



Halloween Language Arts and Music Projects

Grade Appropriate: Pre-K – 12

Project 1: Write Poetry – Sing – Art Enrichment

- Have the students listen to the American folk song, “Ghost of John,” from the Free download (see below). The song traditionally has only one verse. The artist has added more.

*“Have you heard of the Ghost of John?
Long white bones and the rest all gone.
Oooooooooooooo
Wouldn’t it be chilly with no skin on?”*

- Then have the students come up with their own song verse(s).
- Have students draw their interpretation of their verse(s) describing the Ghost of John while listening to the song. (Note: Kindergarteners can just draw their interpretation of the song.)
- Have students sing their verses and share their art work.



Project 2: Listen and Imagine – Reading & Art Enrichment

- Read students the classic poem, “The Spider and the Fly.”
- Have students draw a picture of a scene from the poem while listening to the music, “Arachnitect.”



Instructional Aids or Resources Available:

- FREE music download of “Ghost of John – Bare Bones Version” by Kristen Lawrence is available at www.HalloweenCarols.com.
- The album, *Arachnitect- from the Halloween Carols* by Kristen Lawrence, contains both songs for these Halloween projects, and can be purchased as a CD or downloaded as an MP3 from iTunes, Amazon, or CDBaby.com.
- The title song, “Arachnitect,” relates to the web-building spider in the poem, “The Spider and the Fly.”
- “The Spider and the Fly” is a poem by Mary Howitt (1799-1888), published in 1829. Poetry is public domain and available on the internet.
- An illustrated version of the poem is found in the 2003 Caldecott Honor Book, *The Spider and the Fly* by Tony DiTerlizzi,– available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other online and retail sources.