

# Thankful Week

## Wednesday

**Book:** My First Thanksgiving by Tomie dePaola \*\*\*

How Spider Saved Thanksgiving by Robert Kraus \*\*\*

### **Activity:**

Ask the children if they know their plans for Thanksgiving. Will they visit family? Will they help cook the turkey? What kinds of foods do they think they will eat for Thanksgiving dinner?

Feely Box - In a box add some items that resemble the Fall season and the Thanksgiving holiday. These items can include: small pumpkin, various gourds, ear of corn, acorns, leaves, etc. Have the children close their eyes and take turns feeling each item. After each child has had a turn, ask them to list the items they "think" they were. Record their answers on the paper provided in the story room. After they have listed their guesses, show them each item and pass them around for them to feel again and examine each item closely.

### *Hello Mr. Turkey*

(Sung to: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

Hello, Mr. Turkey how are you?  
Hello, Mr. Turkey how are you?  
His feet go wobble, wobble  
And his head goes Gobble, Gobble.  
Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you?

### **Spanish:**

Happy Thanksgiving - Día de Acción de Gracias

Leaves - las hojas

Pumpkin - la calabaza



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## Friday

**Book:** Thanksgiving Day by Gail Gibbons \*\*\*

Over the River - A Turkeys Tale by Derek Anderson \*\*\*

### **Activity:**

Pass around a Thanksgiving cut-out. Have the children sit in a circle and while holding their cut-out say aloud something they are thankful for. Help them with their answers and give them examples. After they have each had a turn, write their answers on their cut-outs to send home that afternoon.

*Song for Thanksgiving*  
(Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Thank you, thank you, very much  
For everything that I can touch.  
Thanks a lot for nature's food.  
And for when I'm feeling good.  
Thank you, thank you very much.  
For moms and dads and friends and such.

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## Hey Diddle, Diddle

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
The little dog laughed to see such fun  
And the dish ran away with the spoon!

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## Wednesday Art:

### *Indian Corn*

Items you will need:

- ✓ Picture of an ear of corn
- ✓ Tissue papers squares - red, yellow, brown, and orange
- ✓ Glue

Directions:

Let the children crumble the tissue paper into tiny balls and glue them on the ear of corn picture. This is a great sensory project!

## Friday Art:

### *Feather Painting*

Items you will need:

- ✓ 12x18 construction paper
- ✓ Feathers
- ✓ Tempra paint
- ✓ Thanksgiving stickers

Directions:

Ask each child to create their very own Thanksgiving mural. Give them stickers, sponges, feathers, etc to paint on their paper.

