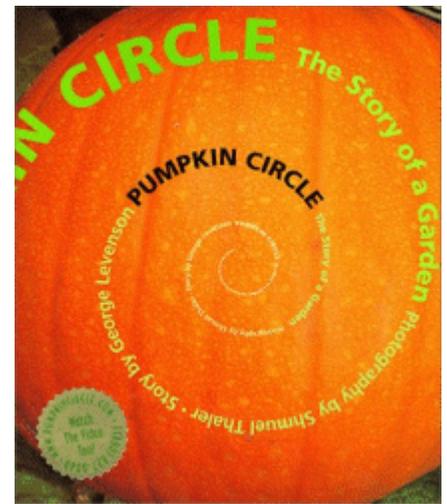


More Ideas for Pass the Pumpkin program:

Pass the Pumpkin

Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden, by George Levenson shows the life cycle of a pumpkin. Children will learn how pumpkins grow and create some fun pumpkin projects.



The Roly Poly Pumpkin (tune: Eensy, Weensy Spider)

Oh, the roly-poly pumpkin
Went rolling down the hill
Once it started rolling
It couldn't keep still
It rolled and rolled and rolled
Until it bumped into a rock.
Then the roly-poly pumpkin
Rolled to a stop.

Pumpkin song (tune: I'm a little teapot)

I'm a little pumpkin
Orange and round.
Here is my stem,
There is the ground.
When I get all cut up,
Don't you shout!
Just open me up
And scoop me out!

Snacks: Make pumpkin pie, bread, bars, etc. Talk about the different stages of a pumpkin. (The seed comes first. The sprout comes second. The plant comes third. The flower comes fourth. The green pumpkin comes fifth. And finally, the orange pumpkin comes sixth.)

Craft: ["Your Li'l Pumpkin" Picture Holder](http://www.kidcraftsmagazine.com/2005/pumpkin-picture-frame.shtml) - This is a really great pumpkin project for children. Their Halloween or Thanksgiving photos look great in them.
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Printables and other Resources:

[Pumpkin Mini-Book \(pdf\)](#) The activities includes: draw a pumpkin, predict how many pumpkin seeds there will be, how many pumpkin seeds there are, what your seeds looked like (you can glue the seeds on the paper), what the pumpkin looks like inside, and a funny picture of a pumpkin.
www.fastq.com/~jbpratt/education/theme/food/pumpkinbook.pdf

www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/pumpkin-pie-match-coloring-page/

www.earlychildhood.com/arts-crafts/pumpkin.html

<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/pumpkins/history.html>



Power of Pumpkins, nutrition information and recipes:

<http://food.ivillage.com/mainingredient/fruitvegetables/0,,c0x,00.html> and www.easy-kids-recipes.com/pumpkin-article.html

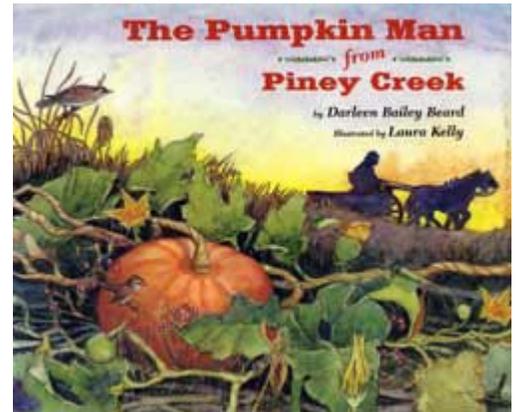
Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater activities: www.first-school.ws/activities/nrhymes/peter.htm

Pumpkin hats at <http://jas.familyfun.go.com/crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=11128>

More great books to share:

The Pumpkin Patch, story and photographs by Elizabeth King. The activities of a pumpkin patch, from plowing and planting seeds to the harvesting.

The Pumpkin Man from Piney Creek, by Darleen Bailey Beard, illustrated by Laura Kelly. In this story, set in rural nineteenth century America, after seeing a jack-o-lantern for the first time, Hattie tries to stop her father from selling all of his crop so that she can have one to carve herself. The last page has Ma's Blue-Ribbon recipe for pumpkin pie.



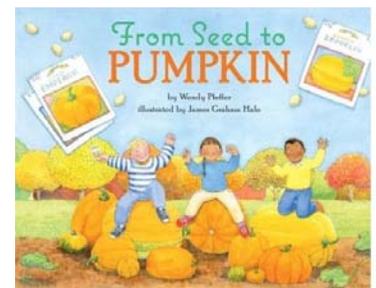
The Great Pumpkin Switch, by Megan McDonald, pictures by Ted Lewin. When Rosie's brother and his pal accidentally saw the vine that has been growing her pumpkin all summer, they need to find a substitute very quickly which makes for a very good story.

Pumpkin Circle; The Story of a Garden, by George Levenson, Photography by Shmuel Thaler. Rhyming text and sharp photographs follow a pumpkin patch as it grows and changes, from seeds to plants to pumpkins ready to harvest, to jack-o-lanterns and then to seeds again. A section at the end details how to grow pumpkins yourself. There is a [Pumpkin Circle Web Site](#) and a video that goes with the book.

The Pumpkin Book, by Gail Gibbons. A description of the different shapes and sizes of pumpkins, their traditional uses and cultural significance, and some instructions on carving them and drying the seeds.

Watch it Grow Pumpkin, by Barrie Watts. A simple introduction to how a pumpkin grows from seed to fruit.

From Seed to Pumpkin, by Wendy Pfeffer. Explains the development of a seed into a pumpkin. Includes easy recipes and experiments.



It's Pumpkin Time, by Zoe Hall. Painted paper collages brightly illustrate progress in the pumpkin patch from the children's seed-planting, watering, and weeding to the pumpkin's green vining, yellow flowering and orange fruiting. The king of squash can provide a rich introduction to kinder-gardening.

Apples and Pumpkins, by Anne Rockwell. It's fall! And for one little girl, that means it's time for the special joys of visiting a farm and picking the reddest apples from the trees and finding the best pumpkin in the patch.