

Dear Parents,

We spent last week and these past two days discussing and doing activities related to Thanksgiving. The feast with our First Grade friends was GREAT! We are sure that the “Native Americans” went home and told you all about it. The children have been hearing about the First Thanksgiving and have also been learning about why we celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us all be thankful for what God has given to each of us!

During this time of giving thanks, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Thank you for all your volunteering and your support since the beginning of the school year.

We are very grateful! Have a wonderful holiday!

**Star of the Week:**

Joshua was our “Star of the Week”. He brought in a turkey puppet, a dinosaur toy, a lego car, and his family. Joshua’s favorite thing about being “Star of the Week” was being the line leader.

**Learning Center Highlights by Theme**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Native Americans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to <u>Many Nations</u>- A Native American Alphabet book</li> <li>• Listen to <u>The Girls Who Loved Wild Horses</u></li> <li>• Listen to <u>The Very First Thanksgiving</u> and <u>Thanksgiving Mice</u></li> <li>• Listen to story about <u>Pocahontas</u></li> <li>• Create a Native American Vest</li> <li>• Make a necklace using symmetry</li> <li>• Create a Native American Headband</li> <li>• Learn Native American math games- Moon &amp; Stars and Toss the Sticks</li> <li>• Sequence alphabet to make a dot-to-dot buffalo</li> <li>• Make Native American pottery</li> <li>• Decorate a drum – a Native American ceremonial instrument</li> <li>• Make a paint release picture of picture writing</li> <li>• Color a book about Native American life</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to <u>Thanks for Thanksgiving and The Best Thanksgiving Ever!</u></li> <li>• Create a guest book for Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Review color words on turkey</li> <li>• Play Gobble Bingo and Autumn Bingo</li> <li>• View the video “Living at Plymouth Colony”</li> <li>• Graph favorite Thanksgiving food-<i>Turkey is our favorite</i></li> <li>• Illustrate their plans for Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Sequence the letters in turkey</li> <li>• Practice rhyming and syllables</li> <li>• Reinforce correct number order on a dot-to-dot turkey</li> <li>• Listen to <u>The Great Turkey Race</u></li> <li>• Interact with books <u>Thanksgiving is...</u> and <u>Today is Thanksgiving</u></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanksgiving Foods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sequence alphabet to make a dot-to-dot turkey</li> <li>• Listen to <u>I Know an Old Lady who Swallowed a Pie</u> and <u>Ten Fat Turkeys</u></li> <li>• Identify changes in Thanksgiving Foods</li> <li>• Paint with feathers to create a colorful turkey</li> <li>• Share reading of <u>Turkeys</u>, and <u>The Best Thanksgiving Book - ABC</u></li> <li>• Use tally marks to play the colorful feathers game</li> <li>• Decide which foods they would have eaten at the First Thanksgiving</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The First Thanksgiving/Pilgrims</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to <u>The First Thanksgiving</u></li> <li>• Listen to <u>Thanksgiving on Plymouth Plantation</u></li> <li>• Count by tens to create a turkey with 10 feathers</li> <li>• Cooperate and take turns to play the game, <i>The First Thanksgiving</i></li> <li>• Make a Pilgrim Hornbook</li> <li>• Sequence pictures about The First Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Sequence teen numerals on turkeys</li> </ul>

\*\*\*\* A special note about the Thanksgiving Guest Book:

When one of my sons was in Kindergarten, he brought a similar booklet home. Every year on Thanksgiving Day, we take out the booklet which has signatures, notes, and illustrations done some 18 years ago. This booklet holds special memories of some very special people who are no longer here with us. It has provided many laughs, and tears, over the years. Maybe it can become special for you too!

Susan Z.

