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## Intro

This season, we're thankful for the opportunity to share cool facts and fun games with all of our Kidstir chefs. Dig in as we explore how cranberries are grown and harvested; how to cook turkeys using osmosis; and how to say "thank you" in dozens of languages. Plus, we found some really fun art projects to help you set the table for an unforgettable feast. Happy Thanksgiving!





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## Math

### Beginner:

- Two, four, six, eight, what do you appreciate for Thanksgiving? Counting by twos! See if you can [skip by twos](#) up to 60.
- Now help Mr. R [count down from 100](#) as these turkeys run away in twos.
- Grab some orange pom poms and dice and practice counting with this cute [pumpkin pie-themed game](#).

### Intermediate:

- It's turkey time! Can you rank the masses of these [turkeys](#) from heaviest to lightest?
- Who's ready for some [turkey football](#)? Use your math skills to help the turkeys run the field.
- Now let's rake some leaves and group them by [10s and 1s](#).

### Advanced:

- Will your piece of pie be  $\frac{1}{10}$  or  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Play this [out-of-this-world game](#) to help you group fractions.
- We hope your ratio of pie to turkey is filling. Can you [find and simplify](#) each Thanksgiving ratio?
- What's cooking? Plot the [correct coordinates](#) and see what kind of feast awaits!



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## Science & Geography

### Beginner:

- Pass the cranberry sauce, please! But first, let's see how and where these bright red fruits [grow](#).
- Ready to travel the world and see what other fruits and vegetables are harvested for [tasty feasts](#)?
- If you could make any Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon, what would it be? Let's learn how to create a [balloon design](#).

### Intermediate:

- This year, you can be thankful you're you! And not one of these [quirky creatures](#).
- Before you gobble up the feast, check out this cool turkey [cooking technique](#) using osmosis.
- A whole turkey needs to be cooked to 165°F to kill bacteria. Would any of the temperatures on this [worksheet](#) be enough?

### Advanced:

- Do you have your Thanksgiving facts straight? Take this [fun quiz](#) to find out.
- Turkey may be on your plate this month, but how much do you know about the country [Turkey](#)?
- Did you know festivals and events similar to Thanksgiving are celebrated in other countries? Check out these [5 facts](#) about other festive traditions.





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### Languages & Literature

#### Beginner:

- Story time! Sit back, relax, and learn all about Laurie Friedman's [Thanksgiving Rules](#).
- P. I. E. That spells pie. Practice [spelling](#) six things you're grateful for this year.
- Can you find all six words in this [Thanksgiving word search](#)?

#### Intermediate:

- Note to self: I'm thankful for... Be creative filling out these [notes](#) to deliver to friends and family.
- Gracias! Merci! How many [languages](#) can you say "thank you" in?
- "Orange" you glad you know your [adjectives](#)? Color the adjectives in orange and use any color for the other words.

#### Advanced:

- Let's chat about gratitude: After watching this short [video clip](#), discuss the main themes and what it made you think about.
- Ready to gobble down your dinner? An idiom has a figurative meaning that differs from the literal meaning. Can you rewrite these [sentences](#) without the idiom?
- What is your favorite part about giving? After reading this [poem](#) by Alberto Rios, talk about the reason you give.

#### Writing Prompts:

- If you could invite one famous person to Thanksgiving dinner, who would you choose and why?



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### History & Culture

#### Beginner:

- Thanksgiving is a great time to learn more about family. What makes these [families special](#)? What makes your family special?
- What do other families [celebrate around the world](#)? Read along as we learn about feasts and celebrations in other countries.
- Dinners ready! Tap the characters to see how Arthur and his friends [celebrate Thanksgiving](#) in different ways. .

#### Intermediate:

- Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving anyway? Here's a brief [reminder](#).
- And why do we eat turkey for Thanksgiving? Watch this [short video](#) for a little history.
- Hey, guess what!?! Do you know why Thanksgiving in Canada is on a different day? Let's find out in this [short video](#).

#### Advanced:

- Did you know that the Caddo (CAD-oh), a Native American tribe, performed the Turkey Dance? Check out their [cool culture](#).
- What kind of pie do you have for Thanksgiving? Watch and learn as these chefs share their [traditional pies](#).
- Of course there's more to Thanksgiving than pie. [Read](#) all about the history of this significant day.



#### Creative Exercise

Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving tradition? [Read](#) about some popular ways to celebrate this holiday. Is there a new tradition you could start with your family? What would it be?



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## Arts & Crafts

### Beginner:

- Turkey time! We're making [turkeys](#) that show everything we're grateful for.
- Have you ever traced your hand to make a turkey? What about tracing your hand to make a whole [tree](#)?!
- What do squirrels and other woodland creatures eat for Thanksgiving? Acorns! How many acorns can you [count and color](#)?

### Intermediate:

- Let your gratitude grow! With just a few supplies, you can make a colorful [gratitude tree](#) to display on the table.
- Add even more personality to your table by weaving your own [placemat](#)!
- "Hoos" there?! Decorate the house with these [cute owls](#) made from cupcake liners.

### Advanced:

- Help your guests know where to sit at the table with these adorable pine cone [place settings](#).
- Who needs playdough when there's pie dough! Decorate your [Thanksgiving pie](#) with one of these fun ideas.
- Why did the turkey cross the road? Find out when you make your own [joke teller](#).







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## Field Trips

- Curious about what it was like to be a Pilgrim in the 1620s? Take a [virtual trip](#) back in time.
- The Wampanoag are the Native American tribe that were there when the Pilgrims arrived. Let's get a glimpse at their [way of life](#).

