Mystery Sensory Writing

You are going to choose something to do with Halloween or autumn, and use the five senses to describe it. Nowhere in your description should you actually say what the item is. If Miss Brown can correctly guess what your item is from your sensory descriptions, you will earn a reward!

1. On the index card you’ve been given, write your name, and the item you’re going to describe. Put it in the envelope Miss Brown has provided for your class. When all cards are in the envelope, Miss Brown will seal it. She will not open it until she has gone through all of the class’s papers and made her guess on each according to the clues you give.

2. Now, think about the item you chose. Imagine to yourself what it looks like, what it sounds like, what it smells like, how it feels to your fingers when you touch it, and if you were to lick it, what it would taste like (yes, even if you’re describing something you wouldn’t ordinarily put in your mouth!!).

3. Now for each sense, give a good description of your item without saying what it is. Remember to be specific. Don’t use general words like “pretty,” “nasty,” “delicious,” etc. Those types of words mean different things to different people and are not specific enough.

Sight: ____________________________________________________________________________________
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Sound: ____________________________________________________________________________________
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Smell: ____________________________________________________________________________________
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Touch: ____________________________________________________________________________________
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Taste: ____________________________________________________________________________________
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Miss Brown’s guess: ____________________________ Was she right? ____________________________