

# Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

## November 2017

Tutors: please go over this newsletter (whatever is appropriate) with your adult student and encourage him/her to visit the Story Times with their children, it's a lot of fun!



**Redbud Library**, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, **Thursday, 11:00 am.**

**Middletown Library**: 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, **Tuesdays, 11:30 am.**

**Lakeport Library**, 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, **Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm**

### Fall into Thanksgiving

**I am Thankful** (sung to: She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain)

I am thankful for my doggy and my cat. And my teddy bear so furry, soft and fat,  
I am thankful for soft kittens and my nice warm woolen mittens.  
And my swing set and my baseball and my bat.



I am thankful for my crayons and my books. And the way our brand new baby smiles and looks.  
I am thankful for potatoes and for juicy ripe tomatoes.  
And for all the tasty food that mommy cooks.



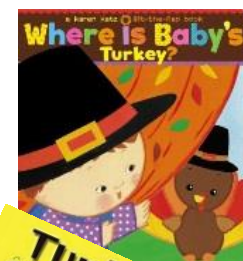
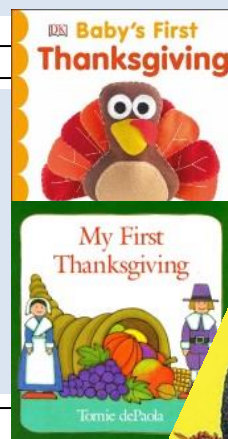
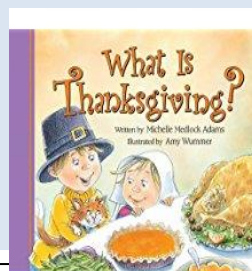
I am thankful for my mommy and my dad. They both love me whether I am good or bad.



I am thankful for the flowers and refreshing summer showers,  
All the pretty things around me make me glad.

**Let's be Thankful** (sung To: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Let's be thankful for this day  
For our friends and our play  
Let's be thankful; let's be glad  
For our food and the things we have  
Let's give thanks for you and me  
And our home and family.



Check out these or other Thanksgiving books at your local library:

→ **My first Thanksgiving**, by Tomie De Paola,

→ **Turkey Trouble**, by Wendi Silvano and Lee Harper: as Thanksgiving Day approaches, Turkey nervously makes a series of costumes, disguising himself as other farm animals in hopes that he can avoid being served as Thanksgiving dinner.

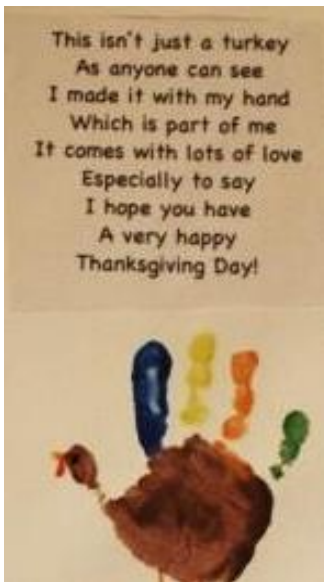
→ **What is Thanksgiving?** by Michelle Adams: whimsical art and rhyming verse helps even the youngest child understand that Thanksgiving is really about showing gratitude for all the blessings in our lives.

→ **Baby's first Thanksgiving**, by Dawn Sirret: introduces the holiday through simple text and such illustrations as a cornucopia, pumpkins, apples, a cooked turkey, and a child's turkey handprint.

→ **Where is Baby's turkey?** A Karen Katz lift-the-flap book.

## Fingerprint turkey

Paint the palm and thumb of your child's hand with brown finger paint and the rest of the fingers a different color. Have her stamp her hand down on a piece of white paper. Once that dries, you can add a googly eye, beak, and legs. You can also write the rhyme onto the paper or even make a card!



### Fingerprint turkey rhyme

This isn't just a turkey as you can plainly see.  
I made it with my hand which is a part of me.  
It comes with lots of love especially to say,  
I hope you have a very, Happy Thanksgiving Day!



## Take it a step further: Sugar & Spice Fingerprint turkey!

This twist on the usual turkey handprint craft for toddlers is a great sensory activity for kids of all ages, especially your younger ones. They will love shaking the sugar and spices on their glue handprint and watching their creation come to life. The turkey handprint will smell great in the kitchen long after the glue dries and can be proudly displayed on the refrigerator for all to enjoy. Plus this is really easy to make and you might have all of the supplies around the house!



### What you need:

• Cinnamon-Sugar (you can make your own blend by combining 1/4 cup granulated white sugar carefully with 1 tablespoon cinnamon in a small bowl. Blend well and store in an old spice jar.



- Ground cloves and/or ground nutmeg
- Cookie sheet
- Blank piece of white paper or card stock
- Non-toxic glue
- Paint brush
- Black sharpie

### What you do:

1. Place sheet of white paper on a clean cookie sheet.
2. Paint your child's hand and fingers with glue.
3. Press your child's hand firmly on the piece of paper.
4. Sprinkle Cinnamon Sugar over the turkey print.
5. Sprinkle ground nutmeg and ground cloves on the print.
6. Shake off excess sugar and spices onto cookie sheet.
7. Embellish the turkey with a black sharpie. Your child can also paint a scene around the turkey.



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