

Don't Eat Jack, Spidey, or Batty!

Don't Eat Jack! This game has been around for a long time. I used to play it with my kindergarteners but even second graders have a ball with this one! This is a great game for fall parties! The students are divided into small groups of five or six. There are six pumpkins on a poster and you will set a question down on each of the pumpkins, along with a prize. One student is sent away from the group and another student quietly points to the pumpkin he designates as "Jack" for this round. They signal the student to return to the group. The questions should be simple questions based on learned curriculum such as addition, subtraction, history, math terms, etc. The student chooses one of the questions on a pumpkin and if he answers the question correctly he gets to keep the prize (single wrapped candy works well, or small prizes from Oriental Trading Company). He continues until he misses a question, or until he chooses the selected "Jack" at which time the others in the group yell out, "Don't eat Jack!" Then, on to the next round. We generally have stations set up for our fall party, this being just one of them. Others include coloring contests, an art craft, ring toss game, word search, etc. You can easily make your own "Don't Eat Jack" questions using common knowledge information that you have taught prior to now. (*Don't Eat Batty* has all bats, *Don't Eat Spidey* has all spiders.)

