Fall is here – and with the changing weather comes fun, creative ideas!
This month’s box is all about scarecrows and jack-o-lanterns, like in the book *The Little Old Lady Who Wasn’t Afraid of Anything*. You can use the pinwheel to practice taking a breath if you get scared – take a deep breath in, and as you breathe out see how you can move the pinwheel around and around.

What’s in the box?

- pipe cleaner
- foam pumpkin
- squeeze ball
- pinwheel
- 2 wood bracers
- glue stick
- crayons
- scissors
- construction paper
- pencil
- markers

Materials from this box are brought to you in part by our generous friends at:

Kindergarten Readiness skills:
Each month we will share skills to help your child get ready for Kindergarten. Think about this as a road map you travel along with your child, practicing skills that will help them enter Kindergarten ready to learn and succeed.

- Fine motor skills: using scissors; putting together a sort of “puzzle”
- Self care skills: if dressing up like a scarecrow, getting dressed in items found around the house
- Language skills: following or understanding two-step directions
Activities that get your child ready for Kindergarten

Make your own Jack-O-Lantern!

Using the construction paper, scissors, crayons, and glue stick, draw your plan for a pumpkin face. Look for triangles, squares, rectangles, and circles for the eyes, nose, mouth, or anything else you need! You can even trace your pumpkin to make the shape! Think about the different ways you can use the same shapes to make a face!

Can you move like or make your own scarecrow?

Look around the house and find all the things you need to move like the book *The Little Old Lady Who Wasn’t Afraid of Anything!* Shoes that go clomp, clomp; pants that wiggle, wiggle; shirt that can shake, shake; gloves that can clap, clap; and a hat that can nod, nod.

Make your own little old lady!

Using your pipe cleaners, make the shapes you need to make your own little old lady. What kind of shapes will you need? Don’t forget to make a pumpkin for her to run away from!

Color in the pumpkin when you completed the activity!