

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Lesson

- Second Grade



Standard 1

(Culture): Students will recognize and describe how people within their community, state, and nation are both similar and different.

Objective 1

Examine and identify cultural differences within the community.

Explain ways people respect and pass on their traditions and customs.

Lesson Objective # 1

- Gain an understanding of the history of the Pilgrims and Native Americans and their first Thanksgiving in 1621.



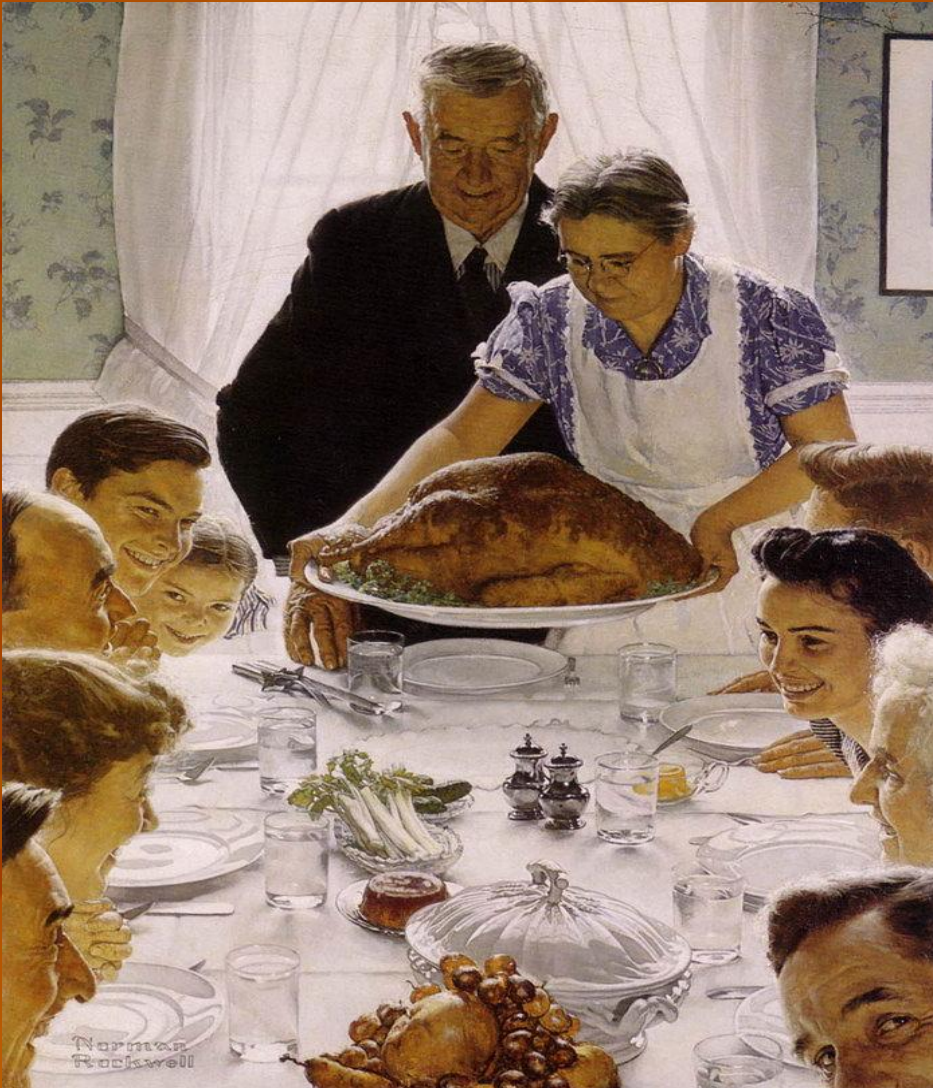
Objective # 2:

- Gain knowledge on the different foods harvested and eaten during the Thanksgiving holiday.



Objective # 3:

- Gain knowledge on how different families celebrate Thanksgiving.



Materials Needed:

Books

- The Night Before Thanksgiving By:
Natasha Wing and Tammie Lyon
- Pilgrims First Thanksgiving By: Ann
Mcgovern and Elroy Freem
- Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks By:
Margaret Sutherland and Sonja Lamut

Materials Needed:

- Autumns Harvest DVD
- Foods to taste test.
- Scissors
- Paper
- Magazines
- Pencils
- Glue
- Power point

Websites

- [Thanksgiving Printables](#)
- [Plymouth and its History](#)
- [How children view Thanksgiving](#)
- [The Thanksgiving Story](#)
- [Thanksgiving Traditions](#)

Student Activity # 1

Food Taste Testing

- Watch “Autumns Harvest”
- Discuss with the class the different kinds of foods that are consumed at Thanksgiving.
- Have food pre-made
- Taste test the different foods and discuss how they taste.



Student Activity # 2

Thankful Collage

- Read “The Night Before Thanksgiving”
- Discuss some things that you could be thankful for.
- Pass out materials and have children make their own



Student Activity # 3

Interview Family on Traditions



- Have children come up with questions to ask their family. (centered around Thanksgiving traditions)
- Take questions home and ask family.
- Bring answers back and share them with the class

Student Activity # 4

Story

- Read “Pilgrims First Thanksgiving”
- Discuss how it would have felt to be a pilgrim child.
- Discuss things the pilgrim children and their families did during this time.
- Have children write a story about how they would have felt and what they would have liked to do if they were a pilgrim during this time.



Student Activity # 5

Trivia

- Play the Thanksgiving Trivia game at the end of the lesson for a review of what was learned.



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Trivia

Presentation Slides

Question # 1



- **When was the first American Thanksgiving celebrated?**

Answer # 1

- **The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621.**

Question # 2

- **List five foods that are commonly found during a Thanksgiving meal:**



Answer # 2

- **Squash**
- **Potatoes**
- **Pumpkin**
- **Cranberry**
- **Turkey**
- **Corn**
- **Stuffing**

Question # 3



- The Pilgrims settled into a colony that was named _____.

Answer # 3

- **The colony that was settled, by the Pilgrims, was called Plymouth Colony.**

Question # 4

- What was the name of the Pilgrim's ship?



Answer # 4

- **The Pilgrim's ship was called the Mayflower.**

Question # 5

- **What was the name of the Indian tribe that taught the Pilgrims survival skills and shared Thanksgiving dinner with them?**



Answer # 5

- **The Wampanoag Indian Tribe helped teach the Pilgrims survival skills and shared the first Thanksgiving meal with them.**