## LITERARY LESSON ON CHARACTER TRAITS & CRAFT

## **Literary Character Pumpkin Activity**

*Using knowledge of character traits to create character (pumpkins)* 

Looking for a fun way to incorporate fall and Halloween activities into your lessons? How about creating a challenge or activity where students or families decorate a pumpkin like a favorite book or book character and write a short description of the story using story "hooks?"

I visited Nottingham Elementary in Northern Virginia, where some amazing literary pumpkins were on display! It not only encouraged family fun and creativity, but it sparked students' curiosity about books they hadn't read yet.

The pumpkins were effectively doing about 50 "book talks" to kids visiting the library while decorating the tops of the shelves!

## Here are a few Gingerbread Man Pumpkin ideas.







