



Pumpkin Patch Fun

Activities to Help Your Child Learn & Have Fun at the Same Time

1. Ask your child to think of at least 10 words to **describe** their pumpkin. Have your child draw a picture of their pumpkin and write, or tell you, a paragraph about their pumpkin. Repeat this process with any additional pumpkins, squash, or gourds.
2. **Compare** a pumpkin to an orange or other fruit. List 5 ways they are the same and 5 ways they are different.
3. Have them tell you, or write, at least 3 **comparison** statements.
4. Ask your child to think about the **weight** of their pumpkin and have them **estimate** how much they think it weighs.
5. Help them write this amount on a sheet of paper, then have them **weigh** their pumpkin and **compare** the actual weight to their estimation.
6. Repeat the process above with any additional pumpkins you purchases. Have your child practice their **critical thinking** by using what they learned from their first estimations to make better estimations on the additional pumpkins.
7. Have your child use a string to **measure** the circumference (the distance around the pumpkin) of their pumpkin. Have them find at least 5 other items in your house that are the same circumference. Explain that the string is a type of **non-standard unit of measurement**.
8. Find other non-standard units around the house and **measure lengths and widths** of items using these units. Repeat the process using a **standard unit of measurement** such as a ruler or measuring tape.
9. Ask your child to **estimate** how many seeds will be inside their pumpkin(s). Record these estimations. Cut open the pumpkin and help your child determine a way to **count** the pumpkin seeds other than one at a time. This might be in groups of 5 or 10.
10. Clean your pumpkin seeds. Coat with a little olive oil and salt. Toast in a 275' oven until crisp and lightly brown. Enjoy!