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Here's a fun rhyme: Good for work on direction and sound contrasts.

This is a choo-choo train

(bend arm at elbow)

Puffing down the track.

(rotate arms in rhythm)

Now it's going forward,

Now it's going back.

(push arms in appropriate directions; continue rotating

motion) Now the bell is ringing, (pull bell cord) Now

the whistle blows (make sound) What a lot of noise it makes

Everywhere it goes!

(cover ears)

Fingerplay--The Trip

Wash the car,

Make it shiny and bright.

Oh, what a sight!

Fill up the car,

With lots of gas.

Then we will go far.

Wheels on the bus

Little Airplane

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Little airplane, little airplane,

In the sky, in the sky,

I can see you soaring,

I can see you soaring,
Up so high,
Up so high.

Hello Mr. Turkey!

Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? (clap, clap) Hello Mr. Turkey,
how are you? (clap, clap) With a
gobble, gobble, gobble and a wobble, wobble, wobble, Hello
Mr. Turkey, how are you? (clap, clap)

A Thanksgiving Song

(tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

The Pilgrims sailed away,
Far across the sea.

They came to America
So they could be free.

The Native Americans
Helped them plant the corn.

Then they shared a great big feast,
Thanksgiving Day was born!

Four Little Freckled Frogs

3Four little freckled frogs sitting on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious flies, Yum, Yum!

One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool,
Now there's three freckled frogs.

(Keep repeating the verse till there's one frog left):

One little freckled frog sitting on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious flies, Yum, Yum!

She jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Now there are no freckled frogs.

As a fingerplay, fingers are frogs sitting on the other arm
(log). Children can pretend to eat flies,
rubbing their stomachs when saying "Yum, Yum," then their
finger frogs can pretend to jump in
the pool. If you have time, instead of fingers, let the children
themselves take turns being frogs
and acting out the rhyme. I used four frogs because our

number this month is four but you can have as many frogs as you wish. And oh, don't forget to discuss "freckled" and "speckled."

Hurry, Hurry, Drive The Firetruck

I am Thankful

by chicky-ma-ma

(sung to "Where is Thumbkin?"

I am Thankful, I am Thankful

Yes I am, Yes I am

I am Thankful for my friends

I am thankful for my kin

Yes I am, Yes I am

(Explain that kin is another word for family!)

Make a bus using Twinkies and small Oreo cookies for wheels. Attach with frosting or cool whip.

Graham Cracker Stop Lights

You can make cars out of sandwiches too. You use a dinner roll instead of bread. I use

carrot circles for the wheels but you could use anything round and about that size. We

usually put racing stripes on with cream cheese or mustard and sometimes we even

make a little driver out of a radish.

Banana Airplanes: 1/2 of a banana for the body of the

airplane 2 pretzel sticks for the

wings 4 mini marshmallows for the windows

Apple boats: 1/2 an apple for the boat 1 pretzel stick for the mast 2 mini marshmallows

for the sail

I've learned that some children love to push cars, trucks, boats, etc. through water,

shaving cream, paint, or mud. I show them the different "tracks" that the wheels can

make. They will roll them back & forth, around in circles or just stamp or splash them!

We made airplanes out of paper towel tubes. I cut slits with an Exacto knife on the sides of tube and cut wings out of poster board and inserted through slits. Children painted the planes. After dry, we added windows with a small, square sponge. To finish the plane, I used alphabet pretzels and had each child spell out his name in pretzels and glue to the side of plane with tacky glue. They were displayed on a wire across the room and I hung white and blue crepe paper streamers in between the planes for sky and clouds.

Turkey Sweatshirts: Each child brings in a sweatshirt. Their handprint is placed on the center of shirt . Paint palm and thumb brown, remaining fingers with assorted bright colors for feathers.

Orange feet and red "gobbler" can be added by child with fine brushes.

Cut a paper plate into eighths like a pie. Color or paint the edge brown. Paint the rest orange, while it is still wet, sprinkle pumpkin pie spice on. Finish with a cotton ball. Voila, a slice of spice (pumpkin pie)

This a great family project or preschoolers it love too!! Draw two corncob shapes onto white construction paper. Have children cut out the shapes. Pop 2 cups of popcorn. (Children love to eat the popcorn, so make a little extra) Staple top of cobs together, spread bottom apart. Put red, yellow, and brown dry tempera paint into 3 different zip lock bags. Put small amount of popcorn into each bag, and shake until desired color. Put dots of glue all over the corncobs and place popcorn into the glue. Staple real cornhusks to the top of corncobs. These

make beautiful table or window decorations!!

Materials needed: one regular coffee filter per child, regular crayola watercolor markers, brown construction paper, white construction paper, glue, water. Have each child color on the coffee filter using the crayola markers. Next, spray the coffee filters gently with water. The colors will bleed together to create a beautiful tail for your turkey. Next, cut large brown circles of construction paper for the turkey's body. Cut another smaller brown circle for the head. Glue the dried coffee filter on the white paper, then the body, and finally the head. These turkeys are really something to look at!

During our unit of study on Thanksgiving, we put some plain corn kernels in Ziploc bags with food coloring and vinegar. We used red, blue, green and yellow, so we needed four bags. After pouring the corn into the bags, we had the children help us manipulate the Ziploc bags around so that all the kernels would be saturated with the color. Next, we laid all the colored kernels out on paper towels to dry. Later, we popped some of the kernels in an air popper. Prior to this, the children voted on whether they thought the popped corn would be colored or white.

