



October 13-16, 2020 Boo to you!

By Mrs. Chien, Mrs. McWhorter and Mrs. Cleveland

As the weather changes to fall and the temperature becomes cooler, we have been enjoy reading stories about autumn, fire prevention, pumpkins, scarecrows, spiders and bats. The students will identify seasonal changes which are occurring all around them. Bats and spiders can be scary, but reading nonfiction and storybooks will help ease the mystery surrounding these creepy creatures. Ask your child to tell you something he/she has learned about Christopher Columbus, too!

“Stop, drop and roll”, smoke detectors and fire escape plans have been the “hot topics” this week.

A big thank you to Robert Kesterson with the Volunteer Firefighter Alliance for the booklets and Junior Firefighter cards!

This Week, Kindergarten...

Phonics

Lessons 21-24

Pp

"p" as in "p"ig

blending 2 consonant sounds: st, sl, sm, sw, sp, sk, sn, gl, pl

reading/spelling top, pot, log, pop, got, tot, hop

listening for "l" sound in words

assessment #4

LESSONS 25-28

Aa

"a" as in "a"pple

rhymes

vowel-If "a" is followed by a consonant, then we code the "a" with a breve.

recognizing, writing Aa

reading hat, pot, tag, gag, gap, lag, lap, log, got, hot, top, tap, pal, the, end, a, at

counting sounds

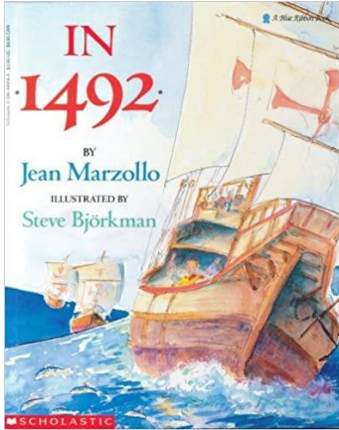
matching words

HOT! HOT! HOT! Reader #1

compound words

reading front to back, title, sentences, period (stop sign), exclamation mark (exciting mark), retelling a story, comprehending a story
final (ending) sounds,
assessment #5

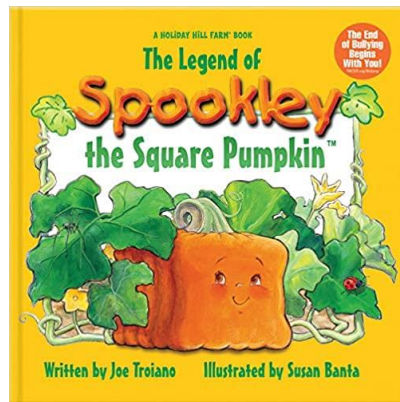
Reading



This book is perfect to help develop an understanding of the long journey that was taken by Columbus and his men.

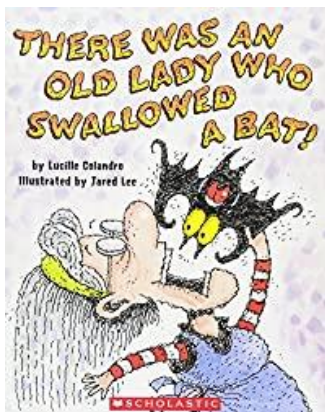
Columbus and his crew set sail from Spain in three ships: the *Niña*, the *Pinta* and the *Santa Maria*. On October 12, the ships made landfall—not in the East Indies, as Columbus assumed, but on one of the Bahamian islands encountering a timid but friendly group of natives who were open to trade with the sailors, exchanging glass beads, cotton balls, parrots and spears.

Spookley has to be the is one of the first ones I in to the story- it's okay because we all have our quick thinking and his



The Legend of Spookley The Square Pumpkin

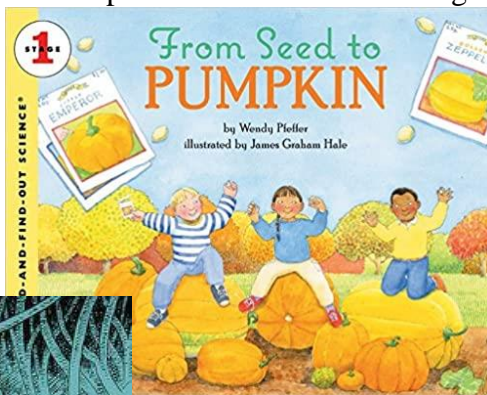
CUTEST story about a pumpkin to exist! This read every year. It has a wonderful lesson tied if you can't do what others are able to do, special talents. Spookley saves the day with his square shaped body!



