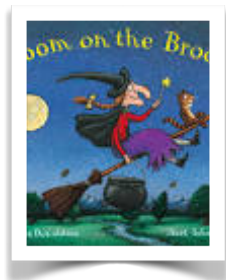


# Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

## English Language Arts

The sound cards this week are Jumping Rope, jumping rope, jji, Licking Lolly, licking lolly ll and Pecking Parrot, pecking parrot ppp. Our Fall Fun unit is winding down and will come to an end next week. The week has been filled with many interesting activities. We enjoyed a video about growing pumpkins and I think several of the children want to try and grow some in the spring! Individually, the children sequenced story cards that showed the stages of a growing pumpkin and recorded the steps on a pumpkin flip book. The children did a wonderful job sequencing two other stories this week. At the pocket chart the children retold the story Pumpkin Pumpkin. Using pictures of characters from the book Big Pumpkin, the children created a story board showing the order in which the characters pulled on the pumpkin thus retelling the story. We read many books this week, but I think one of the favorites was, Room on the Broom. We have added many words to our word wall

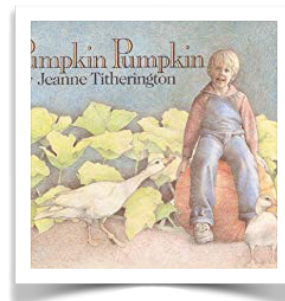


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## Literacy Pouches

Homework is coming next week! The children will be bringing home a Literacy Pouch starting Monday. These pouches have books, activities and worksheets to be completed by your child. There are direction cards on most things in the pouch to guide each student. **The direction cards talk about scissors, glue, markers and other supplies being in the pouch, but I have chosen to remove those things because it is difficult to keep track of the items.** Please have your child use school supplies like markers and crayons when the directions ask for that material. Make sure you have scissors and glue at home as well. **It is really important you help your child take care of everything, especially small game pieces. The pouches took a long time to make and have lasted many years because of everyone's efforts to take excellent care of everything.** Please make sure your child works on the literacy activities for **three nights keeping it home** until your child returns the pouch with all the supplies inside on Thursday, October 26th.



## Bits and Pieces

### Halloween

Your child is dressing **at home** in his/her Halloween costume on Tuesday morning (**October 31st**). If a prop is absolutely necessary, send it in a bag, but remind your child he/she will not be allowed to have it until the parade at 2:00pm. No weapons, scary costumes or masks. Please let me know if you have any questions. There is no aftercare on Halloween. Children will be dismissed as usual using the car line following the parade.

### Mystery Readers

Please make sure you keep your reading date with the class a secret from your child.



## ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

### POETRY NOTEBOOKS / LISTENING CENTER

"Something is There"  
and Big Pumpkin

### UNDERCOVER

Baseline assessments  
and alphabet writing

### MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Scholastic News, word  
work

### MATH LAB

Pumpkin life cycle

### DISCOVERY

Big Pumpkin story  
sequencing

### WRITING

Pumpkin products  
booklet; children  
practice writing Jj, Ll,  
and Pp.

### ABC CENTER

pumpkin dot-to-dot,  
read around the room

### ALPHABET PROJECT

Jack in the Box or  
Ladybug or pepperoni  
pizza

### EXTRA FUN

Easels, Independent/  
Buddy Reading, Games-  
Rhyming words and  
opposites

## Religion

This week we have spent time learning about Good God Choices. Our discussions have centered around what prayer is. We also discussed choices and decisions we make and the consequences that result from them. Kindergarten covered Virtus Protecting God's Children this week. The children learned about safe and unsafe touches as well as physical boundaries. The power of saying "No!" If someone is making them feel uncomfortable was emphasized. We continue singing The Hail Mary prayer to help us remember the words to the prayer. Today we reviewed this week's Gospel story through our Promise Magazine. Have a blessed weekend!



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### Helpful Reminders

Please remember to check the daily pouch everyday. Please get a Sharpie or some other label for your child's clothing, especially sweaters. They need to be clearly mark with your child's name. The temperature has begun to drop and it is time to make sure your child comes to school with a jacket/coat so when we play on the playground and s/he isn't cold.

### Upcoming Events

Friday, October 27th is Trunk or Treat. First Thursday is November 2nd and a 12:15 dismissal day. The week of November 6th our fall conferences begin with Friday, November 10 no school for children because of conferences.

**Fall Fest** I hope I will see you all at the fall fest on Sunday, October 22 from 12-4. I will be there working at the cotton candy machine so make sure to come by