

Autumn Activities!

LEAF STAMPS

Fall leaves make wonderful stamps for printing autumn designs. Mix autumn colors of tempera paint and ask children to gently coat one side of a leaf with the paint. Have them lay the leaf, paint side down, on a sheet of construction paper. Lift the leaf off the paper



and repeat the process. The children can use one color of paint or several.

HARVEST COLLECTIONS

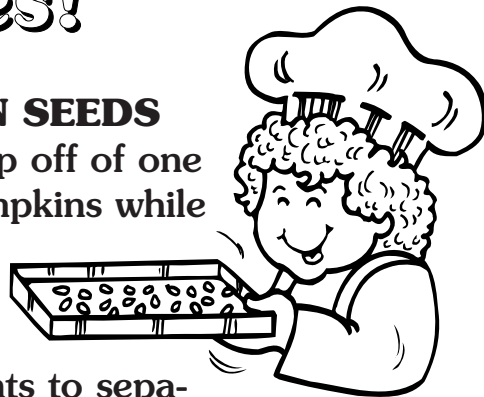
Ask students to collect a variety of nature's products for a class harvest display. Children will love collecting acorns, leaves, Indian corn, nuts, gourds and pumpkins. Arrange the items on a table top or in a large wicker basket. You might like to donate the display to the school office or cafeteria.

PUMPKIN FUN

Pass several small pumpkins around the classroom and ask students to examine the size, shape, texture and color of each one. Ask them to write about the pumpkins in their "Pumpkin Books" and draw detailed pictures.

PUMPKIN SEEDS

Cut the top off of one of the pumpkins while your students look on. Ask a few students to separate the seeds from the pulp. Place the seeds on a greased cookie sheet and sprinkle with salt. Roast at 350° until the seeds start to brown. Pass out a few to each student to enjoy.



PUMPKIN PUDDING

Cut a pumpkin into quarters and wrap in foil. Place in a pan and bake in the oven at 375° for about one hour. When the pumpkin has cooled, remove the outside skin and puree the pulp in an electric blender. Have the children take turns mixing the following ingredients:



- 3 cups of cooked pumpkin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. ginger
- 2 beaten eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$ t. cloves
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ t. nutmeg
- 1 cup of sugar
- dash of salt
- 2 t. cinnamon

Cook the pudding in a saucepan for about 20 minutes. Continue stirring for best results. Serve the pudding in small paper cups when cool.