

TodayCare Times

November, 2023

A Newsletter for St. Joseph's Child Care Center

HOW TO TEACH CHILDREN THE MEANING OF THANKSGIVING

Up-Coming...

- Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11th.
- Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 24.
- Black Friday Friday, Nov. 25.
- Cyber Monday Monday, Nov. 28.

November is **National Children' Month, Good Nutrition,** and **National Native American Heritage Month.**

THANKSGIVING CLOSURE

The school will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.



Parents.

Don't forget to keep two full changes of clothes in your child's cubby for those little emergencies. please remember to include socks and exunderwear (for children who wear them), and to label all of the items. Also, please check often to make sure the extra clothes are weather appropriate, that they still fit your child.

The SJCC Parent Advisory Board meets on the

third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in our Teacher's Lounge

Remaining

2023

Meeting Dates:

November 17

December 15



- Talk about why we celebrate Thanksgiving. Connect your celebration to the original story of the fall harvest celebration that brought together Native Americans and Pilgrims for a feast.
- Turn the television off during family time. Try to keep most of Thanksgiving about the conversation and time spent with loved ones.
- Talk about family traditions and tell stories. Talk about traditions, "the good old days," and your own childhood. Stories teach children about life and history.
- **Put aside differences.** Vow to put aside differences on Thanksgiving and focus on the aspects of your family for which you are grateful.
- Talk about your Thanksgiving feast. Talk to children about where food comes from and how it was prepared. Everyone can share what their favorite food is and why.
- **Be thankful.** Focus on the things you are thankful for; ask everyone at the table to say what they are thankful for or make a list of what your family is thankful for.
- Share and donate. Develop a tradition of sharing with those who have less and involve children in contributing to a food shelter or other charities.
- Create something for Thanksgiving together. Involving kids in the preparation or an activity is a great way to celebrate and enjoy family time.
- **Have fun.** Be sure fun family activities and enjoying one another is a top priority on Thanksgiving.

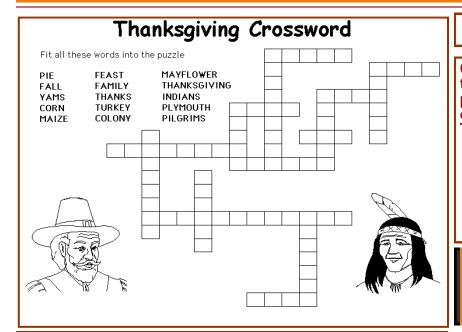


Book Selections for November

- Run, Turkey, Run! by Diane Mayr
- 'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving, by Dav Pilkey
- Thanksgiving Is... by Gail Gibbons
- A Plump and Perky Turkey, by Teresa Bateman
- Squanto and the First Thanksgiving, by Teresa Celsi
- Five Silly Turkeys, by Salina Yoon
- The Story of the Pilgrims, by Katharine Ross
- A Turkey for Thanksgiving, by Eve Bunting
- Turkey Trouble, by Wendi Silvano
- Duck for Turkey Day, by Jacqueline Jules
- Thanksgiving Treat, by Catherine Stock
- The First Thanksgiving, by Nancy Davis



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How to Teach Your Child to Make a Grocery List

- Pick up a grocery catalog from your local grocery store.
- Have your child circle things that he/she would like to purchase at the
- Have he/she practice writing down the items needed in list form. If your child is too small to write, he/she can draw the items, but in list form.
- Take your child to the store and have he/she the items needed using the

Kid-Friendly Recipes to Cook With Your Child!

Striped Turkey Cookies

You will need:

- Oreo cookies
- Frosting
- Striped chocolate cookie
- Malt milk balls or Hershey kisses
- Candy corn

Directions:

Use an Oreo cookie for the base of



your cookie. With a dab of frosting, place a striped chocolate cookie on the end, with the striped part showing out. You may have to cut a sliver off the end to make it flat. Add a dab of frosting to front and add a malted milk ball for a head. Add a candy corn tip for his beak.

Turkey Fun Toast Snack

You will need:

- Bread.
- Candy corn.
- Peanut butter or cream cheese.
- Fruit.

Directions:

Cut out a turkey from a piece of bread with a turkey shaped cookie cutter. Have kids add candy corns for feathers and a raisin for an eye with peanut butter or cream cheese as their glue. Pieces of fruit leather also work well for feathers.



Just for Fun!

Q: What does a turkey and a person have in common on Thanksgiving?



A: They both get stuffed!

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Cranberry Jell-O is only sold in November and December, and is the only Jell-O flavor that comes from real fruit, not artificial flavoring.

***** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...!

★ STUDENTS

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★ Elle McCarron - November 05.

Xavier Rosa - November 06.

🔀 Rohan Donovan - November 07.

* Narjae' Bolton - November 07.

Stella Spence - November 9.

Doriana Dieu - November 12.

Levi Osborne - November 12.

★ Indi Hunt - November 18.

★ Mazie Heath - November 26.

Amirah Moran - November 28.

Landon Lewis - November 29.

TEACHERS

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Kathy Ruiz de Porras - November 14.

★ Sarah Foster - November 16.

