



StoryTime SPARKS! Best Practices For Holidays & Special Days!

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THEME: Halloween!



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Storytime Resource Kit available for display@ the Youth Services Interest Group Booth #529, Exhibit Hall

1. Opening Song: **Debajo del Botón/ Under a Button** (*translation*)

Debajo del botón, tón, tón!

Que encontrón Martín, tín, tín,

Habia un rató, tíó, tón,

Ay, qué, chiquitín, tín, tín

Ay, qué, chiquitín, tín, tín

Era el ratón, tón, tón

Que encontrón Martin, tín, tín,

Debajo del botón, tón, tón

Diez deditos. Vol. 12: José-Luis Orozco (track #7)

Directions:

We all clap twice on the “tín, tín” and “tón, tón” lyrics.

For fun, use a “Mouse” Hand Puppet to sing along!

2. Introductions: **Hola Everyone!**



My name is Veronica Maciel and my storytime is on **Halloween/ Dia de la Brujas BOOOOO!** (In Mexico we don't have Halloween; we celebrate the Day of the Dead/ El Día de los Muertos)

Halloween is my 4 year-old son's favorite holiday of the year. Hey everyone!
Today is Halloween!!!

3. Flannel Board: **The Chocolate Chip Ghost / El Fantasma de Trozitos de Chocolate.**

Contents: 7 Pieces, 7 ghosts

4. First Book: [Today Is Halloween! ¡Hoy es Halloween!](#) by P.K. Hallina

A rhyming book.

5. Second Book: [Clatter Bash! A Day of the Dead Celebration](#) by Richard Keep

This book shows a rhythmic, rollicking celebration of the “Day of the Dead” Mexican holiday that celebrates death with both noisy fun and quiet respect. In this colorful, joyous picture book, a family sets out a fiesta offering in hope that the spirits of their ancestors will return for that one special day of the year, El Día de los Muertos.



6. Fingerplay: [Cinco Calabacitas / Five Little Pumpkins](#)

Cinco calabacitas sentadas en un portón;
La primera dijo: (apunte al dedo pequeño)
“Se está haciendo tarde.”

La segunda dijo: (apunte al segundo dedo)
“Hay brujas en el aire.”

La tercera dijo: (apunte al tercer dedo)
“No le hace.”

La cuarta dijo: (apunte al cuarto dedo)
“Es una noche de espanto.”

La quinta dijo: (apunte al pulgar)
“Corremos, corremos.”

U-u-u-u hizo el viento.

Y se apagaron las luces (aplauden recio)

Las cinco calabacitas

Corrieron a esconderse.

(Corren los dedos hacia detrás de su espalda.)

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate;
the first one said: (point to your pinky finger)
“My it’s getting late.”
The second one said: (point to your ring finger)
“There are witches all around.”
The third one said: (point to your middle finger)
“That’s alright.”
The fourth one said: (point to your index finger)
“It’s a spooky night.”
The fifth one said: (point to your thumb)
“Run, run.”

Ooh-ooh said the wind.
And the lights went out.
The five little pumpkins
Run and hide.

7. Third Book: [Clifford y el Día de Halloween / Clifford’s Halloween!](#) by Norman Bridwell

Great book, kids love Clifford, the big red dog.



8. Movement Song: [La Araña Pequeñita / The Ensy, Weensy Spider.](#)

Ensy Weensy Spider

Went up the water spout

(‘Climb’ up arm)

Down came the rain

(Wiggle fingers down from head to waist)

And washed the spider out

(Throw arms to sides)

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain

(Raise hands above head, make circle for sun)

Now the eensy weensy spider
Went up the spout again.

La araña pequeña

Subió, subió, subió.

Vino la lluvia

Y se la llevo.

Salio el sol

Y todo lo seco,

Y la arana pequeña

Subió, subió, subió.



9. Fourth Book: Skeleton Hiccups: Margery Cuyley

Funny skeleton has the hiccups, hic, hic, hic. Ghost tries to help but nothing works.

10. Fifth Book: Plip & Charly En ¿Te Da Miedo La Oscuridad? Phlip & Charly Are Scared of The dark? By Farr Jonathan

Simple Craft: Make Your Own Pumpkin (See Pattern)

STORYTIME SPARKS! – Paper Pumpkin Crafts

For each pumpkin, you will need:

- **12 strips of orange construction paper, each 12”x 1 1/2”**
- **1 green chenille stem**
- **2 paper leaves (I used die cut leaves), about 4” long**

Using a tiny hole punch or a paper clip, punch 2 holes in each orange strip, one near each end.

Make a loop at one end of the chenille stem and flatten so pumpkin will stand up.

Thread the orange strips on to chenille stem through bottom hole, then bend them up and thread again through top hole.

Fan out orange strips to create a round shape and push pumpkin down on stem to desired shape.

Punch a hole in each leaf, near stem end. Thread leaves through chenille stem to sit on top of pumpkin and arrange as desired.

Curl top of chenille stem around a pen to make vine top.



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