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Jamie is growing a pumpkin which he plans on carving. He starts with a seed. After planting the pumpkin seed, it grows into a sprout which becomes a much larger plant. This plant grows a flower. On the flower grows a small green pumpkin. This pumpkin gets bigger and bigger and more and more orange until it is just right for picking. After carving the jack o’ lantern Jamie saves six pumpkin seeds for the next year that he hopes to plant next spring to grow more pumpkins.

This is a very simple book with one named character. This character does not have any dialog and most of the book focuses on the pumpkin rather than on people. Large pictures fill the pages across from the words allowing even nonreaders to understand the stages of the pumpkin’s growth. Although there are few words on each page, those words convey important information. This information can be used by teachers to teach about the life cycle of pumpkins. Learning about life cycles is a part of the first-grade curriculum. This book could also be used to encourage young children to start their own gardens of pumpkins or other plants.