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Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter  
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Dear Parents,

Happy Halloween! This has been a great week to listen to stories and complete activities about Halloween. The children had a wonderful time carving their pumpkins and doing reports on their pumpkins.

**Star of the week**

Lily was our “Star of the Week”. She brought in an American Girl Doll, a panda stuffed animal, a lamb stuffed animal that she has had since she was a baby, a monkey stuffed animal and her family. Lily’s favorite thing about being “Star of the Week” was bringing items in to share with the class.

**Learning Center Highlights by Theme**  
**Pumpkins** **Spiders**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen to <u>Pumpkins Everywhere</u>, <u>The Pumpkin Book</u>, <u>Jack-o-Lantern Pie</u></li><li>• Compare apples and pumpkins</li><li>• Learn <i>Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate</i> poem</li><li>• Listen to <u>Pumpkin, Pumpkin</u> and <u>The Runaway Pumpkin</u></li><li>• Practice addition using pumpkins</li><li>• Identify stages of pumpkin growth</li><li>• Examine pumpkins and complete a pumpkin report</li><li>• Create pumpkin patterns</li><li>• Listen to <u>It’s Pumpkin Time</u> and <u>Spookley the Square Pumpkin</u></li><li>• Use size and color words to complete the Plant the Pumpkin page</li><li>• Write words to complete What Do I See on Halloween? booklet</li><li>• Identify shapes and colors on Pumpkin Patch Pals</li><li>• Sequence the stages of a pumpkin being carved</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen to <u>The Very Busy Spider</u>, <u>Spiders</u>, <u>Itsy Bitsy Spider</u>, and <u>The Eency Weency Spider</u></li><li>• Organize animals from <u>The Very Busy Spider</u> using the correct order and the correct color</li><li>• Identify sequence of letters in the word spider</li><li>• Learn spider facts while creating a spider booklet</li><li>• Graph spiders by their facial expressions</li><li>• Create a booklet using positional words for the spider</li></ul> |
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**Halloween**

- Listen to Halloween Parade and Today is Halloween
- Identify colors on monsters
- Illustrate their favorite thing about Halloween
- Practice matching numbers to sets
- Listen to We’re Going on a Ghost Hunt, Halloween Day, and Too Many Pumpkins
- Use visual perception to complete Halloween pictures
- Write Halloween words

**Something special happened in our classroom:**

This week we had Mr. Degon, Ben’s Dad, as our Mystery Reader. He read The Dragon Halloween Party and Big Pumpkin. The children were so excited to hear these Halloween stories and discuss what they were going to dress as for Halloween.

**Other news:** On the back of this paper are Homework suggestions for our next theme “On the Farm” which we will begin next week.