

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had an exciting week using our music integration program, My Music Starts Here! With this program, we use high-quality music learning to help support our brain development, social-emotional development, and overall wellness all while singing, moving to music, and playing games!

This week, we continued practicing how to count to 10 in Spanish and we started learning the beloved poem, "Five Little Pumpkins". The words for this poem are below so that you can practice the poem at home with your child. Have fun acting out the lines for each pumpkin and be sure to turn out the light at the end of the poem!

We continued singing the song "Little Red Caboose" and we kept the steady beat to lots of different rhythm instruments like wood blocks, claves, sandpaper blocks, and even a shaker shaped like a banana! Try making some different homemade rhythm instruments with your child this week and then make a steady beat band! Check out this link for some ideas:

<https://www.dallassymphony.org/community-education/dso-kids/activities/>

And remember – sing and dance with your child every day! Enjoying music together is one of the best things we can do to ensure that our children are set up for a lifetime of joyful learning!

Sincerely,
Mary

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins, sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"
The second one said, "There are witches in the air!"
The third one said, "Oh, we don't care!"
The fourth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"
The fifth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"

"Ooooooohhhhhh!", went the wind and OUT went the light!
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!