

American Celebrations

24 Nov 10:30

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Start	Time	Activity	Requirements	Instructions	Scouter
Americans have been celebrating Thanksgiving this week - It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year					
24 Nov 10:30	5	Activities : Opening	Register, beans, flag, totem and skin	Grand Howl Flag Break Register Inspection - belts and shoes	Akela
Most celebrations include games and other fun					
24 Nov 10:35	15	Game : Red Rover		game play Two teams line up opposite each other, no more than 30 feet apart. The first team agrees to call one player from the opposite team, and chants, "Red Rover, Red Rover, send (player's name) on over!" The person called runs to the other line and attempts to break the chain (formed by the linking of hands). If the person called fails to break the chain, this player joins the team that called Red Rover. But, if the player successfully breaks the chain, he may capture either of the two players whose link was broken by the dash, and bring them back to his original team. Teams take turns calling out Red Rover and challenging a player on the opposing team. objective The objective of the game is to end with the most players on your team by maintaining the integrity of your chain. The game ends when all the players end up on one side.	Chil
Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts and baseball games					
24 Nov 10:50	35	Game : Baseball		Cubs get to enjoy a game of traditional baseball.	Akela
How much do you know about Thanksgiving and Independence Day?					
24 Nov 11:25	5	Yarn : Thanksgiving Story		See attached	Chil
All this talk of feasts is making me hungry!					
24 Nov 11:30	5	Activities : Juice and biscuits		Juice and biscuit break	Akela
Sports events are a favourite passtime on holidays in America. And corn dogs a traditional fast food at these events. Would you like to make some to try?					
24 Nov 11:35	35	Activities : Corn dogs	1 cup yellow cornmeal 1 cup all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 cup white sugar 4 teaspoons baking powder 1 egg 1 cup milk 750ml vegetable oil for frying	Cubs will have the opportunity to make the classic American "Corn dog" Sunflower oil to be heated in on gas cookers. Directions In a medium bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, salt, pepper, sugar and baking powder. Stir in eggs and milk. Preheat oil in a deep saucepan over medium heat. Insert wooden skewers into frankfurters. Roll frankfurters in batter until well coated. Fry 2 or 3 corn dogs at a time until lightly browned, about 3	Chil

			16 viennas 16 wooden skewers Paper towel	minutes. Drain on paper towels.	
I love the tradition of stating what you are thankful for. Today I want you to think of a specific person you are thankful for and write a message to them.					
24 Nov 12:10	15	Crafts : Thankful for You Cards	Card, coloured paper, paints, crayons	<p>Cubs to make cards with the wording "I'm thankful for you". Inside the card, they need to write a message to someone special - a family member, teacher or friend - that they are thankful for (and say why). They can decorate the message however they want.</p> <p>We sometimes forget to thank the people in our lives or be thankful for what we have.</p> <p>When they give out the cards, they should notice how much joy it gives the other person to be recognised and appreciated.</p>	Chil
Thank you for sharing this day with us. Hope you had fun pretending to be American and know that Thanksgiving has nothing to do with Black Friday sales:-)					
24 Nov 12:25	5	Activities : Closing	Totem, Skin Badges, certificates	<p>Announcements</p> <p>Badge handouts</p> <p>Grand Howl</p> <p>Flag Down</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Dismiss</p>	Akela

Thanksgiving Story

Category

Yarn

Time to allocate (mins)

5

You probably know the poem Mary Had A Little Lamb? But did you know that there is a connection between this nursery rhyme and Thanksgiving Day, the annual American holiday that takes place in November every year?

Thanksgiving: Mary Had a Little Lamb -

The fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving day in the United States. Also, you might like to know that our Canadian friends celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October every year.

The day of thanks seems to be for all sorts of reasons - but mainly it seems to be a thank you for the harvest. The first Thanksgiving is thought to have been held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1621. In any case, the holiday is closely associated with the Pilgrim fathers who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe and settled in New England. According to some stories, at the first celebration, the Pilgrims were partly giving thanks to the local Indians who had helped them survive their first year living in the New World. They sat down together to a feast in celebration of the harvest. 20 years later, the settlers gave thanks and prayers for a very different reason - for a successful raid against the Indians.

By 1777 the Americans were celebrating a victory against the British! President George Washington declared Thursday, the 19th of February, a National Day of Thanksgiving. His proclamation stated that it is "our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God."

By this time, nobody was giving thanks to the Indians - as the fighting and violence between the settlers and the Native Americans was extreme.

In 1863, during the American Civil war, Sarah Josepha Hale convinced President Abraham Lincoln to proclaim Thanksgiving a national holiday in November. After some changes, it is now celebrated with a turkey feast on the fourth Thursday in November.

Sarah Josepha Hale was a poet, novelist and editor from New England who campaigned for women's education. But she is best known for writing a nursery rhyme which is famous the world over. It is based on a true story. The real Mary was a little girl called Mary Tyler who grew up in Sterling Massachusetts, in New England. One day her brother persuaded her to take the lamb to school, and there was quite a commotion. So here is the very sweet poem -

Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow;
And everywhere that Mary went

Story

The lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day,
Which was against the rule;
It made the children laugh and play
To see a lamb at school.

And so the teacher turned it out,
But still it lingered near,
And waited patiently about
Till Mary did appear.

Why does the lamb love Mary so?
The eager children cry;
Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know,
The teacher did reply.

Sarah Josepha Hale was the person who persuaded Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving an annual holiday in November.

The rhyme is also famous for being the very first thing recorded by Thomas Edison on his newly invented phonograph in 1877. This was the first ever recording of the human voice.
My that was a long time ago.

Happy Thanks Giving!