

Speech Newsletter

We are Thankful !

November is a wonderful month to reflect on all that we are thankful for in our lives. Although we may all have different struggles to endure, it's always important to remind our children to be thankful for the blessings they do have. Thanksgiving can be a wonderful time to remind them of that. The holiday can also be used as an important teaching tool in many areas, such as, manners at the dinner table, social skills at family gatherings, following directions, such as, setting the table or making a recipe. Our school will be having our annual Thanksgiving celebration where the students will come together to enjoy a holiday dinner with all the usual foods and desserts we all have at this time of year. Good social behavior will be encouraged, as well as proper table manners, being respectful to the servers and please and thank-you's will be expected as well. These are all very important real life skills that can be taught and modeled by you during the Thanksgiving holiday. It's the time of year for you to instill family values and traditions in your children.



THEMES/UNITS

1. Manners – Mealtime behavior
2. Holidays – Thanksgiving vocabulary
3. Following directions – Making a recipe

Things to do at Home

1. Plan a recipe together for the holiday.
2. Take your child to the supermarket and have him/her find the ingredients you need in the store.
3. Read a book together about how Thanksgiving came about.
4. Go to a local football game together.

Suggested Vocabulary

1. Gratitude
2. Tradition
3. Celebrate
4. Voyage
5. Colonists

BOOKS

1. Thanksgiving Rules – by Laurie B. Friedman
2. Pete the Cat – The First Thanksgiving by Kimberly and James Dean
3. What's Thanksgiving? by Adam Michelle
4. There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey by Lucille Colandro



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