

**Our Thanksgiving Traditions in the United States**

 Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. The holiday originated in the 1600’s when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians feasted together to celebrate a good harvest. Each family celebrates in their own way, but all seem to revolve around a feast. We hope you enjoy our Thanksgiving traditions.

Claudya - My mom bakes a turkey and then she makes a pumpkin pie. She bakes bread and then our friends start arriving. We play outside and then my mom calls us in for a big meal. We start eating and afterwards we go play some more. Then we eat the pumpkin pie. My Grammy and Poppy and my aunt and uncle, and my dad’s parents all come over.

Toby – We have a feast. We eat turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, apple pie, and walnut pie. My uncle and cousin, my grandparents, and lots of other people come to eat. During the day we run around the house playing games. Most of the games are tag and board games. We all watch the football games.

Meghan – This year we are going to my grandparents’ house in Conroe, Texas. We are probably going to have a feast there. My favorite foods are the turkey, ham, and the dressing. Afterwards, we will go to a big football game in College Station; Texas A&M verses the University of Texas.

Andrew – My family always goes to my Grandma’s house and we play games and then we eat lunch. Our lunch is a big feast. My favorite food is the turkey and then we have dessert. We make surprise pie. We put random foods in the pie and see if anyone can guess what is in it. If you are right you win a prize. Then we play more games and then we eat dinner. At night, we go over to my aunt and uncles and watch the Texas A& M and University of Texas game there.

Mia – This year I am going to my Grandma and Grandpas house with my dad. Usually we have pecan pie, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey, and sometimes we have corn. My favorite part of the meal is pie. My little cousin will come over and we play outside. My dad, uncle, and grandpa will watch the football game and I will watch a movie.

Quinn – This year we are going to invite our Grandma here and play with her. We will have a feast. We are going to have turkey, green bean casserole, corn, and pumpkin pie. My favorite thing to eat is turkey. We will watch the Texas A&M game. Then we are going to the lake to fish.

Nate – I am going to have my Grandma and Grandpa come here. There is going to be lots of food. I am going to have a lot of fun. One of my favorite things is the turkey.

Gretchen - This year I am going to have Thanksgiving at my house. We are going to have turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, and then we play “Catch Phrase” or’ The Name Game.”

Liam – I think we are going to my grandparents’ house and we are going to eat turkey, pumpkin pie, and maybe chocolate pie. We are going to play outside, play some games, and watch the football games.

Lauren – I’m going to have Thanksgiving at my grandparent’s house in Dallas. We are going to take Rosy our dog and then we are going to play in the backyard with my cousin. We’re going to eat turkey, monkey bread, mashed potatoes, dressing, potato salad, and pumpkin pie.

Abby – I’m going to go over to my great grandmother’s and I am going to eat lunch. Then I am going to go home and watch the parade with my doll. Then I am going to take my doll and go over to my Nana’s and we’re going to play with my cousins and eat dinner and go home.

Ben – First I am going to go to my grandma’s house in Dallas. Then when all my cousins get there we play football. Then we go eat a big, big dinner. We have lots of turkey and bread, and then we eat dessert. Then we finish our football game and see who wins.

Archer – I am going to have my aunt, my uncle, and I think my grandpa come over to my house for Thanksgiving. I am going to have turkey, jelly, and have a pie with marshmallows in it. After we eat, we play games and that’s all.

Brooke – I went to my Grandmother’s house. We had cranberry sauce, turkey, and cherry pie for dessert. My cousins, Celine and Hanna, came and we played while they got the food ready.

Katy – We had lunch at the Country Club with some of our cousins and my aunts and uncles. After we ate lunch we went to my house and we had dinner there. After dinner we had pumpkin pie. We played games.

Ian – I went to my Grandmother’s house and ate vegetables, turkey, and cranberry Jell-O. We watched a football game.

Mrs. Booth – I am going to cook Thanksgiving dinner this year and both of my sons and their wives will be in Dallas. We always have turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and green beans. We will have pumpkin pie and chocolate pie for dessert. After we eat, we will relax and watch football games.

We are all thankful for our many blessings! We are especially thankful for our good friends in Canada! Have a wonderful week!

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