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### **Weymouth Preschool Rooms Experiment with Science**

The Charlotte Public Schools' 3 year old preschool room has really been hands on with science this fall. They have explored nature, right outside our back door. From leaves to pinecones and pumpkins to squash. The used the seeds for cooking and the rind for making homemade play dough. The children used all five senses to really get hands on with their explorations. What does a pumpkin smell like versus a squash? What do the seeds of a pumpkin look and feel like versus the seeds of a gourd? The favorite experiment of the season, however, was the "Oozing



Pumpkin." The children took their jack-o-lantern outside and mixed baking soda, yeast, and peroxide inside the pumpkin to create an oozing effect that came out the mouth, nose, and eyes. So much messy fun. For any experiment they do, the children talk about what the experiment entails, they make predictions about what they think will happen, and then they observe. So even at 3 years old they are already beginning to learn and understand the scientific process. So much can be learned from nature and science, and to start them young lays the foundation for great things to come!