

Thanksgiving Holiday Supplement

Book Supplement Suggestions:

Autumn Harvest by Alvin Tresselt

Sometimes It's Turkey, Sometimes It's Feathers by Lorna Balian

Hard Scrabble Harvest by Darlov Ipcar

Over the River and Through the Woods by Lydia Maria Child

Cranberry Thanksgiving by Wendee and Harry Devlin

Turkey Collage:

Trace children's hands on tag board. Have children decorate eyes, nose and feet. Decorate the body of the turkey using the following: dried beans, colored rice, sequins, macaroni, glitter, feathers, etc.

Turkey Strut

(Tune: Mulberry Bush)

This is how the turkey struts,
The turkey struts, the turkey struts.
This is how the turkey struts,
The turkey struts like this.

(Invite the children to strut their stuff)

Pumpkin Pie Dough:

You will need:

2 cups flour

1 cup salt

2 cups water

3 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Orange food coloring (mix yellow and red)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

4 teaspoons cream of tarter

Combine ingredients in large pot. Cook on low heat. Stir until dough forms and pulls away from the sides of the pot. Remove the dough and cool.

Thanksgiving Mural:

Provide mural paper and have children dictate what they are thankful for as you write on paper fruit shapes to create a cornucopia display.

Native American Headbands: Provide strips of paper, stamps and invite the children decorate and attach feathers.

Indian Vests: Cut a brown grocery bag in half. Fringe and let the children decorate with collage materials.

Pilgrim Hats: Provide a large black square with a black strip of paper attached. Let the children decorate the belt loop for hat with yellow paint and tin foil.

Turkey Centerpiece: Stuff a large paper bag with newspaper. Staple to it feet, head and goblet and then decorate with feathers, fabric scraps and sequins.

Play dough Bead Necklaces:

Children can make their own beads for necklaces. You will need 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 cup water, 1 tsp. cooking oil. Have children measure and mix all ingredients together until smooth. Give each child a small lump some to make small balls or ovals. They can make holes by pushing a toothpick through the center. The beads need to dry for several days. Have children turn their beads several times while they are drying. These beads can be painted with tempera paint or colored markers. Use twine or lanyard to string.

Thankerchief:

Have the children sit in a large circle. Pass a handkerchief around until the end of the poem. When it stops, have he/she say what they are thankful for.

Thankerchief, thankerchief,
 Thankerchief round you go.
 Where you stop nobody can know
 But when you do someone must say
 What he or she is thankful for this day.

Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle
 The seasons come and go,
 The harvest is all gathered in,
 And chilly north winds blow.
 Orchards have shared their treasure
 Their fields, their yellow grain,
 So open wide the doorway,
 Thanksgiving comes again

Smells Like Thanksgiving

(Tune: Frere Jacques)
 Smells like Thanksgiving, smells like
 Thanksgiving,
 Mmmm good, mmmm good,
 I can smell the turkey, I can smell the
 pies,
 Mmmm good, mmmm good.

Let's Be Thankful

(Tune: Twinkle Little Star)
 Let's be thankful for this day,
 For our friends and for our play.
 Let's be thankful, let's be glad,
 For the food and things we have.
 Let's give thanks for you and me,
 And for our home and family.