



TodayCare Times

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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. And please remember to include socks and extra underwear (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, and 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



