

TOMPKINSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN CONTEST



Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

This year, reading teachers and Mrs. Carter, are getting into the fall spirit by having a pumpkin decorating contest. TES students and staff are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for the whole family! Students and staff may bring in a decorated pumpkin to the school library and enter it into our contest October 26th-28th. All entries must be received by **10:00 am the morning of October 28th**.

Contest Rules:

1. ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS! Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Most importantly, we don't want a child handling a knife or carving tools. Carved pumpkins will not be entered into the contest and will be sent home. Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored, etc. Let your creative minds soar.
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite book character. On the entry form, you must write the title and author of the book. When you enter your pumpkin, you must have the book next to your pumpkin. ****We would recommend getting the book information first before even starting to decorate the pumpkin. ****
3. This is a home project and pumpkins should be done mostly by students. We will have different categories for each grade level. We will also have a category for a family entry.
4. Pumpkins may be transported on the bus, but they must fit in the student's lap and be inside a bag.
5. Do not write your name anywhere on the pumpkin. When you bring your pumpkin, storybook, and entry form to Mrs. Carter, she will record the information so that each pumpkin can be properly identified.
6. Pumpkins will be judged according to the following categories:
 - K-1st Student book character pumpkin
 - 2nd-3rd student book character pumpkin

- 4th-5th student book character pumpkin
- Faculty & Staff book character pumpkin
- Top family book character pumpkin (one entry per family)

7. Judging will be conducted by a panel of judges outside of our school.

8. Prizes:

Two winners in each category will be chosen. Prizes will be as followed:

K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

- \$10 Fall Book Fair gift certificate for : K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

Teachers & Staff

- Storybook collection from the Fall Book Fair for the top teacher/staff pumpkin.

Family - 1 entry per family

- Book & Movie

9. Pumpkins will be sent home by **Friday, October 30th**. Any pumpkin remaining will be discarded.

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Entry Form

October 26th-28th, 2020

*All pumpkins with storybook and entry forms must be delivered to Mrs. Carter between these dates. This form MUST accompany all pumpkins. All pumpkins must be received by 10:00 am on October 30th.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Class: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Book Character: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Category:

1. K thru 1st Book Character Pumpkin _____

*For students in grades kindergarten – first only. Parents may assist students in this category.

2. 2nd thru 3rd _____

*For students in grades second-third only. Parents should provide minimal assistance.

3. 4th thru 5th _____

* For students in grades fourth-fifth only. Parents should provide minimal assistance.

4. Faculty and Staff _____

5. **Family Book Character pumpkin** _____ * each family may enter one family pumpkin where all members of the family worked on it.

EXAMPLE OF A BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN:

