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November

Ideas and Patterns

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Turkey Art and Sentence Building

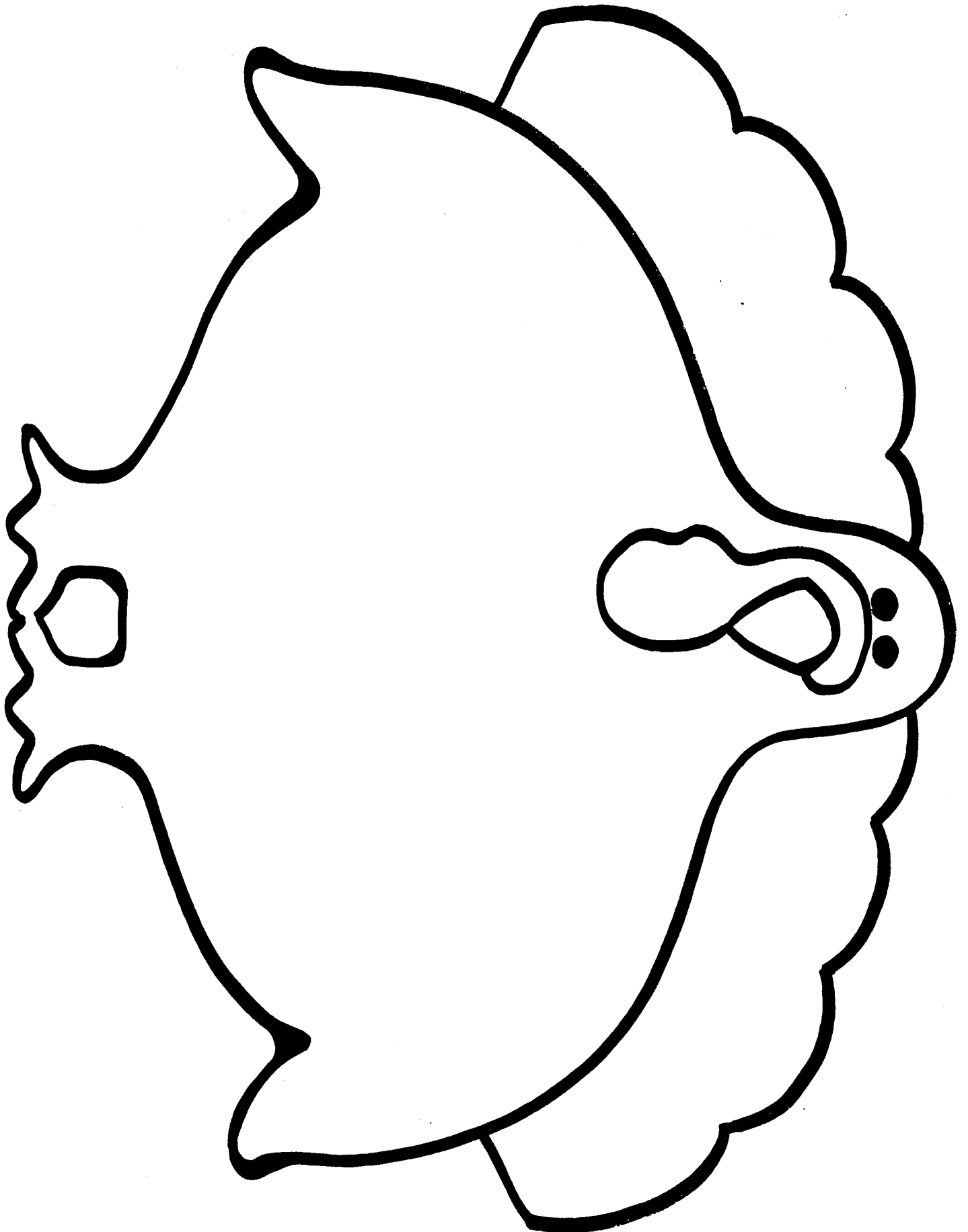
Make a copy of the turkey and sentence for each student. Have the students' color or sponge paint the turkey. When they have finished, they can cut out the word blocks and arrange them to build the sentence - **I am thankful for turkey.** After you have checked to ensure that they have built the sentence correctly, the students can glue the sentence on their turkey.

