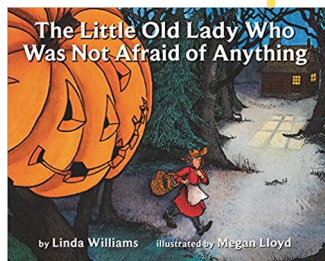


KINDERGARTEN READINESS TIPS

Read this book!

The Little Old Lady Who was not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams



Five Little Pumpkins

*Five little pumpkins
sitting on a gate.
The first one said,
"Oh, my it's getting late."
The second one said,
"There are witches in the air."
The third one said,
"But we don't care."
The fourth one said,
"Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said,
"We're ready for some fun."
Then "Ooh" went the wind
and out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins
rolled out of sight.*

Grown-up tip

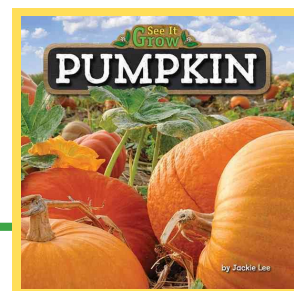
This seasonal rhyme is fun for your child to learn and share with others. Rhymes like this one are powerful influencers in preschool development. Speech development gained from nursery rhymes has shown to significantly improve reading, spelling and other literacy skills.

In the rhyme we count to five and then we switch to ordinal numbers; first, second, third! There is also space for creativity, as each pumpkin has a personality.

Have your child act out each pumpkin's reaction in the rhyme as a way to share holiday traditions.

Try non-fiction!

Pumpkin
by Jackie Lee



Take a look at this!

Visit OC Public Library's Kindergarten Readiness webpage to see a video of this rhyme. Scan the QR code to find out more!

