



Teacher Share

MATH, ART

Ghost Feet

Practice measuring skills and create scary pictures, too. Invite students to trace one of their feet on white paper, then cut it out, and add eyes and a spooky mouth to make a ghost. Give students rulers and have them measure how long their ghosts (feet) are. Have students bring their ghosts to the front of the room. Ask questions such as: *Who has the biggest ghost? Who has the smallest?* Hold up a ghost at random and ask: *How many ghosts are larger than this one? smaller?*

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Tip

Have children team up to play a game with the math story mats. Have players place seven pumpkin seeds inside one of the pumpkins on their mats. The first player rolls a die and adds or takes away that number of seeds. The goal is to have seven seeds on each pumpkin (one for each eye, a nose, and one for a mouth).

MATH

Jack-o'-Lantern Math Story Mat

This math story mat activity allows students to create jack-o'-lanterns again and again while practicing math skills. Give each student 25 or more pumpkin seeds and a math story mat. (See page 32.) Read aloud a story problem. (See samples below.) Have students place the seeds on the story mats to show their answers.

- ☉ One jack-o'-lantern has five seeds for a mouth, two seeds for a nose and one seed for each eye. How many seeds are on that pumpkin's face?
- ☉ Three jack-o'-lanterns equally shared 21 seeds to make their faces. How many seeds are on each pumpkin's face?
- ☉ Jack the pumpkin has a seed for each eye, one seed for a nose, and six seeds for a mouth. Jack loses two teeth (seeds). How many seeds does he have left?

Book Break

The Halloween House

by Erica Silverman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1997)

"In the Halloween house, above bent candlesticks, a papa ghost hovered with his little ones, six. 'Boooooo,' said the papa. 'We boooooo,' said the six. So they booooooed through the night above bent candlesticks." This book is full of fun counting rhymes (10 to 1) with friendly illustrations of spooky creatures.

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