Student Made Book - "Turkey Time"

Copy, cut and staple a book for each student. Have the students read the book to you. Be sure that the students touch-tap each word as they read. Then have the student's color each page and print their name on the cover.

Class Book - "I am Thankful For"

Have each student write their name, what they re thankful for and why on the student page. Use the Turkey Page as a cover and put the student pages together to make a class book. ie. I am thankful for my mom because she gives me hugs.



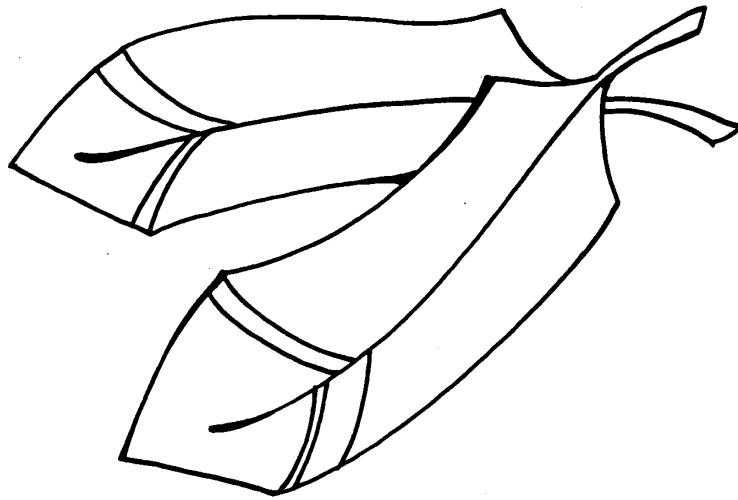
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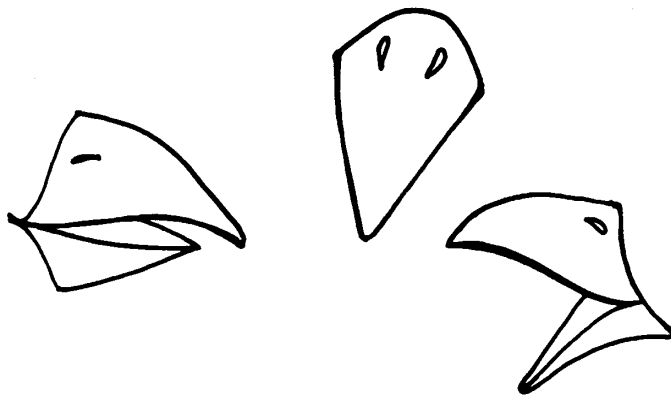
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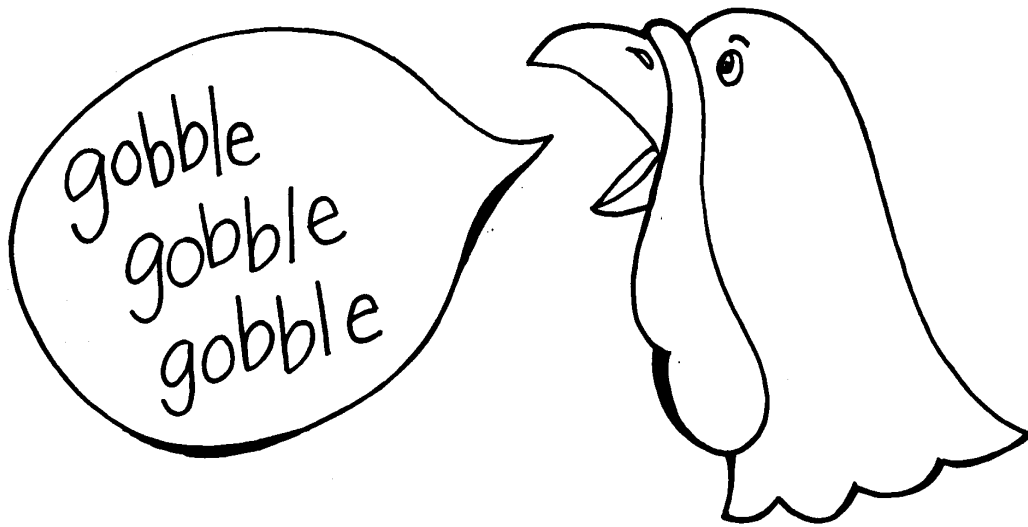




