

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

November

Craft: Thanksgiving Leaf Wreath

Snack: Pumpkin Pie Parfaits

Story Ideas:

"Turkey Tot" by George Shannon

"There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Turkey" by Lucille
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"Run, Turkey, Run!" by Diane Mayr

"Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving" by Dav Pilkey

Thanksgiving Leaf Wreath

This leaf wreath craft will be a great way to prepare your children for Thanksgiving while at the same time enjoying the colors of fall.

Materials:

9x12 construction paper - brown, orange, yellow, and red

Leaf template

Glue stick

Pencil

Black marker

Scissors



Instructions:

1. Print out and cut the leaf template. Trace onto the brown, yellow, red and orange construction paper. You will need approximately 12 leaves - 3 of each color.

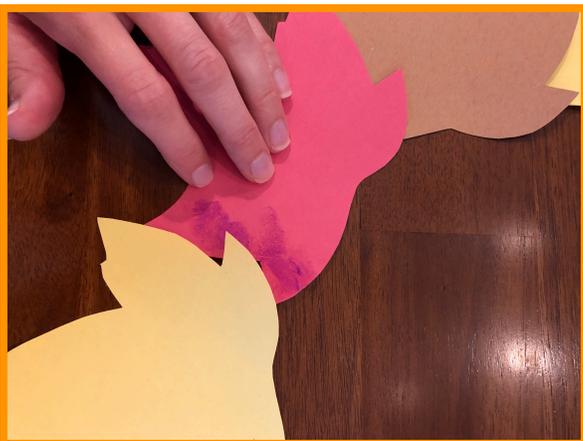


2. Cut out the leaves and lay out in the shape of a wreath.

3. Using the glue stick, apply a small amount of glue on the edge of the front of one of the leaves and stick it to the back of the one next to it.

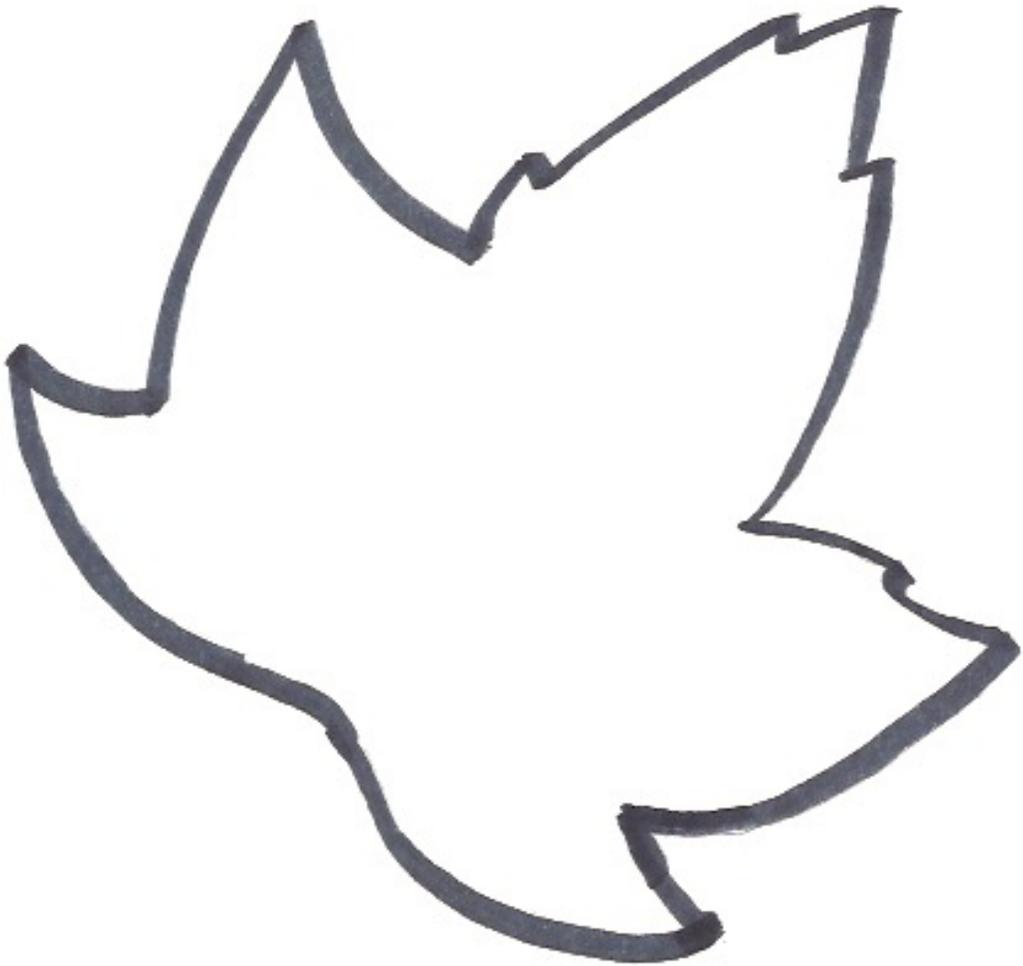


4. Continue glueing each leaf until the whole wreath is glued.



5. Make a list with your child of all the things they're thankful for. Write one on each leaf with a pencil.
6. Use a black marker to trace over the pencil.
7. Hang up your wreath and enjoy this Thanksgiving!





