
Happy Thanksgiving!



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Thanksgiving in America

2018

- Throughout the week of Thanksgiving, the students learned about the history of Thanksgiving as well as the traditions surrounding Thanksgiving.
 - They completed many pieces of work that were featured around school and have been preserved in their albums!
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THANKSGIVING: LE ORIGINI DEL GIORNO DEL RINGRAZIAMENTO

Nel 1620, a bordo della nave Mayflower, i 102 padri Pellegrini giunsero sulle coste del Nord America. Quello che li attendeva una volta giunti nel “Nuovo Mondo” era un territorio desolato e selvaggio, abitato dai nativi americani. I coloni iniziarono a seminare e coltivare la terra, che però non produsse frutto. Metà della popolazione non sopravvisse al rigido inverno.

L’anno successivo però i nativi americani aiutarono i padri pellegrini, indicando loro i prodotti da coltivare e gli animali da allevare, come granoturco e tacchini. Fu per celebrare il primo anno di raccolto abbondante che i coloni decisero di indire un giorno di ringraziamento a Dio, a cui invitarono anche i nativi americani della zona che li avevano aiutati a integrarsi.

I piatti serviti quel giorno, tacchino e zucca, divennero i cibi simbolici del giorno del ringraziamento, cucinati ancora oggi.

Il **tacchino**, che in ogni famiglia viene cucinato secondo la propria **ricetta "segreta"**, è accompagnato da salsa gravy, puré di patate, patate dolci, salsa di mirtillo, verdure e torta di zucca.

Per guidare i bambini a scoprire una parte di storia e cultura americana proponiamo la lettura delle seguenti storie:

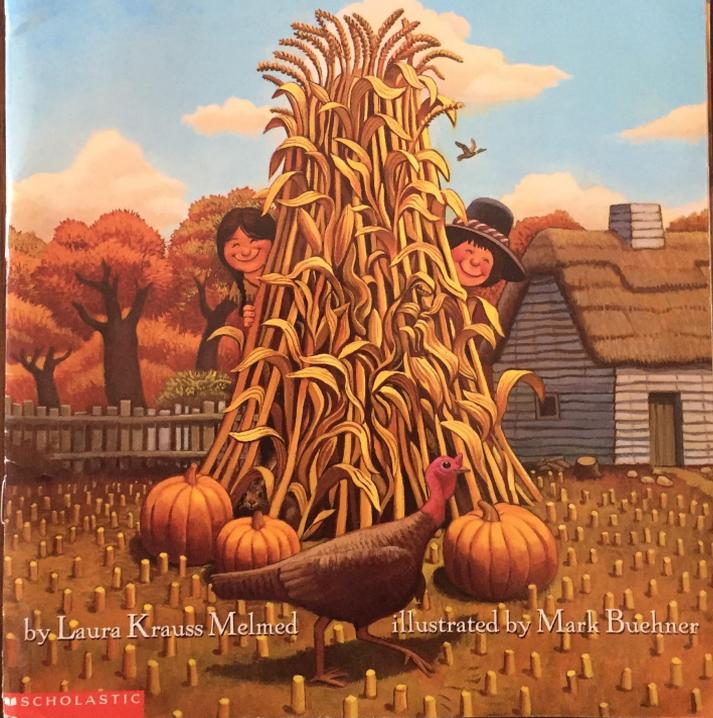
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This First Thanksgiving Day

The first book the students and I read together was about the history of Thanksgiving. It is a counting story that explains all of the jobs that the Pilgrims and Indians had in preparation for the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving is a celebration of the coming together of two populations, and of the long journey that the Pilgrims traveled to make it to the New World.

This First Thanksgiving Day

A COUNTING STORY



by Laura Krauss Melmed

illustrated by Mark Buehner

SCHOLASTIC

Tacchini Everywhere!

After reading the story of the first Thanksgiving, the 4 year old students made turkey headbands! Each student used water colors to paint four feathers that we later attached to their headbands. They also drew the eyes, nose, and mouth of their turkey before they could complete their new accessory. The students loved running around the rest of the day acting as turkeys!

The 5 year old students completed a drawing of a traditional cornucopia. The cornucopia sat at the center of the table at the first Thanksgiving and held many of the fruits and vegetables that were harvested for the feast.











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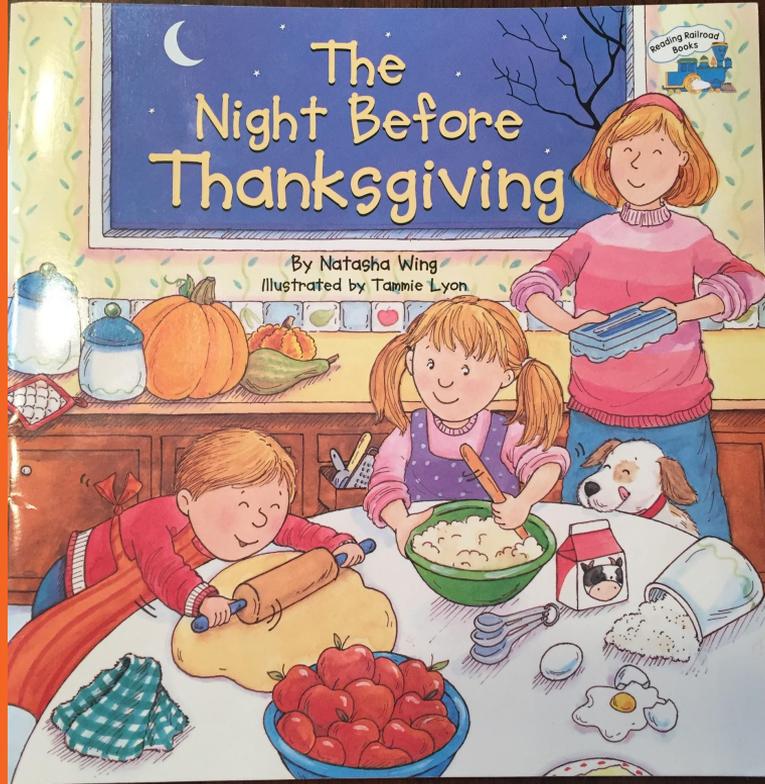


