



NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER TIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Thanking the leaders in our community for helping to keep our schools, neighborhoods, cities, and state operations what they are today is often overlooked. Thanksgiving has always been a holiday that inspires and promotes the awareness of being thankful. Thanking our families, friends, siblings, neighbors, teachers, etc. is often an easy task for children.

Start a lesson by brainstorming as a class those people in our lives that help in our communities. Some community members to talk about are veterans of war, police officers, fire fighters, teachers, principals, and parents. Encourage students to take it a step further and verbally express why it is they are thankful for that person.

Some fun activities include:

1. Writing thank you letters from each child or from the class as a whole.
2. Making treats and delivering to a local fire station or police department.

In honor of Veterans Day, invite a veteran or group of veterans to your classroom and have them talk with the students about their experiences or about the war they fought in. Have students work as partners and interview one of these individuals. Beforehand, prepare five key questions with the class to ask the person who visits. You could provide cookies and punch afterwards to thank them for their time.