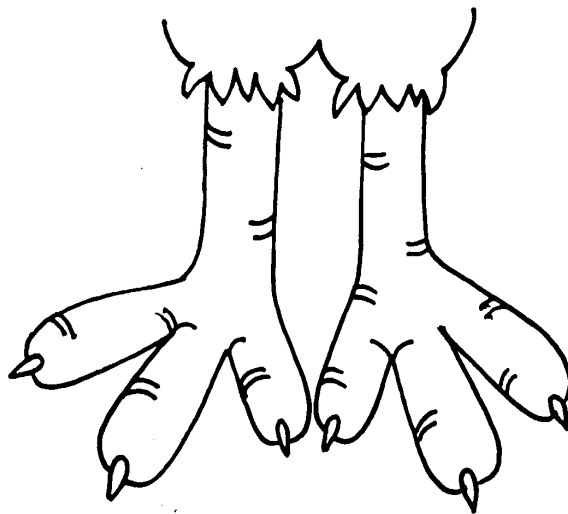
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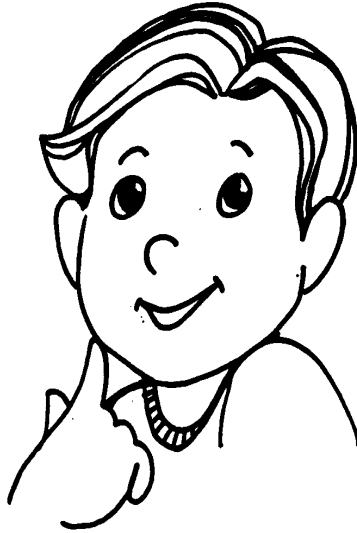
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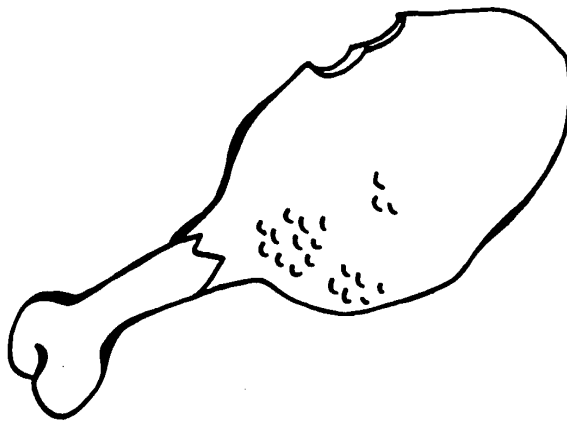
I like turkey gobbles.



I like turkey feet.



But what I like most of all..



Is a drumstick for me to eat!





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I am thankful for _____

because _____

Turkey Pattern - may be used in the following ways:

Missing Numerals:

Have students write their name at the top of the paper and fill in the missing numbers. Then color the picture using colored crayons or chalk.

Writing Page:

If your class is making friendship soup, having a thanksgiving feast, or an Indian Pow-Wow; have the students write about the experience in the turkey frame.

Math Mat:

Have the students sort nuts and seeds, record addition or subtraction sentences using nuts & seeds as manipulatives, or write the numbers 1 through 20 in the turkey frame.

Class Book Cover:

The turkey frame makes a wonderful class book cover. Simply write the title in the turkey, copy onto tan construction paper, and laminate.

