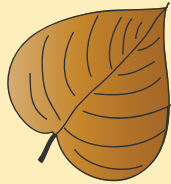


monthly mini dates

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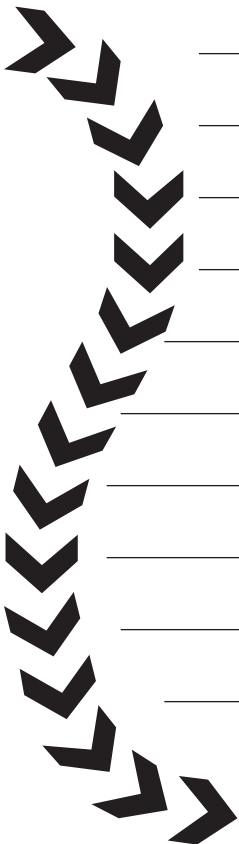


THANKSGIVING

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Teach your child to show gratitude to the people who help them each day. Using these cards, have them write a thank you note to their teacher, principal, bus driver, grandparents, etc.



THANK YOU!

Thanks!

Acorn Donuts

INGREDIENTS:

- donut holes from a local bakery or make your own
- chocolate chips
- Toffee baking bits
- Stick pretzels.

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: To make acorn donuts, melt the chocolate chips in the microwave until melted and smooth. Make sure not to overheat or the chocolate will get hard.

Step 2: Once the chocolate is at the right consistency, dip the top of the donut hole in to the chocolate and then directly place it into a bowl with Toffee bits.



Step 3: Break a pretzel in to pieces and insert it into the top of the acorn and you are finished!



Turkey Pancakes

INGREDIENTS:

- Your favorite pancake batter
- Bacon or Sausage for the legs
- Assorted fruit of your choice
- Wooden Skewers or longer toothpicks
- Chocolate chips for their eyes

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Mix up your favorite pancake batter and make it just a bit runnier than you might normally make it. Pour one large circle onto a warm griddle and use a spoon to make the shape of the turkey neck and head. Cook until just browned.



Step 2: Add fruit to the skewers in any combination that you want. We used pineapple, mandarin oranges, strawberries, and green and red grapes.

Step 3: Cut a small piece of orange for the beak and a small piece of strawberry for the wattle.

Step 4: Cook bacon until not quite crispy and then cut into strips. If it is too crispy it will be hard to cut it the way you want it. Have you ever tried cutting crispy bacon? Yeah, it shoots all over the house.

Step 5: Assemble your turkeys. They are pretty self-explanatory. Once they are together, add two chocolate chips for the eyes and the bacon strips for the legs.

Gratitude Pumpkins



MATERIALS:

- Orange and Green Construction Paper or Cardstock
- Toilet paper or paper towel cardboard tube
- Tape
- Markers



DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Cut the orange paper into 1" strips. You will need about 8-10 for each pumpkin.



Step 2: Have children write something they are thankful for in the middle of each of the paper strips.



Step 6: Cut out a green leaf and tape it into the hole at the top of the pumpkin.

Step 7: Wrap a strip of paper around a pencil and hold it until it holds a curl and tape it next to the leaf.

Step 3: Cut the cardboard roll as tall as you would like your pumpkin to be. The shorter the roll, the wider the pumpkin will be. Then cover the roll with a strip of orange paper and use tape to secure it into place.

Step 4: Tape one end of the orange paper strips inside to one of the ends of the roll.



Step 5: Repeat with the other end of the paper strip and roll.





Gratitude Chain

MATERIALS:

- colored construction paper
- a marker
- staples and stapler

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Just cut the paper into strips about 2 inches thick and write the things your family is thankful for.

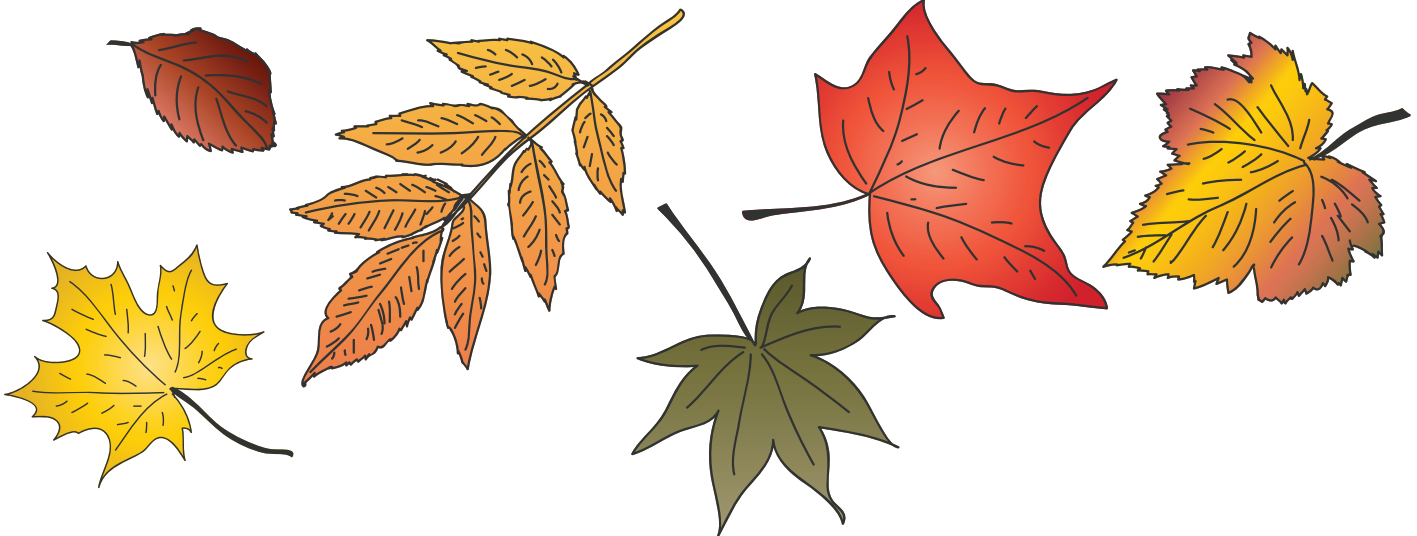
Step 2: Make a chain by linking the papers through each other, creating a loop and stapling them.

HOW IT WORKS:

Each day pull off the chain and discuss why you are thankful for the item written on the link.

OPTION:

Plan ahead and use this as a countdown chain and remove one link every day until Thanksgiving day or the end of November.



Our favorite activity was:



Fun things we did together:



place a photo of your favorite memory here

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