



TEDDY BEAR NEWS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NURSERY SCHOOL



PUMPKINS



As the end of October draws near, we see signs of fall all around us. **PUMPKINS** are popping up everywhere! Our science table is home to a nice sized pumpkin. The Teddy Bear love to touch the bright orange skin of the pumpkin. Using their fingers, they trace the vertical lines of the pumpkin. They notice the scratchy, dark green stem on top.

Much of our art has been pumpkin themed! The skills used in these projects include:

Fine Motor Control: Painting with different size brushes, squeezing glue, cutting with scissors, tearing paper

Language: Talking about different pumpkins, comparing and using descriptive words

Math: Comparing different sizes of pumpkins in height and weight

Science: Where do pumpkins come from? Lifecycle of a pumpkin



NATURE WITH MISS BECKY



Our Science theme this month was "Scary Animals." By learning more about wild animals, they won't be so scary to us. Bats, spiders, owls, bees and snakes are some of the animals considered scary by many people. All of these animals are important to the environment and many help us by eating mosquitos, insects and mice.



MAKING MUFFINS

Last week the Teddy Bears made delicious banana, chocolate chip muffins. Our college helper, Maisie was a huge help in being in charge of the oven and ingredients. The children truly enjoyed stirring, pouring, measuring and, of course, eating the final product. Yummy!!!

Cooking or baking with children provides an excellent experience to build self-confidence and some basic skills such as:

- ***Math skills:** measuring, counting, timing, ordering the steps (first, second, third),

- ***Building vocabulary & reading skills**

- ***Fine Motor Skills:** pouring, cracking eggs, stirring, scooping, assembling ingredients

- ***Exploring senses:** smelling, tasting, seeing, listening, and touching

- ***Encouraging independence & trying new foods**



Looking Ahead...

October 30 - Halloween Celebration at 10:45 a.m.



October 31-November 1 - No School - Parent - Teacher Conferences

November 22 - Day for dads, granddads, relatives and friends Love,
Chona & Katie

