Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

**BOOKS TO SHARE**

*The Best Sukkot Pumpkin Ever*  
by Laya Steinberg

*Stumpkin*  
by Lucy Ruth Cummins

*Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story From Southern India*  
by Soundar Chitra

*Little Boo*  
by Stephen Wunderli

*The Runaway Pumpkin*  
by Kevin Lewis

*It's Pumpkin Time*  
by Zoe Hall

*Pumpkin Soup*  
by Helen Cooper

*Ready For Pumpkins*  
by Kate Duke

*Plumply, Dumply Pumpkin*  
by Mary Serfozo

*Apples and Pumpkins*  
by Anne Rockwell

*Pumpkin Day*  
by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

**FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS**

*I'm a Little Pumpkin* [action rhyme]

I'm a little pumpkin orange and round. [make arms into a circle in front of your body]  
Here is my stem, there is the ground. [point to head, then ground]  
When I get all cut up, don’t you shout! Just open me up and scoop seeds out! [mime scooping]

*Pumpkin, Pumpkin* [action rhyme]

Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground [touch the ground]  
How’d you get so big and round? [make a circle]  
Once you were a seed so small [pinch fingers together]  
Now you are a great big ball! [make a big circle]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground [touch the ground]  
How’d you get so big and round? [make a circle]

*Five Little Pumpkins* [fingerplay]

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.”  
Then OOOOOO went the wind and OUT went the light,  
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.
Pumpkin Pumpkin [action rhyme]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin bread!
[Hold hands flat in front, palms up, on lying on top of the other]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin head!
[Put hands on head]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin pie!
[Hold hands in a big circle]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin eye!
[Curve hands around eyes]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin cake!
[Hold hands flat, one palm up, one palm down five inches above the other]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin shake!
[Hold fists up and shake hard]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin stew!
[Pretend to stir stew]

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Pumpkin BOO!


More Fun!

Color-Mixing Pumpkin

Supplies:
Plastic bag (with seal)
Red paint
Yellow paint
Black permanent marker

Draw a pumpkin face and/or shape on the outside of the baggie.

Pour a bit of red paint and a bit of yellow into the bag and seal.

Squish and smush your way to an orange color to 'fill up' your pumpkin! This is a great opportunity to introduce the concept of primary and secondary colors to your child(ren).

Talk with your child about all the different things you can do-make with a pumpkin! If you celebrate Halloween, practice different jack-o-lantern face designs by drawing them together on paper.

What other changes do you see in nature during Fall? Are there other special fruits and/or vegetables that are in season during these months?

Check out an early-reader non-fiction book on the pumpkin life cycle and read it together.

Brainstorm a list of other words that begin with the letter 'P.'