Books of the Month

**Peeny Butter Fudge** by Toni Morrison
A romping, rhyming book about a day spent with a really, really fun Grandmother. There are books and puzzles, games and pretend, ending with a messy kitchen from making peeny-butter fudge. This is a wonderful book by a treasured author. Includes a delicious recipe at the end. Preschool and young schoolage.

Other fun books about Desserts

**I Will Chomp You!** by Jory John—A funny creature tries to get the reader to stop reading the book. Wonder why? Keep reading for the sweet ending. Preschool and young schoolage.

**Where is Baby’s Birthday Cake?** by Karen Katz—Vibrant illustrations show Baby looking for his/her birthday cake. Toddlers will love the lift-the-flap surprises.

**Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs** by Eric Litwin—Another groovy title from the creator of Pete the Cat. Preschoolers will love Groovy Joe and everyone will like the idea of sharing!

**The Cake that Mack Ate** by Rose Robart—Using the rhyme of “This is the House that Jack Built” children will love when they find out who Mack is! Preschool.

**My Pop Pop and Me** by Irene Smalls—adorable rhyming book about a Grandpa and Grandson baking a lemon cake together. Includes the recipe. Toddlers and preschoolers.

**Whopper Cake** by Karma Wilson—Children will howl at Grandpa as he sets out to bake Grandma the biggest birthday cake ever! Preschool and young schoolage.

Rhyme of the Month

**I Eat**
I eat apples—crunch, crunch, crunch
I eat sandwiches—munch, munch, munch
I eat lollipops—lick, lick, lick
But I eat ice cream quick, quick, quick!

Poem of the Month

**James Shell’s Snowball Stand**

Snowballs are fun when the streets are covered with white liquid but they mean much more to me when James puts raspberry and cherry on them in July.

-Nikki Giovanni

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Learning Ideas for October:

Contact Paper Art
For Toddlers and Preschoolers

Supplies:
- Contact Paper
- Tape
- A variety of objects:
  - Puff balls
  - Colorful paper
  - Shredded paper
  - Fabric cut into small pieces
  - Leaves
  - Puzzle Pieces
  - Feathers
  - Playing cards
  - Cheerios or Fruit Loops
  - Foam Shapes
  - Ribbon

Place contact paper on the table and tape down the sides. Then give your children a variety of things to stick on the paper to make art.

Pumpkin Math

Supplies:
- At least 2 pumpkins of different sizes (large and small)
- Knife to cut pumpkin
- Large spoon to scoop out seeds
- Large bowl for seeds
- Notebook
- Pencil or pen
- Crayons
- Measuring tape

1. Ask the children to make observations about the large pumpkin. Note its color, size, shape, texture, and weight (before and after taking the seeds out). Suggest that they draw some details such as any marks or indentations on the pumpkin. Try also introducing the use of a measuring tape to measure size.
2. You will record observations and measurements in a notebook, under the heading Large Pumpkin.
3. Ask the children to make a prediction about the small pumpkin: Do you think this pumpkin will weigh more or less than the large pumpkin? Encourage them to notice details about the small pumpkin, as they did with the larger pumpkin.
4. Repeat the first step with the small pumpkin, recording the children’s observations and measurements under the heading Small Pumpkin.
5. Compare and contrast observations and measurements from the two pumpkins.
6. Which one do they think will have more seeds?
7. Cut the pumpkins open, scoop out the contents and count the seeds together.

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