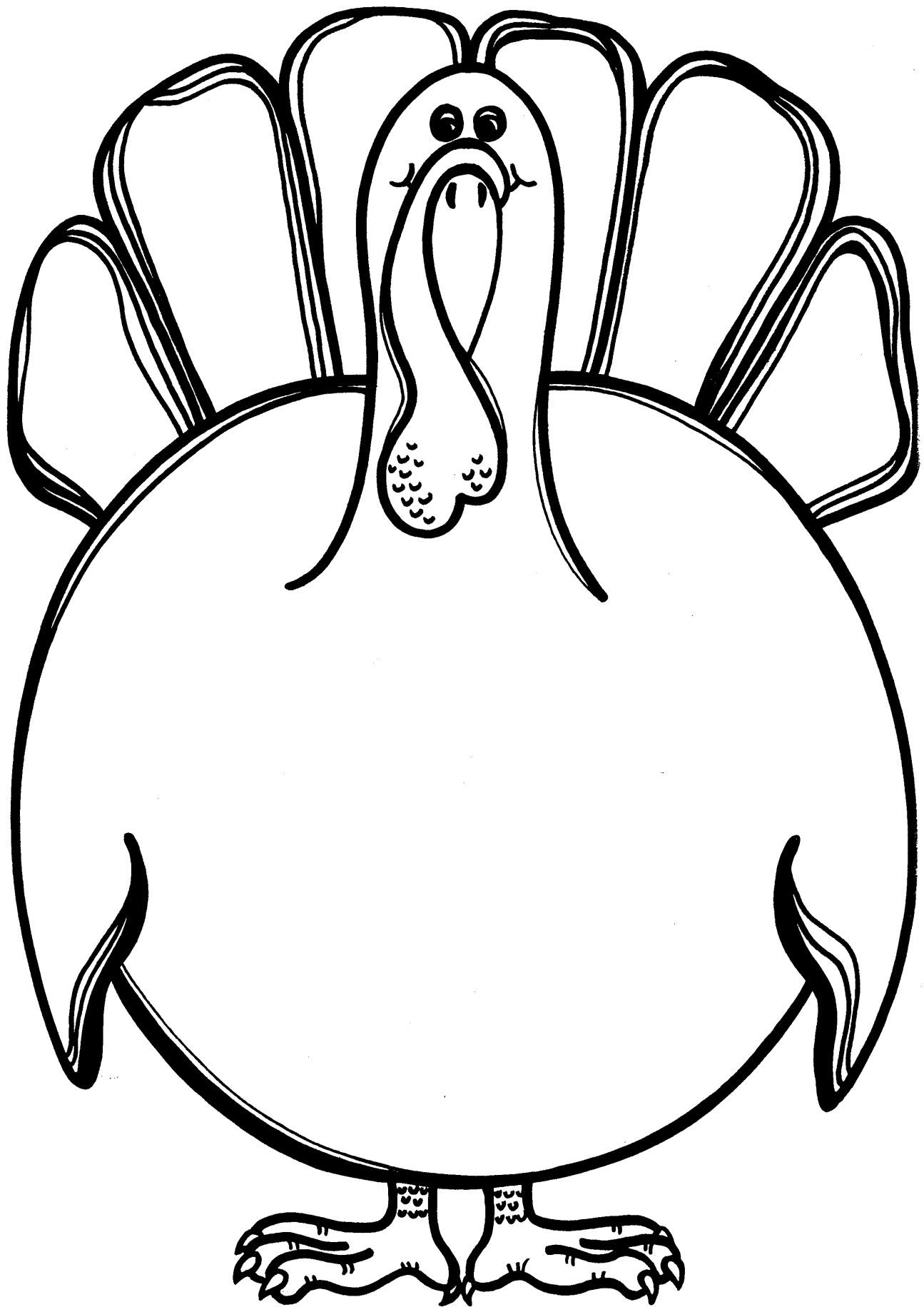
Poetry or Picture Frames:

The turkey makes a wonderful frame for just about anything including student poems, photographs or artwork.

Art:

Color the turkey using chalk or oil pastels.

If you plan ahead, ask students to save cleaned and dried egg shells. Crush the egg shells and then dye the crushed shells using food coloring. Glue the colored crushed eggs shells onto the turkey.



November Science

Harvest

Place a tray filled with different types of nuts: Brazil, Peanut, Cashew, Walnut, Pecan, etc. in your science center. They keep from year to year and can be used in other theme activities as well. Using a magnifying glass, allow the children to compare and contrast their similarities and differences. Discuss what nuts are, how did they come to be, and what becomes of them if they are left on the ground? Allow the children to taste some fresh nuts. Ask how they think we can eat them? You will love listening to their ideas as to how to get the nut out of the shell. Which nut do you think tasted best? Graph the results.

Bring in a basket of gourds, Indian corn, acorns, pinecones, any other fall items, put them in the science area with magnifying glasses, and books about these items. The children will examine these things for ages! Lots of terrific language skills develop also!!

Make thanksgiving treats for your wild life friends. Spread peanut butter on a pinecone and then roll it in bird seed. Hang these outside on the trees for a wildlife Thanksgiving feast!

