

# BIG BEAR NEWS

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## The Past Two Weeks

The last two weeks we had great fun in the lead up to our Halloween parade and party. We began by asking for ideas for our piñata. We had over ten ideas, from princesses to witches. After several rounds of voting, a bat emerged as the winner! We blew up a big balloon and applied strips of newspaper soaked in liquid starch--very messy and gooey. We did three layers over three days. When it was dry, we added body parts (ears, legs), painted it, and filled it with bags of candy and treats (thanks to Nina's family).



Other Halloween activities included scooping out and carving three jack-o-lanterns; eating pumpkin seeds; creating a spooky scene on our bulletin board with pumpkins, spiders, ghosts, and skeletons; writing and illustrating three spooky Halloween stories; learning lots of Halloween songs; and making rolled cookie dough, cutting out shapes, and decorating the cookies.

On the day of our Halloween Party we arranged vegetables on a tray to make a skeleton and mixed a punch with wormy ice cubes (thanks to Eleanor's family) and two icy hands. Our piñata bat was hung from the clothesline outside. We lined up by height and each child had one or two chances to hit the piñata with a baseball bat. Finally all the goodies fell out and everyone claimed a bag. Thanks to all of you who helped with costumes and joined in our parade.



We had special classes in Spanish and Science (check out the web site <http://nurseryschool.wustl.edu/curriculum/enrichment-programs>) and had a wonderfully calming Yoga session right before the Halloween parade. We also celebrated Kenley's and Cate's birthdays.

Thanks for taking the time to join us for conferences. We enjoyed having the chance to talk to all of you about your wonderful children!

Nina took lots of photos of her friends playing in the classroom.



## Coming Up

Next week we will be exploring emotions and talking about ways we can continue to get along and have fun together. We will be preparing our garden for spring by planting bulbs of various kinds (hopefully on a warm day!).

We look forward to celebrating several November birthdays and preparing for our traditional Thanksgiving snack with the Teddy Bear Class.

~~Look for November Scholastic Book Order forms in backpacks this week.

~~We hope to take another campus walk to visit the campus vegetable garden before the harvest is completed for the year. Look for an email!

~~**Day for Dads, Grandparents, Relatives, and Friends: Friday, November 21 @10:45**

This was our favorite Halloween Song!

### **Old Mrs. Witch**

Old Mrs. Witch, old Mrs. Witch,  
Tell me what you see,  
Tell me what you see.  
I see a Jack-o-Lantern looking at me.

Old Mrs. Witch, old Mrs. Witch,  
Tell me how you fly,  
Tell me how you fly.  
I fly on my broomstick high in the sky.

Old Mrs. Witch, old Mrs. Witch,  
Tell me what you do,  
Tell me what you do.  
I come on Halloween and I scare you.

**BOOOO!!!**