

# THANKSGIVING OR NOT

GAMES

**MATERIALS**

- old magazines
- scissors
- felt
- glue
- flannel board

**WHAT TO DO**

- Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday of November.

1. Cut out pictures of a variety of foods. Include foods that are typically eaten on Thanksgiving and foods that aren't usually eaten on Thanksgiving (such as hot dogs or watermelon). Glue felt to the back of each picture.
2. Show the children the pictures of various foods.
3. Divide the flannel board into "Thanksgiving" and "non-Thanksgiving" sections.
4. Ask the children to decide which foods are eaten on Thanksgiving. Put the pictures on the appropriate side of the flannel board.

**MORE TO DO** Do the activity using pictures of vegetables and fruits. Put fruit pictures on one side of the flannel board and vegetables on the other.

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# Food ABC Book

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

**MATERIALS**

- construction paper
- magazines
- scissors
- glue

**WHAT TO DO**

- Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday of November.

1. Talk about Thanksgiving foods. Ask children what they like to eat on Thanksgiving.
2. Label each piece of paper with a letter of the alphabet. Give a page to each child.
3. Encourage the children to cut out pictures of foods that begin with the letter on their paper.
4. Share the pages and make them into an ABC Food Book.

**RELATED books** *Thanksgiving on Thursday* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Today Is Thanksgiving* by P.K. Hallanin

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# FAVORITE THANKSGIVING FOOD GRAPH

MATH

**MATERIALS** white board or easel paper  
pens

**WHAT TO DO**

- Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday of November.
- 1. Brainstorm with the children about Thanksgiving foods.
- 2. Divide the white board or easel paper into three columns. Label each column with a food.
- 3. Ask the children to mark the column with their favorite food.
- 4. Discuss the graph using mathematical terms, such as *most, least, equal, less, and so on.*
- 5. Make a graph of favorite Thanksgiving pies.

**MORE TO DO** **Books:** Ask the children to draw pictures of their favorite foods. An adult can label them. Children can also cut out favorite foods from magazines and glue the pictures to paper. Make a “favorite foods” class book.

**RELATED books** *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
*If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Joffe Numeroff

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