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"How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin"
at the Bryant –Mamaroneck Park Storywalk

White Plains, NY – October 10th, 2023- We are excited to announce the posting of a new book along the Bryant-Mamaroneck *Storywalk* Trail for the Fall. "*How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?*" written by Margaret McNamara is a book that makes a wonderful read-aloud companion to any math or science curriculum, and it's a fun way to reinforce counting skills at home. For curious kids, this explores skip counting and estimation in a fun pumpkin-themed classroom experiment. "How many seeds are in a pumpkin?" Mr. Tiffin asks his class as they gather around the big, medium, and small pumpkins on his desk. For homework, they think of how they should count them all. One group counts by twos, one by fives and Charlie counts the smallest pumpkin's seeds by tens. Robert, the biggest kid, guesses that the largest one has a million seeds; Elinor, sounding like she knows what she's talking about, guesses the medium one has 500 seeds; and Anna, who likes even numbers better than odd ones, guesses that the little one has 22. Charlie, the smallest boy in the class, doesn't have a guess. Counting pumpkin seeds is messy business, but once the slippery job is done, which will have the most: the big, the medium, or the small pumpkin? Each student has their own ideas, but there's only one way to find out and the answer comes as a surprise to everybody.

The City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department, in partnership with the White Plains Public Library, has been pleased to present *StoryWalk* at Bryant-Mamaroneck Park. The *StoryWalk* combines a children's story with a popular walking route. Children's books are selected, the pages separated, laminated, and placed along a walking path at regular intervals so readers can follow the story as they walk the route. The *StoryWalk* is a great opportunity for parents, teachers, and caregivers to provide a fun and healthy activity for young children.

The Bryant-Mamaroneck Park is located on the corner of Bryant and Mamaroneck Avenues. The park entrance is on the Mamaroneck Avenue side. Parking is available in the City of White Plains Mamaroneck Avenue parking lot (lower level). The *StoryWalk*® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.