NDVS/SB Outreach Newsletter

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Our mission is to provide specialized and individualized services for people of all ages who are blind or low vision by partnering with families, educators, and agencies to empower them in achieving their goals.



Accessible Fall Fun

Crunchy leaves, pumpkin spice everything, glowing jack-o-lanterns ... fall brings plenty of opportunities to explore the world with all of our senses. Check out these ideas for some fall fun!

Pasta Skeleton

Use different types of pasta and dried beans to create a tactile skeleton using white glue on black construction paper. Try spaghetti, tube pasta, wagon wheels, spirals, shells, and whatever else you may have in your cupboard! enchantedlearning.com





Turkey Squash Centerpiece

After washing a croock neck squash, glue googly eyes, a pipe cleaner for a beak, and feathers for a proud tail! wonderbaby.org

Textured Pumpkins

First draw a pumpkin on white paper. Then add sections and use puff paint so that every line is raised and tactile. Use a different piece from APH's Textured Paper Collection under each section of your pumpkin as you color to create a pumpkin with all sorts of different looks and feels! buggyandbuddy.com



Roll a Jack-o-Lantern: A Braille Halloween Game from Paths to Literacy



Materials:
- Orange, black, and brown foam sheets
- Sticky magnets, Velcro sheets, or tape
- Magnetic board, Velcro-stickable sheet/board, or a piece of cardboard
- Braille paper and braillewriter
- 1 braille die

Before Play:
- Make 1 set of Jack-o-Lantern parts for each player. For each set, cut out 1 orange pumpkin shape, 1 brown stem, 1 black mouth, 1 black nose, and 2 black eyes out of foam sheets.
- Adhere the magnets, Velcro, or tape to the back of the pieces.
- Arrange the types of pieces in a way that the players can easily find them, using trays, bowls, or in the corners of the play area.
- Braille the instructions as follows:

How to Play:
Players take turns rolling the die until the first person has collected all parts needed to create a Jack-O-Lantern. They are the winner!

If you roll a ...

1. pumpkin (or body)
2. stem
3. eye
4. eye
5. nose
6. mouth