The Night Before Thanksgiving

On Wednesday, the night before Thanksgiving, the students and I read the book called The Night Before Thanksgiving! This book has the same pattern as the story The Night Before Christmas and is a fun rhyming book that tells the story of Thanksgiving preparations. In the book, the family prepares the traditional Thanksgiving meal as the children play with their cousins. In the end, the children are happy because there are many leftovers to be eaten the next day!

The Night Before Thanksgiving

By Natasha Wing
Illustrated by Tammie Lyon



Thanksgiving Traditions

The students learned all about traditional Thanksgiving foods such as turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, apple pie, and pumpkin pie. On Friday, I was able to show them pictures from my family's Thanksgiving so they could see what the food actually looked like. We also talked about Thanksgiving traditions such as watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! The students watched videos of the giant balloons, The Rockettes, and a musical performance from one of the shows on Broadway in New York.

My Thanksgiving Traditions



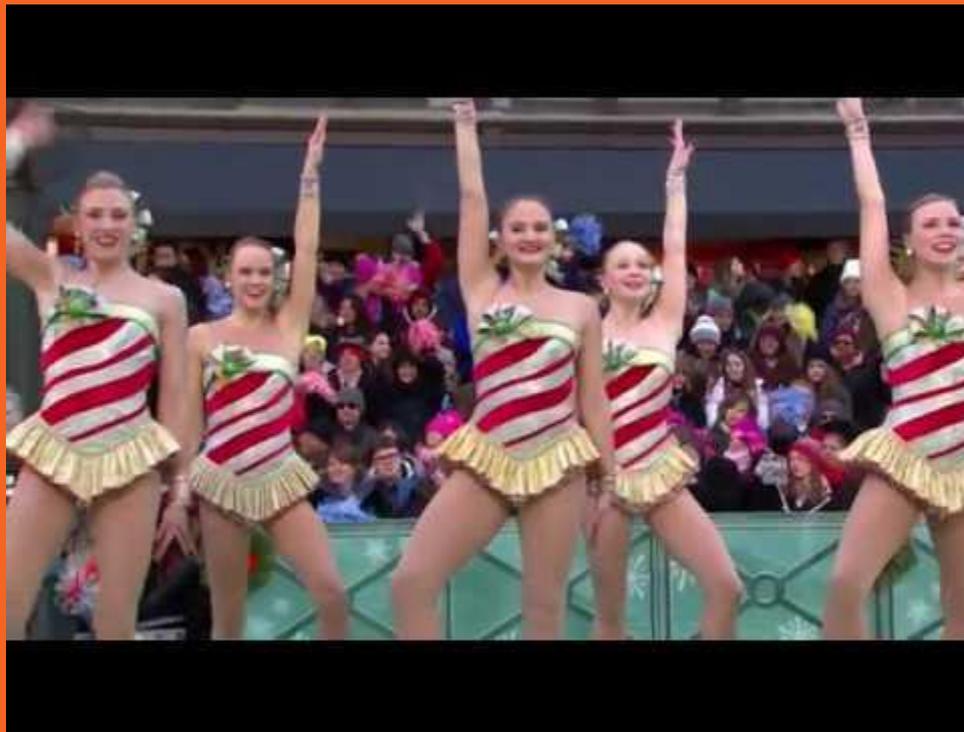
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The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloons



The Rockettes

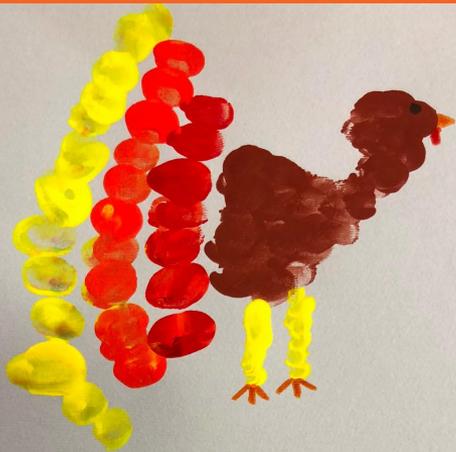


Anastasia the Musical



Giving Thanks

After the students learned about Thanksgiving traditions, we talked about what it means to be thankful. The 4 year old students painted their hand brown and their fingers in different colors to create a turkey. Once the paint dried, we asked each student four things that they are thankful for. The 5 year old students created a turkey using only their thumbprints. They also completed a homework assignment in which they drew a picture of what they were thankful for.



I am thankful for...



Andrea • 2018

I am thankful for...

cousins

surprise toys

games

soccer



Pietro • 2018

I am thankful for...



Francesca • 2018

I am thankful for...



Chiara • 2018



Beyond Thankful

I so enjoyed teaching the students about one of my favorite holidays. It was so special to be able to share pictures of my family and our traditions with them so they could start to love Thanksgiving as much as I do! This year, I am especially thankful for my time in Torremenapace and each and every one of the students who have filled my heart with so much joy!
