

Celebrating Thanksgiving

Quick Tips

Calendar Time

- Include a thankful thought each day.
- Tape colorful craft feathers to the end of your classroom pointer.

Centers

- Put a few gourds at your sensory center.
- Fill your sand table with corn feed.

Cleanup

- Invite little ones to waddle and gobble like turkeys during cleanup time.

Dismissal

- Substitute “gobble, gobble!” for “goodbye!”

Good Behavior

- Remind students how thankful you are for their good behavior.
- Attach class-earned stickers to a classroom Plymouth Rock—a large rock-shaped paper cutout.

Group Time

- Outline your group area with a trail of turkey tracks made from masking tape, or mark individual places with tracks.

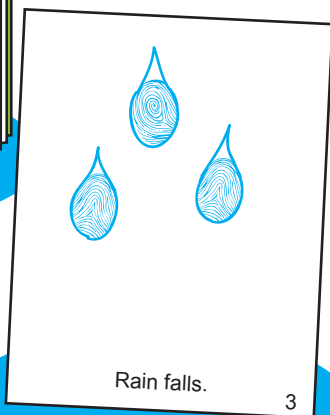




Time to Celebrate!

Egg Relay

This activity has little ones putting eggs in a nest, just as birds do. Place brown paper shreds in two medium-size tubs to make nests. Arrange the students in two lines in an open area and set a nest opposite each line. Give each student a plastic egg. Hand the first student in each line a spoon and instruct him to put his egg on the spoon. At your signal, have the students with spoons balance their eggs on the spoons as they walk to the nests. When each little one arrives at his line's nest, direct him to drop the egg in the nest, walk back to his line, and give the spoon to the next child in line. Play continues until all the eggs are in the nests.



All About Spring

Your blooming readers will enjoy taking this booklet home and reading it with their families. To make a booklet for each student, staple a cover like the one shown to a set of booklet pages copied and cut out from pages 103–104. Provide crayons and ink pads. Read the text on each page aloud as you help students follow the directions below.

Booklet cover: Write your name.

Booklet page 1: Make a few fingerprints and add details so they look like bugs.

Booklet page 2: Make a few fingerprints and add details so they look like flowers.

Booklet page 3: Make a few blue fingerprints and add details so they look like raindrops.

Booklet page 4: Draw some green grass.

Booklet page 5: Make a few fingerprints and add details so they look like birds.

Booklet page 6: Draw your favorite thing about spring.