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Holidays are learning days.

Halloween is a great time to encourage children to use their powerful imaginations. In the block area, children built "robot machines" and turned each other into smart, strong, and powerful robots. While some of the robots were evil, most were good.

Halloween is a festive time, so I read "I am Invited to a Party." They love the characters of Gerald the elephant and Piggy the pig in Mo Willems' Gerald and Piggy books. To enhance children's literacy skills, I emphasized the sound that the letter "p" in party makes, helping children make a beginning letter-sound association. Some of the children made party invitations to give to other children. Right before lunch, we had our dance party where the children enjoyed dancing to "I Can be Frog," "The Funky Penguin," and "ABC Rock."



Erin is reading *Gerald and Piggy* book.



Making black and white play dough.



Robot factory



Cory's mom made bats with the kids.

