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Nearly Halloween

In October the night closes early.
The sky is dark.
The moon is out and scary little creatures roam about !
Yes it's nearly Halloween !

January, Febuary, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

And today we will start to prepare the Pinatas for Halloween.

Do you know what a Pinata is ?



History

The origin of the ***Pinata*** is Chinese not Hispanic. It was used to celebrate the coming of spring. As a result of Marco Polo's adventures into China, he introduced this Chinese custom which was adopted by the Spainish as well as by the French and Italians. The Spanish brought this custom to the new world when they conquered Mexico. The ***pinata*** became part of the Posada in the Catholic culture.

The Pinata takes a long time to make because we have to add layer after layer of paper and glue and let it dry. We then have to fill it with Candy and paint it.

So we will need –

Coat hangers
Newspaper
Glue
Paint
Candies.

And we will

Cut
Stick
Fill

WE LOVE PINATAS !

What other kind of things do people prepare for Halloween ?

Decorations.

What are some of the symbols of Halloween ?

Cats	**Ghosts**	**Pumpkins**
Witches	**Spiders**	**Monsters**

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Pumpkins

Let's learn some Halloween words with a flashcard game and then make some decorations and decorate the center.

Now we will learn some more about Pumpkins and Halloween!

Why do we carve pumpkins on Halloween ?

Jack-o'-lantern: The term "Jack-o'-lantern" came from an Irish folk tale of the 18th century. Jack was an Irishman. He had tricked the Devil into climbing an apple tree. He then cut a cross symbol in the tree trunk, thus trapping the Devil in the branches. When Jack died, he was unable to again access to Heaven because of his meanness. The Devil, having a long memory, would not allow him into Hell. So he was forced to walk the earth endlessly. The devil took pity on him and gave him a piece of coal to light his path. Jack put it inside a hollowed-out turnip that he had been eating.

Discussion and research.

- What is a pumpkin ?
- Where does it grow ?
- What do people cook with pumpkins ?
- Do you like them ?
- What kind of varieties exist ?
- Is it a fruit or a vegetable ?



Pumpkin songs and poems

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater

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Had a wife and couldn't keep her.

He put her in a pumpkin shell

And there he kept her very well.

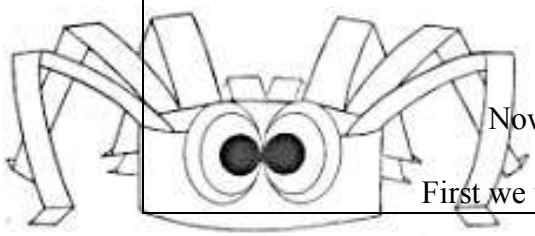
I'm Dreaming Of The Great Pumpkin (Sung to: I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas)

I'm dreaming of the Great Pumpkin
Just like I do this time each year
When he brings nice toys to good girls and boys
Who wait for him to appear.

I'm dreaming of the Great Pumpkin
With every pumpkin card I write.
May your jack-o-lanterns burn bright
When the Great Pumpkin visits you tonight.

Spidery Story

We see a lot of spidery decorations at Halloween…. Do you like SPIDERS ? – Let's listen to a story all about a special spider. « Sophie's Masterpiece ».



http://www.storylineonline.net/

Now let's make some **SPIDER CRAFTS**.

First we will make a HALLOWEEN SPIDER HAT !

