

Love Rising Children's Event 2023
Monday, July 10, 2023
Olcott Beach Carousel Park 7-8 pm
Preschool – Grade 3

Arrival: Welcome & Magic Wand Craft

Craft: Make Thankful Magic Wands

Materials:

- o Straws for wand handle
- o Cardstock stars for the top of the wand
- o Thank you and please strips
- o Ribbon
- o Crayons/ colored pencils
- o Peel and stick gems or other sequins for decoration
- o Glue sticks
- o Stapler

Concepts:

- o Why are “please” and “thank you” magic words?
- o Please and thank you make other people feel good and make you feel good.
- o If you remember to be thankful for the good things instead of grumbling about the bad, you will be happier.
- o You should have an “attitude of gratitude”

Book: Thankful by Eileen Spinelli

Concepts:

- o The book focuses on what different people are thankful for. For example, “the gardener is thankful for every green sprout.”

Game: Thankful Matching Scavenger Hunt

Goal of the activity: Work together to complete all the “thankful” matches on the board.

Materials:

- o 25 cards/pictures that represent pairs of animals and their gratitude items.
- o Matches are broken into 5 generalized thankful categories: food, home, family/friends, safety, our world and who we are.

Thankful for Food	
Bee	Flower
Dog	Bone
Frog	Fly
Rabbit	Carrot
Seedling	Sun and Rain

Thankful for Home	
Deer	Woods
Opossum	Tree
Bat	Cave
Bird	Nest
Chicken	Coop

Thankful for Family/Friends	
Baby Gorilla	Mama Gorilla
Fish	School of Fish
Lion	Pride
Wolf	Pack
Otter	Raft

Thankful for Safety	
Zebra	Stripes
Hermit Crab	Shell
Porcupine	Quills
Baby Kangaroo	Mama's Pouch
Armadillo	Armor

Thankful for Our World and Who We Are	
Cow	Field of Grass
Owl	Night or Moon
Cat	Sunny Window
Horse	Galloping
Elephant	Trunk for bathing

Directions:

1. Hand each child an animal card and have them search for their thankful match.
2. Place both cards on the master board.
3. After the scavenger hunt is complete, point out the categories and wrap up with a discussion of what the children are thankful for.

If time allows – read the book and share the take home craft with children.

Book: Giraffe Problems by Jory John

Concept:

- o Every person, every creature has something to be thankful for - even when we might not realize it.
- o The main character, Giraffe, doesn't appreciate his own long neck, until he meets a turtle who admires it. Message of being thankful for who you are.

Craft: Giraffe with a bow tie.

- o Expect this to be a take home craft but will be available to do or take with them.
- o Book suggestions and directions for the craft will be included in the kit.

Materials:

- o 1 Paint stick pre-painted yellow
- o 4 clothespins pre-painted yellow
- o Yellow cardstock giraffe head
- o Brown paper giraffe mane
- o Glue
- o Brown crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- o Stapler

Wrap up:

Share your joy of being thankful and remember to say thank you to each person running the park rides! It'll make their day - and yours!