

Cougar Ridge Elementary

Storybook Character Pumpkin Patch

We are growing a storybook pumpkin patch in the library and need your help! Decorate a REAL pumpkin to look like one of your favorite book characters and bring it to school to plant in our Storybook Pumpkin Patch!

Think of your favorite book and design a pumpkin based on your favorite character from that book. Need some inspiration? Here are some ideas from other schools.



Pumpkin Rules

- No carved or cut pumpkins!
- Purchase a REAL pumpkin that is NO LARGER in size than a basketball.
- Acrylic paints or permanent markers work best. Watercolors run and spray paint will gradually ruin the pumpkin.
- Leave an area of the pumpkin NOT PAINTED so it has access to air (otherwise it will rot in our pumpkin patch)
- You can add materials like yarn, buttons, wiggly eyes, etc.
- Decorate your REAL pumpkin WITHOUT carving, cutting or poking holes in it. Pumpkins that are brought in with holes will be sent home. (You can also use a fake pumpkin from craft stores if you want).
- Bring the storybook pumpkin patch description page with your REAL pumpkin to the library.



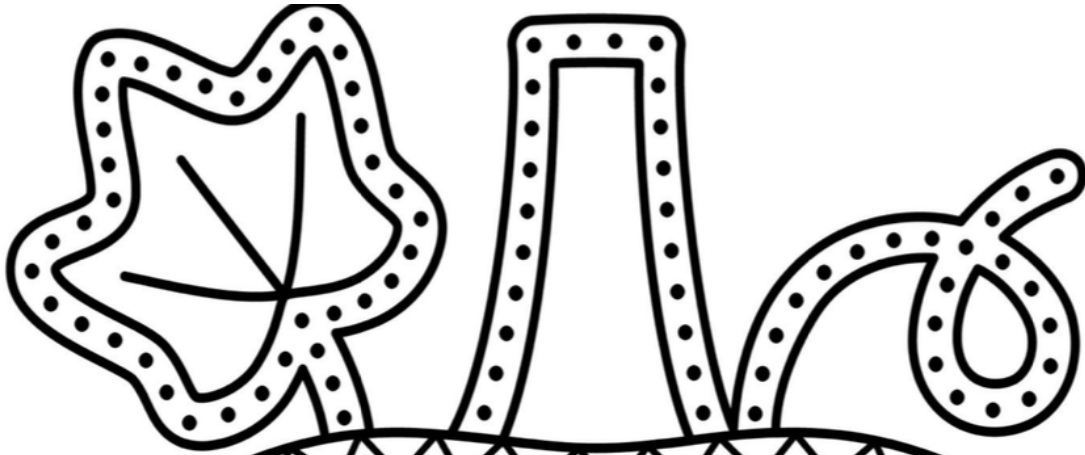
Pumpkin Patch Dates

Bring your pumpkins to our school library from October 17-28. Take your pumpkin home on November 1st. All pumpkins that are left behind will be thrown away by 4:00 that afternoon.

This is NOT a contest. Participation is completely voluntary. Each decorated pumpkin will earn the owner one small prize (limit one pumpkin per student).

Print and bring the pumpkin patch page to school with your pumpkin! You can also pick one up in the library.

Have fun Bobcats and be creative!



Storybook Pumpkin Patch

Child's name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Pumpkin's name: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Describe your character.
