

Extension and Enrichment Activities

Math

1. Give each student a scoop of the insides of the pumpkin.
2. Ask students to clean off the pulp and count the number of seeds in the scoop.
3. As students finish, write the number of seeds for each student on the board.
4. Ask the class add up the number to determine how many seeds were in the pumpkin.

Another counting exercise: Students can bring groups of 5 or 10 seeds to a central location. The class can then determine how many seeds were in the pumpkin by counting by fives or tens.

Cooking and Writing the Recipe

1. After the seeds are washed, place them in a shallow pan.
2. Add butter and salt to the seeds.
3. Cook the seeds in a 250° oven until browned and dry—usually 15 to 30 minutes. You can also cook the seeds in class in a toaster oven. See additional recipes at Wanda's Halloween Cookbook:
http://www.halloweenkitchen.com/roasted_pumpkin_seeds.html.
4. Let the students taste the roasted pumpkin seeds.
5. Part of your electronic book can include the recipe for toasted pumpkin seeds.
6. Students can create the recipe for toasted pumpkin seeds in a class writing activity.

Learning More about Pumpkins through the Internet Activities

1. Choose several, varied sites from the Web Sources for Research sheet for whole group inquiry activities.
2. If you have access to a computer lab, pair students as research buddies.
3. Create a research file folder for each student or set of buddies:
 - a. Create a pocket for each Internet site that you use in class.
 - b. Place three index cards in each pocket.
4. Ask students to visit the sites and write a sentence of information that they learn from the site on each of the index cards, using three cards per site.
5. Once the research is complete, ask students to write a report, sequence of events, poem, or story using the facts they found from all the sites. Each index card can be a sentence in the writing piece.