



Thanksgiving Tasting Feast

What's A Tasting Thanksgiving Feast?

It's a "little dab 'ul do ya!" and a whole lot less stress when you're dealing with little kids who are picky eaters. A Taste Feast is simply a spoonful of this and that. Delegate the fixin's to the parents via a sign up sheet and all you have to do is slip in a CD and monitor the procession.



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- Celebrate the Wednesday before vacation.
- To feed an entire class of 20, have parents sign up at Open House to bring the following from the ingredient list.
- You could also leave this sign up sheet out at parent-teacher conferences. I've even made a sign-up sign!
- Send a reminder note home of who signed up for what, a few days before feast day.

Stuff for the Feast

- 1 pound of deli sliced turkey (This is cut into 1/4ths while it is in a stack)
- 1 box prepared Stove Top dressing
- 1 20 oz can of corn
- 1 bowl of mashed potatoes
- 2 jars of turkey gravy (For potatoes)
- 1 20 oz can of squash
- 1 large pumpkin pie (Each child gets a little scoop)
- 1 can of whipped cream for pie (Just a squirt next to the pie if they want)
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 **mini**-cornbread muffin per child
- 1 gallon of apple cider or juice . (We have had parents who have brought in cider and juice and then graphed which we liked the best.)
- **Optional:** Venison Sausage or a tiny piece of meat
- You may also want to add seasonal Dixie cups, paper plates, napkins, and folks to your list.

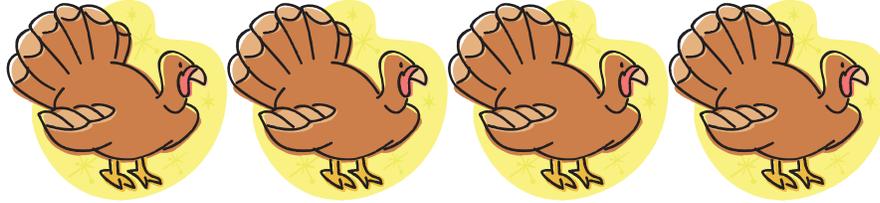
Things To Do...

- Send a note home asking parents to come help serve your Thanksgiving Taste Feast. (I've made one.)
- Send a **reminder note** home the day before the feast reminding parents that they signed up to help. I've made one.)

- Have children sign a "We are thankful for your help card" the day before, and send it home with the parents who came to help. (I've included one.)
- To avoid "I don't want any!" tell your students before hand, that they will TASTE everything; and then if they don't like it, they don't have to eat it. You could make exceptions with whipped cream and gravy.
- You'll be amazed that some children have never tasted squash, cranberries, cider or pumpkin pie!
- Some children will also want more. There might be some leftovers, but before you start giving them, you need to know if there IS enough for seconds, so ask for a show of hands and then decide whether you will go down that road or not. Remind the children that this is just a Tasting Feast. There should be enough apple juice/cider for seconds.
- Parents put things in cafeteria oven to warm (potatoes, squash, gravy) after lunch has been served.
- Do this in the afternoon in place of your snack time, the last thing before you go home.
- If you have made paper bag Native American vests and head bands as a class and Pilgrims hats and collars like I do, have children pick a Pilgrim or Indian word out of a basket and then wear either their Indian paper bag vest and headband or their Pilgrim hat and collar to the feast, depending on what word they picked out of the basket. You could give them a choice, but I think you'd have a feast of Native Americans.
- A long sheet of brown butcher paper is laid down on a little used hallway floor to be the "Table".
- Everyone sits "Indian-style" criss-cross-applesauce to eat.
- You could also use a section of floor by the wall in the cafeteria if it's not being used.
- Play a Native American CD for background music.
- Adults serve just a tiny "spoonful-taste" of everything.
- When everyone is finished have your students sing: *We are thankful, We are thankful. For your time, for your time. We are very thankful, we are very thankful. We love you. We love you.* The tune is to *Brother John* I made it up to sing whenever anyone comes in to help us.
- Parents stay and clean up.
- Take the children back to the classroom and graph their favorite and least favorite foods.
- If you had both cider and apple juice, graph their favorite. I've provided Thanksgiving graphs as well.
- Run off thank you notes and send home with parents who came to help.
- Tuck a [Happy Thanksgiving Note](#) in your students' Take Home Folders/backpacks.
- Bid everyone a "**Happy Thanksgiving!**" Now go home and have a wonderful relaxing long weekend so you can get ready for Christmas!
- Wahoo!! Does planning ever end?



