

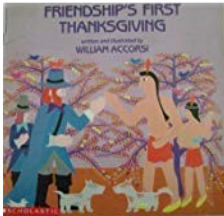


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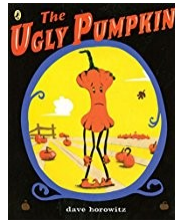
The Be **READY** Rover Review

November's Storytime Theme: Giving Thanks!

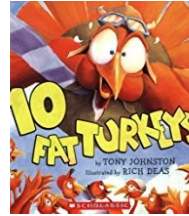
READ



Friendship's First Thanksgiving
William Accorsi



The Ugly Pumpkin
Dave Horowitz



10 Fat Turkeys
Tony Johnston

We try to achieve the 6 early literacy skills - **Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Letter Knowledge, Vocabulary, Phonological Awareness** (such as rhyming words), and **Narrative Skills** – by including 5 basic activities in our lesson plans: **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.**

TALK

What holiday is coming this month? What do you do on Thanksgiving? Do you know how Thanksgiving began? What are you thankful for?

SING

"If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands, if you're thankful and you know it clap your hands. If you're thankful and you know it, then your face will surely show it. If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands." (Repeat, ending with "Stomp your feet". Repeat again, ending with "Shout 'I am!'". Repeat, end with "Do all 3!")

PLAY

The older children retold "The Ugly Pumpkin", using puppets and props.

The younger children helped act out "10 Fat Turkeys" with felt-backed pictures of the turkeys in the book, on the flannel board.

WRITE

The children used glue sticks to put together a turkey using 2 pre-cut circles for the body and head, a triangle for the beak, an oval for the wattle, and feather shapes for the tail. Each child told me things they were thankful for, and I wrote 1 on each feather.

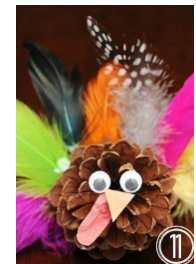
TURKEY TIME!



Trace and cut out a child's handprint from brown paper, let kids paint fingers, add clothespin legs.



Use jumbo popsicle sticks, paint or color with markers.



Let kids dip feathers in tacky glue and stick into pine cones.

More Thanksgiving activities:

- A Turkey Dance!** Visit www.learningstationmusic.com for a fun group dance.
- Write Your Blessings;** Write the letters of the alphabet on a large sheet of paper. Ask the children to tell you things they are thankful for. Write each thing they say next to the letter it begins with.
- Make Corn with Oats!** Cut a corn cob shape from yellow construction paper, and 2 green husk leaves and glue or staple together. Spread white glue over the cob with a sponge or foam brush, then let the children cover with Cheerios. Use Fruit Loops for Indian Corn; encourage the children to line up the cereal pieces, or even to follow a color pattern. (If they snack on the cereal, make sure they're not eating the glue!)
- Clay Turkeys:** Using air-drying clay, help the children make a big and small ball and put them together to make a turkey. Let them stick real feathers into the clay for a tail. Let dry, then let them paint the clay or color it with



Add real feathers to hand print.

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