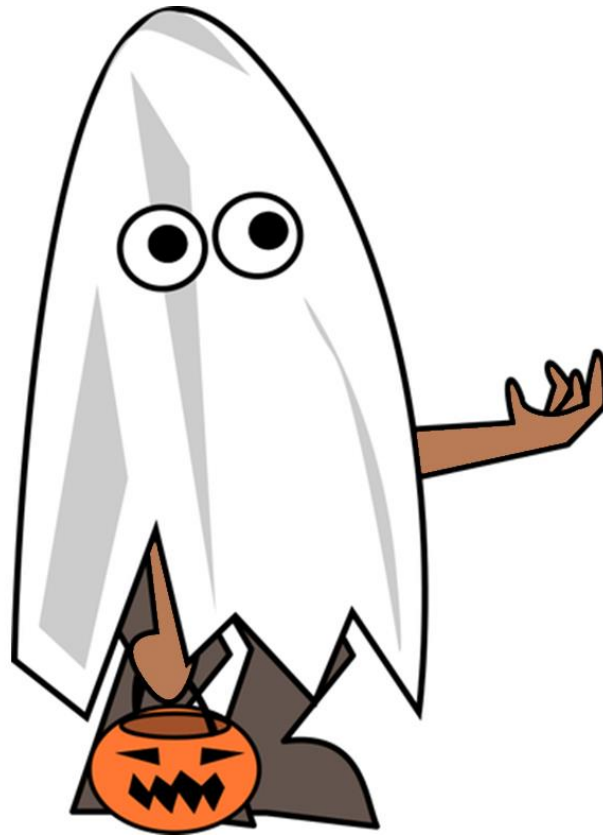
- *Halloween pages
- *Coloring utensils

Directions:

*For this activity your child will look at an image and/or Halloween-related questions. This activity encourages their critical thinking and oral language development while also utilizing dictation, allowing your child to watch as you form letters and words.

*There are three pages below – depending on your and your child's preference they may choose which page(s) to complete.

What is the ghost asking for?!



My Halloween Costume:



My Costume is:

My favorite candy is:



Science Activity:

Ghost Writing

What you need for this activity:

- *White Construction Paper
- *Lemon juice
- *Paint brush
- *Some source of heat (like a lightbulb)

Directions:

- *For this science activity your child(ren) will write a “ghost message!”
- *To start, pour some lemon juice into a bowl (fresh-squeezed or from a bottle).
- *Then tell your child to write a secret ghost message on their paper using the paint brush. Their message can be whatever they would like – a drawing, some scribbles, letters, whatever they choose! Note that it works best if they do a thin layer of the juice so that the paper does not tear.
- *Once they have written their “message,” set the paper flat to dry.
- *Once dried, they will see that their message has disappeared!
- *Hold it up to the light and the message should turn brown!

**Why does this work?

Lemon juice contains acid (as any of us know who have found little cuts on our fingers after touching lemon juice). That acid starts to break down when it is exposed to the heat (of the lightbulb). As it breaks down it shows up brown!