

October



Learn It New Homes for Plants

As children get taller, they outgrow their clothes and need new clothes that leave room for more growth. Plants do the same thing! When plants have outgrown their space or are ready to be planted in a garden bed, plants need to be moved or transplanted. Using one large and one small container, fill each with sand, beads, or pom poms to act as soil. Place a small toy or fake plant into the small container. Instruct children to dig a hole with a toy shovel in the large container then scoop the small toy that was placed in the small container into the large container to practice transplanting.

Eat It Butternut Squash Soup

2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 cup onion, diced
3 garlic cloves, minced
3 cups butternut squash, peeled, seeds removed, cubed
2 cups vegetable broth



In a medium skillet, warm oil over medium heat. Add onions and cook until translucent. Add garlic and cook for an additional minute. Set it aside. Next, place the butternut squash in a microwave safe bowl with 2 tablespoons of water. Microwave for 4-5 minutes until tender. Allow to cool. Place all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth. Salt and pepper to taste.



Create It Chenille Stick Produce



Time to create! Give the children assorted colors of chenille sticks (pipe cleaners). They can use the sticks to bend and curl into any kind of fruit or vegetable they would like. If they need a little memory help, cut out pictures for them to use as visual guides. Use one stick to make the fruit and then connect another to create the leaf.



Play It Balance Pumpkin Delivery

Set up a long board or something children can walk across. As the children start, they will pick up a pumpkin and then walk across the balance to deliver the pumpkin to you or another chosen friend. Allow each one to take turns. Practice different delivery methods like holding the pumpkin over your head or shuffling sideways across the board.

Grow It

Reduce transplant shock by planting on a cloudy day or late afternoon and water frequently for the first few days as the plant becomes used to its new home.



Read It

Miguel's Community Garden (Where In the Garden?) by JaNay Brown-Wood

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

Señorita Mariposa (Bilingual English-Spanish Edition) by Ben Gundersheimer

Laugh About It

Why didn't anyone laugh at the gardener's jokes?
They were too corny!



Fun Fact

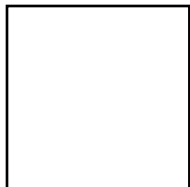
There are over 100 varieties of pumpkins. Not all of them are edible.



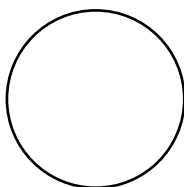
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Carving Pumpkins

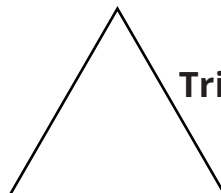
Color the pumpkin according to the shape inside of it.



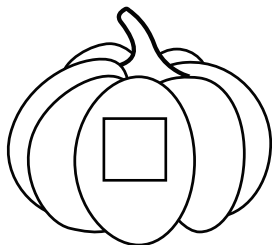
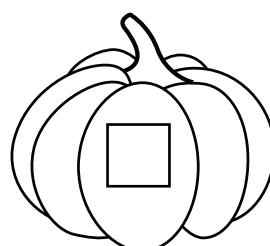
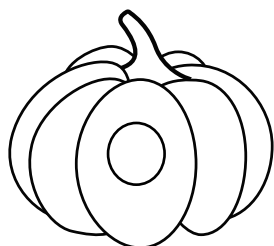
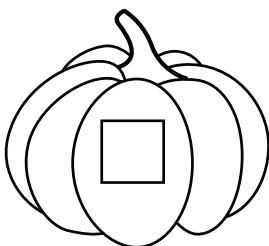
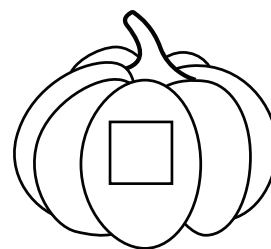
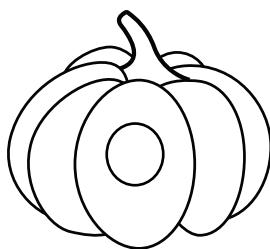
Square = Orange



Circle = Green



Triangle = Yellow



Garden Scarecrow

Ask children to paint scarecrow pieces. Help them cut the shapes out once dry. Next, have the children glue the pieces onto construction paper to craft their own scarecrow and finish by adding googly eyes and craft supplies.

