



This Thanksgiving season we all have so much to be grateful for. I know you have talked with your children about being grateful and thankful. We certainly have here at school. We wish you a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday, Watching children laugh, grow, and dream can keep things in perspective. Once again thank you for the opportunity to let us love and nurture your children.

## Happy Thanksgiving From all the Staff and Teachers at FPCDC!

### Our grateful list:

#### . Good Health

Even if you're health isn't great, it could be worse and you likely still have some working parts to be thankful for.

#### Money in the Bank

Having just a few coins makes you richer than most people on Earth.

#### . Good Friends

Often, it's the quality of friendships, not the quantity.

#### Freedom of Religion

Being able to worship whomever and however you want is something many people don't ever experience.

#### Your Parents

Even if they're dysfunctional, they gave you life.

#### Weekends

There's something magical about weekends.

#### Pets

Pets offer one of the best examples of unconditional love.

#### Learning from Mistakes

If we never made mistakes, we wouldn't learn much so it is one of those things we should be thankful for.

#### Opportunity to Get an Education

The opportunity to attend school is something many people don't have.

#### Having a Home

Whether you live in an apartment, a mansion, or a tent, having a place to call home is something to be thankful for.

#### An Ability to Read

If you're reading this right now, you have a lot to be thankful for.

#### Breathing Fresh Air

Being able to step outside to breathe in fresh air is a good reminder how many little things we should be thankful for.

#### A Bed to Sleep

A bed is one of those things that's easy to take for granted, until you don't have one

#### . Laughter

Without laughter, the world would be a sad place.

#### . Safety and Security

Being able to wake up without immense fear frees us up to really live life.

#### Cars

Without cars, it would take a lot longer to get our activities done.

#### Sunshine

The sun's warmth can brighten any day.

#### Time

Although we often don't think there's enough of it, time is something we shouldn't take for granted.

#### Clean Water

Many people on earth lack access to clean water.

#### Cell Phones

Cell phones make talking to loved ones easy.

#### . Love

The world sure would be a different place if we lacked the ability to love.

#### Books

Books provide an opportunity to enter another world all from the comfort of your own home.

#### Kindness of Strangers

Never take the kindness of a stranger for granted.

#### Campfires

The simplicity of a campfire creates lifelong memories.

Pain

Without pain, it would be difficult to appreciate life's joys.

Art

The world would be less beautiful if art didn't exist.

Holidays

Any reason to celebrate is something we should be thankful for.

Freedom of Speech

Being able to express your thoughts and feelings freely should never be taken for granted.

Rainbows

The beauty of a rainbow is unmatched.

. Tears

Sometimes when there are no words to say, tears express how we feel for us.

Waking up Today

Simply waking up today means you have things to be thankful for.

Indoor Plumbing

Indoor plumbing not only provides convenience, it spares us from disease.

Wisdom that Comes with Age

Thankfully, we grow smarter over time.

. Mountains

Mountains provide us with beauty and recreation.

Eyesight

Being able to see allows us to view the world's beauty.

Grocery Stores

Grocery stores mean we don't have to spend all of our time getting our own food.

. Sunsets

Sunsets are a reminder that we should enjoy the simple things in life.

Entertainment

Entertainment gives us a way to relax and enjoy life.

Your Mind

Being able to think, remember, and solve problems sure makes life easier.

Employment

Even if you don't like your job, being employed means someone thought you were special enough to hire.

Diversity

The world would be a boring place without diversity.

Moon and Stars

The moon and stars encourage us to dream.

### Electricity

Electricity makes most of our chores efficient.

### Air Conditioning

Staying cool on a hot day is something people wouldn't have dreamed about in past centuries.

### Hearing

Being able to hear your loved one's voice is something that not everyone gets to do.

### Children

Watching children laugh, grow, and dream can keep things in perspective.

### Ability to Learn

The ability to learn new things means we have endless potential.

### People Willing to Teach

Whether it's your grandmother teaching you to knit or your plumber showing you how to prevent future problems, be grateful that others are willing to use their time and talents to teach you something new.

### Oceans

The sea creatures in the ocean almost seem too mystical to be real.

### Modern Medicine

Without advances in modern medicine, many of us wouldn't be alive.

### Music

Music brings out new emotions.

### . Warm Clothing

On a cold day, there's nothing more important than warm clothing.

### . Freedom to Vote

Being able to have a say in the laws should never be taken for granted.

### . An Internet Connection

It's hard to believe how easy it is to take the internet for granted, seeing how none of us had just a couple of decades ago.

### Challenges

Without challenges in life, we wouldn't be the people we are now.

### Hiking Trails

Hiking trails give us the chance to enjoy mother's nature beauty.

### Vaccines

Many of us wouldn't be alive without today's vaccinations.

### 60. Armed Forces

Our lives would likely be very different if we didn't have protection from the armed forces.

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## Time to Reboot

We are moving right into the Christmas Season. Our Thanksgiving feast was a wonderful time with all the families and children. Thank you for coming. The turkeys graced our halls and walls and not a single one was caught for the

Thanksgiving feast!

As the new season begins, we will start some new themes appropriate for the season. Christmas is filled with sights, sounds, smells and taste. Things to look at, things to hold and things to experience. When we come back after the Thanksgiving holiday, our classroom theme will be the five senses. So when your children come home telling you they smelled cotton balls, they probably did! What a wonderful way to discover the world around us and experience all the wonders as play while learning. Just look at the many ways we can explore the apple in the picture.



## important Reminders

As you know our children at FPCDC get to experience the tenderness and love of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. Many groups of people at the church support us in so many different ways. There is a group that sews all of our rest mat covers for us. They are so much better quality and easier to use than the "store-bought" ones. Our children are included in Tuesday afternoon chapel where they sing and learn the love of Jesus. Our

children are invited to all the special events that the church hosts for children on Wednesday evening and other times. There are church members that serve on the CDC council and serve as advisors to our program. The church members help maintain the play equipment. I could go on and on in countless ways that the church enriches the FPCDC. A new initiative is going to start. This is so exciting. The church members are going to start a prayer chain for the children. Members will choose a name or names (first name only), and then that child will have a special prayer said for them each day. If for any reason you do not want your child's first name included in this list, please let us know and we will certainly honor your request.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**If you move or change addresses, please let the front office (Ms. Tasha) know as soon as possible. There are some children that have new addresses, and we have to keep our files updated.**

**If there are any changes in your child's status for attendance we also need to be aware of this. Please keep us informed. Sometimes parents tell the teacher, but the office staff needs to know this information as well.**

**Thanks for your cooperation.**

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