Learn about cranberries together. Study their history, how they are grown, harvested and cooked!

November Recipe

Cooked Cranberries

Combine 1 cup of sugar with 1 cup of water.

Stir to dissolve and then heat to boiling.

Boil 5 minutes and then add 2 cups of fresh cranberries.

Cook for about 5 minutes more while listening and watching for the skins to pop!

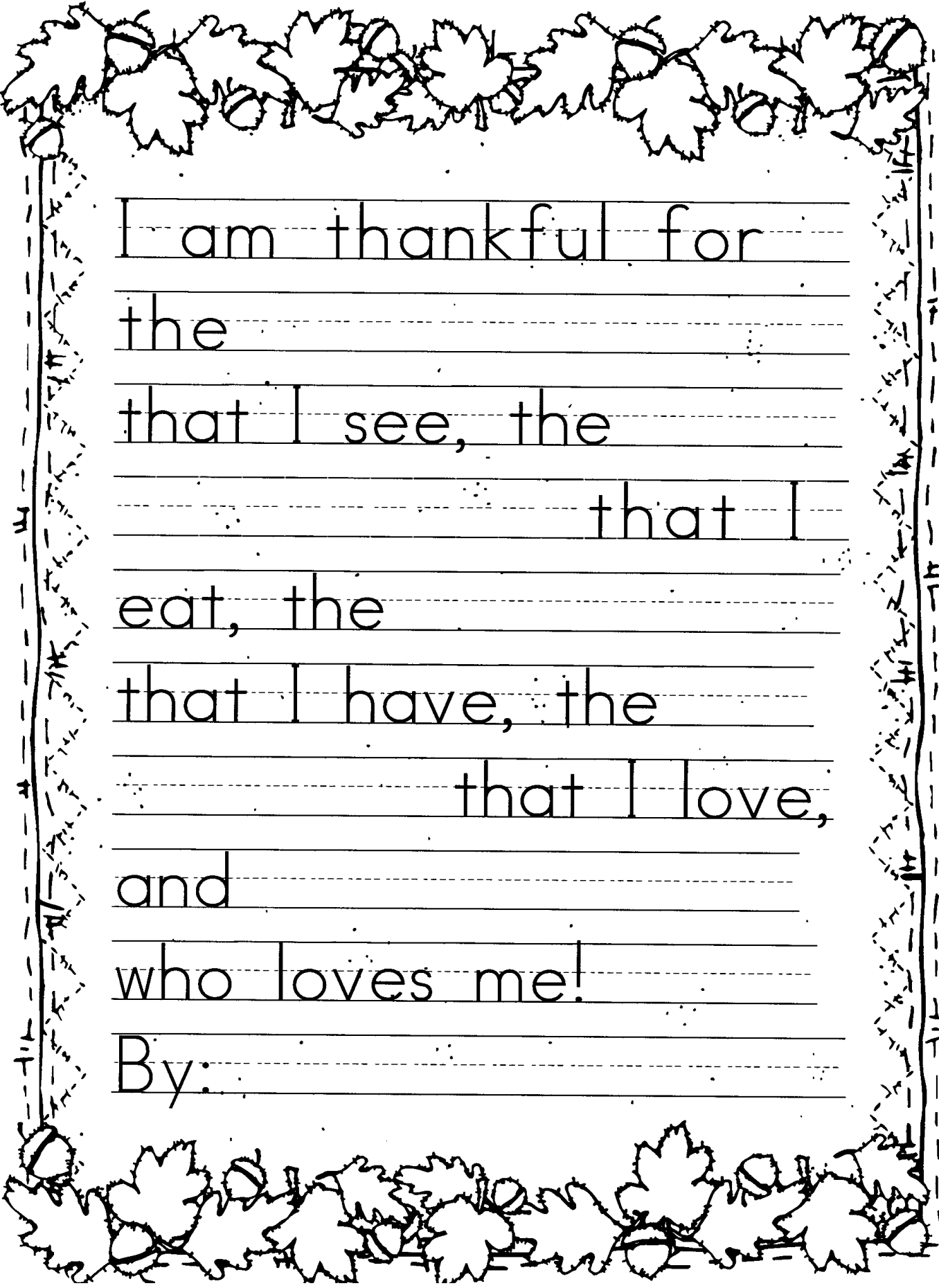
Stir and serve.

