

Ardmore second graders learn 'Pumpkin Math'

Students in Mrs. Peluso's second grade classroom at Ardmore School were joined by parents and friends as they spent Friday enjoying a morning of Pumpkin Math.

Adult volunteers were teamed with groups of students who filled out packets of information about the pumpkin that was given to their group. The project incorporated visual and language arts, with students drawing a 'before' picture of their pumpkin and listing three adjectives

to describe it.

Then came the math. Students estimated the number of their pumpkin's vertical sections; its weight, height, and circumference; and the number of seeds. Then they counted, weighed, and measured to come up with actual statistics for their gourd.

Seed counting was a big hit with the students who squealed at the slimy nature of the seeds that they counted by dividing them into sets of 10.



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These students use a pumpkin and a length of yarn to measure and take a lesson in what circumference means. It was just one part of "Pumpkin Math," math exercises using pumpkins!



The second graders in Mrs. Peluso's class at Ardmore School clean out the innards of these pumpkins, which were used in "Pumpkin Math" lessons.



These young men in Mrs. Peluso's second grade classroom are scooping out the insides of the pumpkins and sorting the seeds. The seeds were for a "Pumpkin Math" counting game.



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Slimy, slippery seeds

An adult leader joins three girls in pulling all the seeds out of a pumpkin, which were then divided in groups of 10 to play counting games. It was all part of "Pumpkin Math," held in Mrs. Peluso's second grade classroom at Ardmore School. Separating and dividing up all those slippery seeds was easier said than done! More photos inside this issue.