

# CHARACTER TRAIT FOR NOVEMBER

## THANKFULNESS & GOOD MANNERS



### I. DEFINITION

**Thankfulness**- aware and appreciative of a benefit; grateful

**Good Manners**-The treatment of other people with courtesy and politeness, and showing correct public behavior

### II. QUOTES

"It is not happy people who are **thankful**; it is **thankful** people who are happy."  
-*Author Unknown*

"We would worry less if we praised more. **Thanksgiving** is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction." -*Harry A. Ironside*

"**Thankfulness** creates gratitude which generates contentment that causes peace." -Todd Stocker

**Manners** are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good **manners** no matter what fork you use. -*Emily Post*

### III. ACTIVITIES

Thankful Thursdays Journal Writing- Have the students each Thursday write in their journals what they are thankful for.

"I'm Thankful For" Napkin Rings- Using strips of paper, make napkin rings for family dinners

Sing the Good Manners Song (tune: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

We say, "Thank you". We say, "Please".  
We don't interrupt or tease.  
We don't argue. We don't fuss.  
We listen when folks talk to us.  
We share our toys. We take our turn.  
Good Manners are easy for us to learn!

### IV. RELATED PICTURE BOOKS

Do Unto Otters -by Laurie Keller

Bear Says Thanks -Karma Wilson

Madeline Says Merci - John Bemelmans Marciano



Know What Matters.