November Art

Paint each child's hand using tempera paint. Place brown on the palm and thumb and bright colors on the fingers. Have the child carefully press their hand onto a piece of light blue construction paper. Let the handprint dry. Once the paint has dried, use a black marker or crayon to add a beak, eye and waddle to the thumb print for the turkey's head and feet to the bottom of the palm. Use crayons to decorate the paper by coloring grass, trees, sky and so on. Write the words: "A Mighty Handsome Turkey!" above or below the handprint turkey.

November Writing

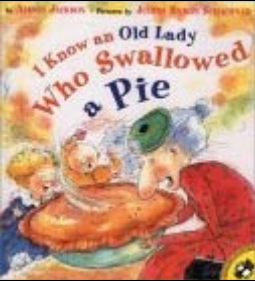
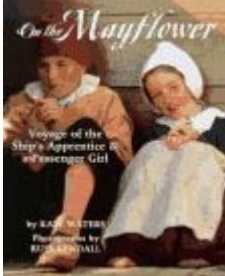

Read the writing prompt page to the students and chart student responses on the white board. Have students complete the writing page independently.

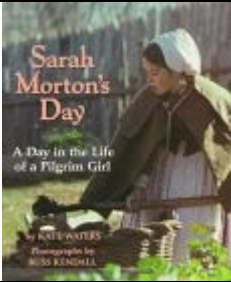
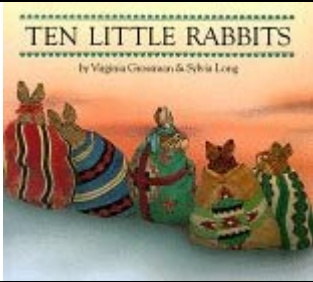

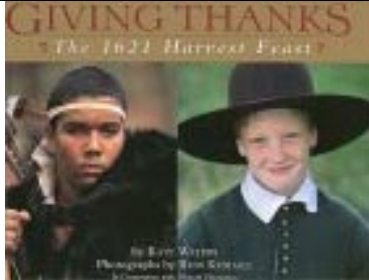
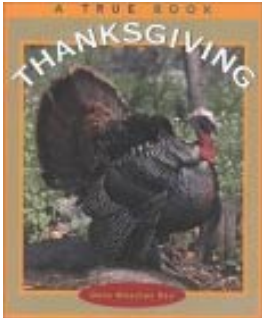

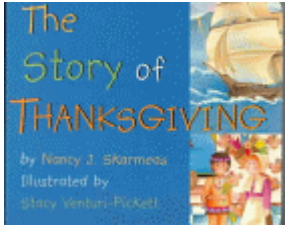
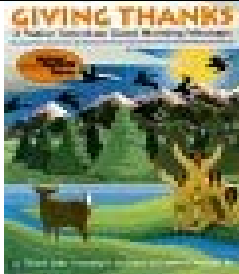
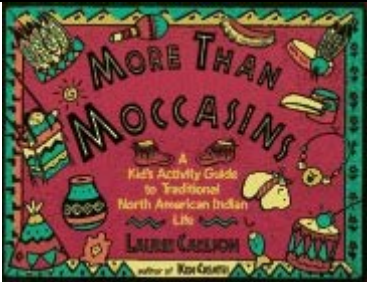
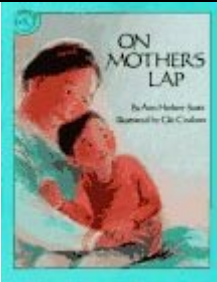


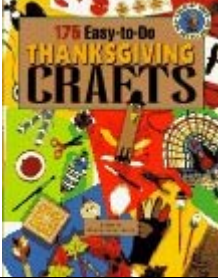

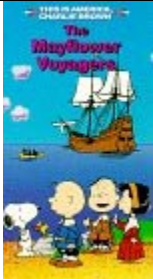
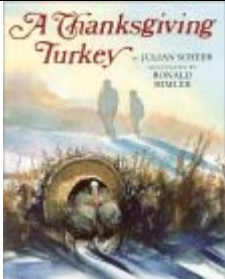
I am thankful for
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that I see, the
that I
eat, the
that I have, the
that I love,
and
who loves me!

By:

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