We found that the popcorn was not colored on the inside, and that it was fluffy and white.

Finally, we put all the popped corn into the sand table in our Discovery center. It was fun and very versatile in the various ways we could use it! The children weighed the popcorn, compared the kernels and dictated their observations to us, counted and sorted, balanced and studied it through

magnifying glasses.

This week, we will empty the sand table, but we'll use the popped corn to add to bird feeders that their children are making! Boy, that \$1 bag of popcorn certainly went a long way!!!

Directions: Trace each child's hand on paper. Let them "paint" glue on palm and fingers

with brush. Let them sprinkle on different Thanksgiving spices on fingers -

nutmeg, salt, pepper, cinnamon, allspice, or the like. Let them smell the scents of a

Thanksgiving dinner.

Hand And Turkey Thanksgiving Card added 10-22-01

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Need: Paper, crayons or markers

Directions: Trace child's hand and color brown body and colored feathers (fingers)

Write in card:

This isn't just a Turkey

As anyone can see,

I made it with my hand

Which is part of me.

It comes with lots of love

Especially to say,

I hope that you have a very

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!!

Fun Snack time Activity: "Triangle Sandwiches":

Provide squares of bread and cheese slices and small plastic knives. The children cut their

square-shaped snacks into triangles. Discuss triangles, pointing out their three sides. Using

scissors, the children can also cut their square shaped napkins into triangles but sometimes

special instructions are needed or the bread and cheese gets cut with scissors too. Ha!

By the way, if you have any candy corn left over from Halloween, add a tiny triangle treat to snack one day. :-)

Funny Feet Day: Stormie, for the letter Ff, we had a "FUNNY FEET DAY." Some of the ideas

included having the children come to school in mismatched shoes and/or socks, colorful toenails,

temporary tattoos. The children really enjoyed this and we took pictures of their "funny

feet." Also, we made bare-footprints on the letter "F." We also made "Fall trees" using

footprints as the leaves, in orange, yellow, and red paint.

Everyone wear a special hat to school for the letter Hh. Read "Olive and the Magic Hat"

by Eileen Christelow: Olive, an opossum, tries various ways to get back her father's birthday

hat that she caused to accidentally fall on Mr. Foxley's head -- who thinks it's magic and wants to

keep it. (This is also a good book to read on a birthday.)

The LITTLE Old Woman Who Lived In a Shoe

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe

She had so many children, she didn't know what to do

So she gave them some broth without any bread

Math: Children match pairs of shoes (real ones or magazine pictures).

Gallop

Lecture Notes and Random Activities:

*Be a big horse galloping *Be a small pony galloping *How high can you gallop?

*Gallop slowly. Gallop fast. *Raise your arms and gallop

Purple Punch:

At the last minute, and right before serving, stir together 4 cups (1 Qt) of Grape Juice with 1-6oz

can of Lemonade concentrate in a punch bowl. Add chilled Ginger Ale. Garnish with lemonade

ice cubes.

Note: If purple is one of your colors this month, and you're also having a Thanksgiving Party (or Mini-Feast), this would be a perfect drink to serve.

Fine Motor/Science:

- * Provide ears of dried corn for children to "shell."
- * Provide children with a magnifying glass to "inspect" where the kernel came off the cob.
- * Cut a dried corn kernel in half and let children take turns looking at it with the magnifying glass.

Card for Parent/Guardian: (2-day project): Have children dip their hands in paint then make prints on both sides of a piece of construction paper folded into a card. Once dry, they can give their many turkeys eyes, beak, feet, and wattle (in their own way). Inside the card have them glue this letter:

Dear Mommy and Daddy,

These aren't just turkeys as anyone can see,
I made them with my hands, which are a part of me,
This card comes with lots of love, especially to say,
I hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Love, (child's name printed or scribbled by the child)

Train Whistles:

Supply each child with an empty plastic soda bottle. Invite the children to decorate the bottle however they wish. With stickers or glue on paper etc. To make the whistle sound, blow across the bottle's opening. Have the children blow all at once and pretend to be a train.

Be an _____

Have the children pretend to be an airplane, train, car etc.

Turkey Headbands

Have the children cut paper strips to make a headband out of. They make glue, staple or tape the headband together. Provide the children with feathers, glitter, sequins or other materials for them to decorate the headband with. You can write "Turkey Suzy" on the headband.

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DLTK's Holiday Activities for Kids

Sailboat Card for Father's Day

Contributed by a viewer!

Good shapes and colors practice.

Newsletter

SHAPE: Triangle

NUMBERS: 6

LETTERS: Ee Ff Gg Hh

NURSEY RHYMES: Little Old Women Who lived in a Shoe

GROSS MOTOR: Galloping

FINE MOTOR: Cutting on a line and fringing and writing their own name also we will have cornmeal in the water/sand table.

SCIENCE: Transportation

List Different kinds of Transportation

Know where each type of Transportation goes

Makes different sounds of Transportation

COLORS: purple and brown

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOCUS:

Thanksgiving

CHARACTER EDUCATION: being thankful and caring

GEOGRAPHY AND MULTICULTURAL:

Home/family Life Around the World

HISTORY: Early American Homes and Family Life



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