

Pumpkin Memory Game

This is a fun adaptation of the classic game Memory. It is a cognitive learning activity, while finding a matching plate (i.e. some faces will have smiles and some will have no smiles), children develop memory skills and attention to detail. This activity can be done outdoors (as seen in the picture above) or indoors. You can make the memory game any theme to coincide with what the children are interested in.

What you need:

- Paper plates
- Orange paint
- Black and brown construction paper
- Glue



What to do:

1. Prep the game ahead of time by painting the plates orange and then cutting out different facial expressions with the construction paper (i.e. smiley faces, sad faces, etc.). Make sure you have double for all facial expressions you create. For this young group, would recommend no more than 5-6 different facial expressions.
2. Once the plates are completed, go outside on a nice sunny fall day and play the game by laying the plates upside down in a grid pattern. Children will turn two plates over - if they match those 2 plates are taken away and they take another turn. If they don't match they should be turned back over to the white side.
3. Remind children to pay attention to which expression is where – the goal is to remember and find a match!
4. As the children become more comfortable with the concept and the game, you can increase the number of plates.

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