



The Ambassador

Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School



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Thankful
Grateful
Blessed

Have a wonderful break with
family and friends!

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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and open-minded thinkers, lifelong learners and compassionate world citizens who respect cultural diversity and take action to better our world.



NOAH



Kampala, Uganda



Remember the sock campaign we did? Unfortunately, we can't buy socks anymore. BUT... We just wanted to let you know why we did this campaign. You see, not everybody is as lucky as we are. With the money we raised by selling 155 packs of socks, we get to sponsor Noah for a year and another student for half a year at school. All that money will pay for their tuition, uniforms, two meals a day and the teachers' salaries.

Thanks to the students, teachers, parents and staff we helped two more kids get an education!

By Isaac B., Mrs. Cousins' class





Thankful for Reading

Having conversations before, during and after reading together helps children develop higher-level thinking and language skills such as predicting, problem solving, or comparing and contrasting. Ask your child questions as you read and talk about the content of the story together.

Use open-ended questions to encourage your child to think about the book's theme or message. Ask your child to apply the book's theme to the world around him/her by making connections to his/her life. Ask more and more complex questions to build vocabulary and language skills.

Help children learn how to break sentences into words and words into syllables

- Show children that they can break down sentences into words.
- Practice identifying the words in a sentence by saying a sentence aloud and asking the child to count the number of words in the sentence.
- Next, start helping your child break words into **syllables***.

Here are two simple strategies to show how to break words into syllables:

- Place your hand under your chin and notice the number of times your chin moves down as you say a word slowly.
- Clap once for each syllable as you say a word.

*A **syllable** is a part of a word that has one vowel sound.

Books you may consider reading over the holiday week...

1. *We Give Thanks* by Cynthia Rylant
2. *I am Thankful* by Sheri Wall
3. *Peyton Picks the Perfect Pie* by Jack Bishop
4. *Duck for Turkey Day* by Jacqueline Jules
5. *Not This Turkey* by Jessica Steinberg
6. *Thanks a Million* by Nicky Grimes
7. *Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet
8. *We are Grateful Otsaliheliga* by Traci Sorrell
9. *An Indigeneous People's History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
10. *Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message* by Chief Jake Swamp

