



Novemeber 2010 Newsletter

Tips and Activities

BE THANKFUL!

In the September newsletter, there was a lesson to teach about “Community Helpers”. Who are they? What jobs do they perform? November is a time for being full of thanks! So let’s take this one step further!

Let’s THANK the leaders in our community for helping to keep our schools, neighborhoods, cities and state, what it they are today! Start your lesson by brainstorming as a class those people in your lives that help in our communities. Veterans of War, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Teachers, Principals, Parents... the list can go on and on.

Figure out as a group a good way to THANK these people for what they do.

Suggestions:

1. Handwritten thank you letters from each child or from the class as a whole.
2. Make them a treat and deliver it to them if there is a location (fire station, police department) within walking distance.
3. **In honor of Veterans Day** invite a variety of Veterans to your classroom and have them visit with the students about their experiences or about the war they fought in.

Have your students work as partners and interview one of these individuals. Go over 5 key questions that they can be prepared to ask this person.

Have cookies and punch afterwards to THANK them for their time.

Resources:

Veterans Hospital, VFW, Veteran Clubs, Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc. all have connections with men and women who are veterans.

Note: Check out our December newsletter for a lesson plan that helps us thank our military soldiers fighting for us right now!

Students:

Have you ever wondered...

what games kids played before computers, Wii or Gameboy? Here is a game that kids in the 1940s played that is still fun to play today! This would be a great game to play on Thanksgiving day if you have company coming.

Clothes Pins in the Bottle:

Place a milk bottle (or glass container with a small opening) on the floor. Let each person playing try dropping 10 clothespins in the bottle. Whoever makes gets the most clothespins in the bottle, wins!

You can get clothes pins at craft stores or in the supplies department of a grocery store. If you don't have clothespins, try using pencils or large paperclips instead!