Pumpkin Pie Parfaits

Ingredients:

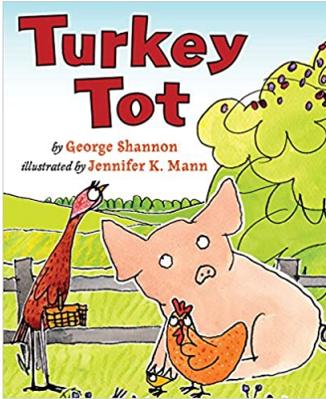
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup whipped cream cheese, or non-whipped at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 2 sleeves graham crackers, crushed (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 10 8-ounce mason jars

Directions:

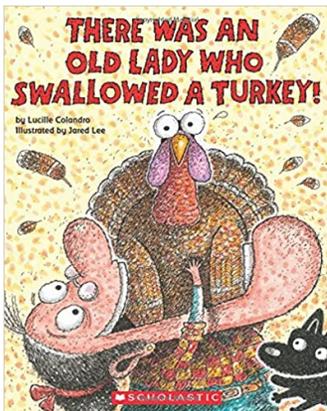
1. In a large bowl, mix together the pumpkin, cream cheese, pumpkin pie spice and brown sugar with an electric mixer until thoroughly combined, about 2 minutes.
2. In a separate bowl, or in the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the heavy cream and powdered sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes.
3. Layer the parfait ingredients into mason jars in this order: graham crackers, pumpkin cream cheese mixture, whipped cream. Continue to layer to fill the jar, at least 2 layers of each ingredient.

* This recipe was found at weelicious.com

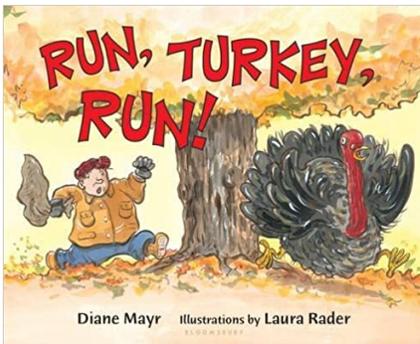
Thanksgiving Read-Alouds for Kids



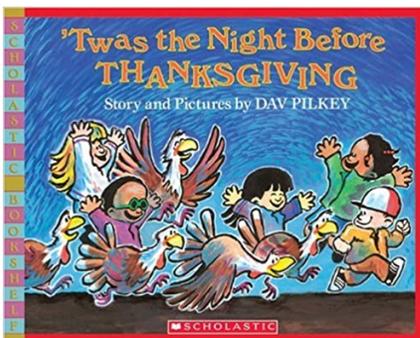
"Turkey Tot" by George Shannon - Yummy-looking blackberries are too high to pick, but Turkey Tot figures out a way to reach them. Budding engineers and other creative-minded kids will love Turkey Tot's optimism and can-do spirit. (Amazon description)



"There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Turkey" by Lucille Colandro - The old lady is at it again, and this time she's swallowing a Turkey . . . she's always been quirky! You won't believe why this old lady swallowed a turkey, a ball, a hat, a balloon, a boat, some wheels, and a horn of plenty! Read this book and find out why! (Amazon description)



"Run, Turkey, Run!" by Diane Mayr - The perfect picture book for the holiday, this hilarious twist on the traditional Thanksgiving feast features Turkey as he hops from hiding place to hiding place to avoid ending up as the main course. With Thanksgiving only one day away, can Turkey find a place to hide from the farmer who's looking for a plump bird for his family feast? Maybe he can hide with the pigs . . . or the ducks . . . or the horses . . . Uh-oh! Here comes the farmer! Run, Turkey, run! (Amazon description)



"Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving!" by Dav Pilkey- On the night before Thanksgiving, a group of children visit a turkey farm and meet Farmer Mack Nuggett and his coop of cockerels: Ollie, Stanley, Larry, Moe, Wally, Beaver, Shemp, and Groucho. The children and turkeys giggle and gobble, and everything is gravy. As the trip comes to an end, the children leave the farm with full hearts -- and bulging bellies -- reminding people and poultry alike that there is much to be thankful for. (Amazon description)