"When Irish and Scottish immigrants arrived in America, they were pleased to find a native fruit of North America perfect for continuing this practice: the great pumpkin. And so this Celtic tradition worked its way into America’s melting pot culture—today adding a key element to a very American holiday." Read more about the Irish Folk tale regarding the origination of The Jack-O-Lantern – an American Halloween Tradition – at the following website: http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Jack_O_Lanterns/

**ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT LESSON**

Use your Braidy the StoryBraid™ “rings” or Story Grammar Marker® “beads” for a hands-on, multi-sensory way to orally practice “listing” or “sequencing” of materials or steps needed for making a Jack-O-Lantern.

**WRITING LESSON**

Then, using MindWing magnets and/or ThemeMaker™ Maps, fill-in the following LIST and SEQUENCE content for a writing lesson individually or as a class.

### How to Carve a Pumpkin – A LIST of Items and Tools You Need

- Newspaper
- Pumpkins
- Paring Knives/ Chef’s Knives
- Large Spoon
- Felt-tip Pens
- Pencils
- Votive Candles

**Sample Topic Sentence:**

There are several items and tools necessary for carving a pumpkin to make a Jack-O-Lantern.
FIRST, Pick out a fresh pumpkin in a shape that you like; short and round or tall and oval and place it on spread out newspapers.

NEXT, Draw a circle or hexagon (with a pencil or felt tip pen) on top of the pumpkin in preparation for making an opening large enough for your hand to reach through.

AFTER THAT, Cut through the stem end of the pumpkin along your outline with a sharp knife. Use a back-and-forth slicing motion to cut through the thick, tough skin.

THEN, Remove the stem end, which will act as a cap, making sure you scrape off any seeds or pulp.

NEXT, Use a large spoon to scoop out the seeds and pulp from inside the pumpkin.

AFTER THAT, Draw a pattern for the face on the clean pumpkin with a felt-tip pen, or draw the lines into the skin using a pencil. Be sure to make the eyes, nose and mouth large enough (it may be tough to cut out tiny features when you’re using a big knife blade to saw through tough skin).

THEN, Follow your pattern as you cut all the way through the pumpkin.

NEXT, Push the cut-out features gently from the inside of the pumpkin and throw away the pieces.

FINALLY, Place a votive candle inside the pumpkin to create a warm glow to enjoy during Halloween and throughout the Autumn season.

Sample Topic Sentence:
There are several steps for carving a pumpkin in order to make a Jack-O-Lantern.

Happy Halloween...Have a wonderful Fall season.