

Halloween

Whether your family likes to trick-or-treat, carve a pumpkin or just play dress-ups, Halloween books are fun. Many children love scary stories. Their hearts beat faster, their eyes get bigger and the adrenaline pumps, but they know that they are in control. The book can be closed at any time and the story always ends to find them safe at home. They know that monsters aren't real but they can get that delicious shivery feeling all the same. But, if your child doesn't like that spooky feeling, there are lots of fun Halloween stories for them, too. Try some of these:

Bunting, Eve – *Scary, Scary Halloween*

Enderly, Judith – *Six Creepy Sheep*

Kroll, Steven – *The Biggest Pumpkin Ever*

London, Jonathan – *Froggy's Halloween*

Pilkey, Dav – *The Hallo-Wiener*

Silverman, Erica – *Big Pumpkin*

Williams, Linda – *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*

Zolotow, Charlotte – *A Tiger Called Thomas*



5 Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,

The first one said, "My, it's getting late." (hold up a finger for each pumpkin)

The second one said, "There's a chill in the air."

The third one said, "But, we don't care."

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."

And the fifth one said, "It's Halloween fun."

OOOOOOOOOO went the wind.

And OUT went the light. (clap and loudly say out)

And 5 little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Bobby Had a Small Black Cat

(sung to the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*)

Bobby had a small black cat,

Small black cat, small black cat.

Bobby had a small black cat,

Its coat was black as coal.

(sing additional verses the same as *Mary Had a Little Lamb*)



On Halloween

(Make a jack o'lantern out of construction paper or a paper plate & glue it to a large craft stick to act out this poem.)

To scare some folks on Halloween, I'll tell you what I'll do.

I'll hide behind this pumpkin face, and then I'll holler..... BOO!



Crafts for Preschoolers

- ▶ Paint your pumpkin instead of carving it. If you use washable markers the face can be wiped off with a damp cloth & painted over and over. Or make a pumpkin by covering a roll of toilet tissue with green tissue paper and add cut out features. Or stuff a bag with newspaper & add a silly face with paint, markers or cut outs.
- ▶ Use the library's Ellison Dies – bookmark cat, ghost, moon, owl, pumpkin, pop-up card ghost, several masks, complete list at: http://www.pclibs.org/ellison_acu.htm
- ▶ Make coffee filter bats by painting the filter black & gathering it to clip in the middle with a clothes pin.
- ▶ Make foot print (or handprint) ghosts by painting the sole of your child's foot white and then letting them step onto dark construction paper. His toes are the bottom of the ghost. (Hold fingers together if using his hand. Finger tips are the bottom of the ghost.) Add eyes and a mouth. (Trace around their hands or feet if you would rather not use paint!)

For more ideas go to:

<http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/halloween.html>