

The RIVER SCHOOL

Parent-Infant Program

SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY

Audiology Corner

Infants who wear hearing aids can often benefit from using a personal FM systems at home. The FM system will provide access to their parents' voice, which is vital in emerging auditory skill development. Discuss this option during your IFSP meeting. If appropriate, your early intervention team will provide the system for you to use at home. If your child is age three or above, a personal FM can be listed under the accommodations section of their IEP. Please note that children with cochlear implants should not use a personal FM system until they can report on sound quality.

✘ Five Little Pumpkins ✘

This finger play is a wonderful way to expose your child to rhythm, rhyming and ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.) with visual support in the form of finger and hand movements.

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate;
(Hold up 5 fingers and touch each one as the verse progresses)

The **first** one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."
(Touch wrist where a watch would be)

The **second** one said, "There are witches in the air."
(Swoosh hand through the air)

The **third** one said, "But I don't care." (Shake head, 'no')

The **fourth** one said, "I'm ready for some fun!" (Rub hands together)

The **fifth** one said, "Let's run and run and run."
(sign for run)

"Wooooo" went the wind, (cup hands around mouth)

And out went the lights. (sign for lights off)
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.
(rolls fists around each other)



Take Home Tips

Use objects you are playing with to help you get and maintain your child's attention. Talk to your child about the toy- its size, shape, or color. Some tricks that may help you get his attention

are to play peek-a-boo with the object, tickle him with the toy or make it give him a kiss.

Playing With a Pumpkin (ball can be substituted)

"Here's the pumpkin."
"The pumpkin is orange."
"A big pumpkin."

"Here's a small pumpkin."
"Push the pumpkin."

"Let's roll the pumpkin!"
"Are you ready?"
"Where's the pumpkin?"
"It's under the chair!"
"Pick up the pumpkin."