

Parents,

Now that October is here, we will be doing some fun activities to celebrate this time of year! The kids and I will review all of these details in class, but I wanted to get the parents in the loop today!

Pumpkin Characters Project:

Your student will be creating a pumpkin character that they will share with the class. I have seen everything from a beautiful Pumpkin Turkey to a Jeremy Lin Pumpkin! Other classes will come by to vote on pumpkins in the hallway.

1. Go to the store and buy a pumpkin. You can get any size or color.
2. Think of your pumpkin as a head of a person. Decorate the pumpkin as a favorite book character, a famous person, animal or whatever person you would like to do. Maybe a princess pumpkin, teacher pumpkin, or even a dog pumpkin. Can you imagine a Mrs. McClintock pumpkin? A Mr. Threest pumpkin?
3. On a sheet of paper, type or *neatly* write a brief paragraph (5-8 sentences) telling me about your pumpkin person. What is your pumpkin's name? Why did you select your person, character or animal? Describe with details how you created it.
4. Bring your pumpkin person to school on Tuesday, October 23rd.

***Please do not cut/carve/poke into these pumpkins, as they will rot. Only decorate the outside of the pumpkin.

Characters Come Alive:

I'm excited to announce that our class will be having Book Character Day in a few weeks on Wednesday, October 31st. On that day, each student should come to school dressed up as a character from a favorite book. The character must be from a book they have read (**not from a movie or cartoon they have watched**), and your child should be prepared to describe both the character and the book by writing a 5-8 sentence paragraph explaining who they are.

Thanks and have a great day!

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