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- The next day have your students make my Thanksgiving dinner booklet. (TWM 520) The cover is a paper plate complete with a plastic fork and spoon. Sam's club sells silver ones that look very realistic! Fasten them on with glue dots!



I will bring in the following for the Thanksgiving Tasting Feast.
Please write in your **CHILD's** name. I will be sending a reminder note home in
November. Thank you!

- 1 pound of **deli sliced turkey** (This is cut into 1/4ths while it is in a stack)

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- 1 box prepared **Stove Top dressing**

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- 1 can of **whipped cream** for pie

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- 1 can of **cranberry sauce**

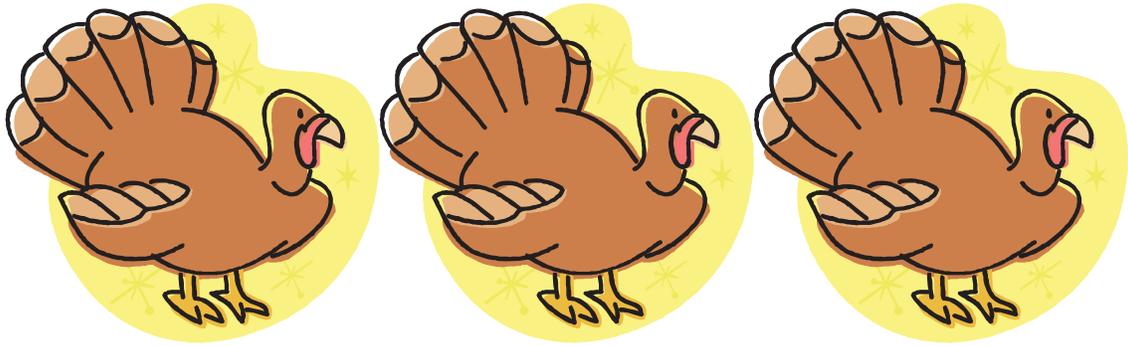
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- 1 **mini-cornbread muffin** per child

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- 1 gallon of **apple cider** or **juice** to drink

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We're having a Tasting Feast!
We'd be thankful if you would
please sign up to bring
something.

That would be turkey-riffic!
Thanks in advance!





If any of you are deer hunters and could bring in some venison or venison sausage for our Thanksgiving Taste Feast that would be awesome! Please sign below if you can, and what you will send/bring. I only need two people. Thanks in advance.

Name: _____
Child's Name: _____
What type of venison: _____

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Child's Name: _____
What type of venison: _____



Dear Families,

It's time for our **Thanksgiving Tasting Feast!**

Parents have volunteered to bring in the food and I need people to help serve our mini banquet. Grandparents are welcome to help too. If you can come we'd be thankful!

Day: _____

Time: _____

If you can come please sign the bottom, clip and return with your child by:

Thanks in advance for making a wonderful memory for us.

Educationally Yours,



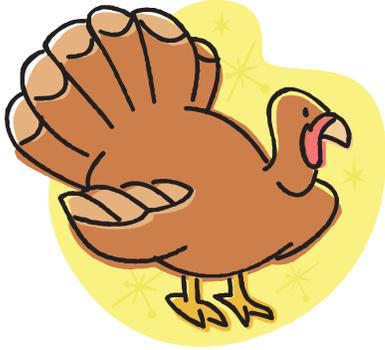
Yes, I will help with the Tasting Feast.

Signed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Or ...

_____ will come and help.



Just a reminder!

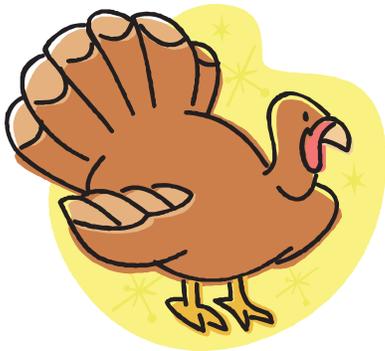
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Thanks you.



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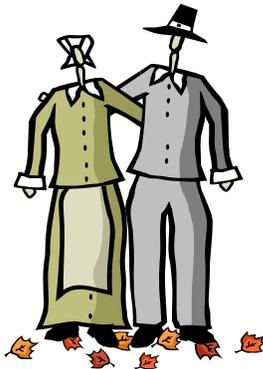
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Happy Thanksgiving to you!
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