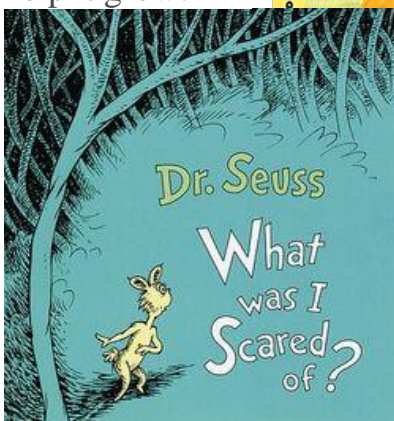
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat by Lucille Colandro

This themed series is a great way to practice your rhyming skills! My students love to guess what she is going to swallow next. We also try to remember all of the things she swallowed at the end of the story! After I read the story, my students draw a picture of one of the things she swallowed and share their pictures.

big pumpkin? illustrations, this help it grow!



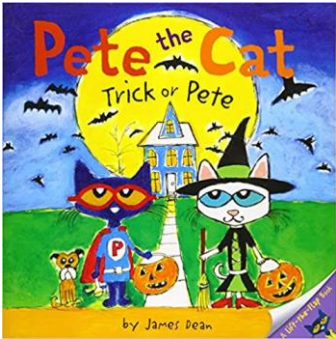
Pumpkins can be baked in a pie, carved into jack-o'-lanterns, and roasted for a healthy snack. But how does a tiny seed turn into a With clear text and detailed, colorful book explains what a pumpkin seed needs to



"What Was I Scared Of?" Classic Seuss! Tells the tale of a character who repeatedly meets up with an empty pair of pale-green pants. The character, who is the narrator, is initially afraid of the pants,

which are able to stand on their own despite the lack of a wearer. However when he screams for help, the pants also start to cry and he realizes that "they were just as scared as I!" The empty pants and the narrator become good friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7v7LFjLIZ3s>



Pete loves Halloween and candy but not so much scary surprises. Follow Pete as he goes trick-or-treating from house to house and discover what is waiting behind each door.

Science



Bats!

National Geographic Kids: Cool Facts About Bats | Things You Wanna Know

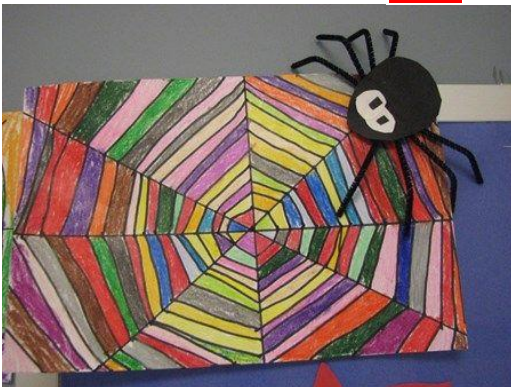
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBCODnTUOrY>

Find out cool and creepy facts about bats—from how and where they live, to what they eat and how they talk to each other.



Bat craftivity booklet, bat facts.

Art



Multi-week Rainbow spider web

Brain Breaks are very important!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmhi98dHa5w>

Koo Koo Kanga Roo - Dinosaur Stomp (Dance-A-Long)

It's Raining Tacos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLufvfM7WJ8>



Go Fish, Great music for KIDS that won't drive PARENTS bonkers!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ep0I3rqF2FMnxZMzB6rlg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ejASqf1VE>

Fine motor skill assistance needed!

The only way to improve finger action for handwriting is to practice drawing short lines and small shapes.

Other fine motor tasks will not do the trick.

This is because motor learning and strength training are very specific - you learn and improve on tasks that you practice. This is called training specificity.

Why Cutting Practice?

How necessary is cutting practice?

I'd say it depends on your child. Some kids just do more activities that require fine motor skills and simply won't need as much practice with cutting.

Others need more.

Fine motor skills are simply a matter of experience. The more they work with their hands and manipulate small objects, the better their fine motor skills will be. I say this with the caveat that some kids do need a lot more fine motor skill practice for whatever reason.

Fine motor skills are very important though. They set the precursor for things like handwriting. Kids with stronger fine motor skills will have an easier time picking up handwriting in the future.

Wish List



A statue of Mother Mary, is needed for Kindergarten. We have one in Mrs. Cleveland's room, but need one for Mrs. McWhorter's side.

Upcoming Events

October 27th Picture Day

October 29th Children may wear their costume to school for a parade in the gym.

November 6th and Monday, November 9th We will be holding parent/teacher conferences virtually this year on Friday, November 6th and Monday, November 9th (both days are 11:30 am dismissal time). If you would like to meet with Mrs. Chien, please use this [signup genius link](#) to schedule your virtual conference by Friday, October.23rd. You will receive an email with a zoom link for your conference. Conferences are scheduled for 10 minutes each.