



Dear Parents & Student,

It's that time of year again, the Library is getting into the fall spirit by having a pumpkin or gourd decorating contest. Jena Elementary students are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for the whole family! Students may decorate and bring a pumpkin or gourd to the school library and enter it into our Book Character Decorating Contest. Entries may be brought in **beginning Tuesday, October 13th and set up by 2:30 pm that afternoon. Pumpkins will be judged and winners announced Friday, October 16th. Pumpkins need to be picked up from 2-3 pm Friday, October 16th.**

Contest Rules:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS/GOURDS!** Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Carved pumpkins will not be entered into the contest and will be sent home. Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored, etc. Foam pumpkins may be used.
2. Pumpkins **MUST** represent a favorite **BOOK CHARACTER (an object found in the story is not considered a character--characters speak, talk, act, have feelings)**. As part of your pumpkin display please have the following displayed with your pumpkin, the **entry form completely filled out AND the actual book or photocopy of the book cover that your pumpkin character represents.**
3. This is a home project and parents may work with his/her child to complete a pumpkin
4. Pumpkins may be transported on the bus, but they must fit in the student's lap and be inside a bag (per the bus safety rules).
6. Pumpkins must be taken home or **picked up Friday, October 16th between 2:00-3:00 p.m. (not before, pictures need to be taken of winning pumpkins).** **REMAINING PUMPKINS WILL BE DISCARDED.** Please make arrangements to get your child's pumpkin this day.
9. Pumpkins will be judged on creativity and how good the pumpkin represents the book character. Participation certificates will be given to students entering a pumpkin for judging. Overall Winner, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded to the pumpkin judged best in each grade-level.

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest Entry Form

Student Name: _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Book Character Name: _____

Title of the Book: _____

Author: _____