



NOVEMBER

Hippopotamus/Orange

Gratitude – letting others know you see how they've helped you.



Car Time – Listen and sing about the value!

“Gratitude” on Why Don’t You album

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/gratitude/id373045781?i=373045877>



Open Wide – JUST FOR FUN:

Can you match these “thank-you” words with the correct language? Gracias, Merci, Dankë, Grazie
(Answers in order: Spanish, French, German, Italian)

DISCUSSION STARTER:

The Gratitude Campaign was started a few years ago as a way to thank soldiers for serving their country. Since it can be awkward to say thank you to a stranger, someone developed a creative solution: a sign-language gesture expressing gratitude. To sign this gesture, you place your hand over your heart. Then pull your hand down and out toward the person you’re thanking with your palm angled up, bending your arm at your elbow (not your wrist), and stopping around your belly button.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- What are some creative ways you could thank people?
- Which of these ways could you use to thank a family member this week?
- Who are some people at your school you could thank in one of these ways?
- Who are some people in your community you could thank?



Rest – K-2: Andy and the Lion: A Tale of Kindness Remembered or the Power of Gratitude by: James Daugherty; In this retelling of Androcles and the Lion, Andy meets a lion on the way to school and wins his friendship for life by removing a thorn from his paw.

3-5: Birdbrain Amos by: Michael Delaney; Poor Amos! He hired a tickbird to eat the bugs off his back so he could be like all the other hippos. There’s just one problem. Kumba, his tickbird, takes it a bit too literally when Amos tells her to make herself at home. Now Amos has to walk around with a bird’s nest on his head, and he doesn’t like it one bit! To make matters worse, all of the other animals are making fun of him. What’s a hippo to do? Is there any way he can be grateful for what he does have?



Experience – Has someone helped your family out recently? A grandparent, neighbor, or teacher?

It may even be someone you have only met once like a firefighter, police officer, or doctor. This month, decide as a family on one person you want to thank. Then come up with a special way to show that person your gratitude. It can be as simple as a homemade thank you card in the mail or as extravagant as a self-delivered home cooked meal complete with balloons, streamers, and a hand painted thank you banner. No matter the gesture, your friend, family member, or community worker is guaranteed to feel appreciated and your family will have a blast putting it all together!