

Week of:	Nov. 21-23	Location	classroom
Topic			
Thanksgiving fun			
Objective			
Students will explore websites that pertain to Thanksgiving			
Materials			
Websites: Interactive puzzle: http://www.billybear4kids.com/jigsaw-puzzles/animated/Online.html Matching game: http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/thanksgiving/MatchEmUp/Thanksgiving.html Tictactoe - http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/thanksgiving/tictactoe/index.html The first Thanks giving- http://teacher.scholastic.com/thanksgiving/ Laptop, projector, smartboard			
Before the lesson			
Test the websites to make sure they come up on the laptop. The games may require Flash or java to be loaded.			
During the Lesson			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seat students on floor in front of the screen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask students if they know what holiday is coming up? ○ Does anyone know how Thanksgiving got started? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pilgrims left England to come to the new world – America ▪ They landed in Plymouth Massachusetts ▪ They had to live through a hard winter ▪ But in the spring the Indians taught them how to grow crops and live off the land ▪ In the fall of that year after they harvested all of the crops the Pilgrims and Indians got together to celebrate how thankful they were for what they had ○ Have you ever thought about what it was like to travel to America knowing that there were no other colonists here? ○ We're going to take a look at a site called the first Thanksgiving that gives us an idea of what the Pilgrims had to do to get here. ➤ Open website: http://teacher.scholastic.com/thanksgiving/ ➤ We're going to start off by seeing what life was like on the Mayflower. The Mayflower was the ship the Pilgrims used to get them to America ➤ We're going to go aboard the Mayflower (Click Come Aboard) ➤ From here, read what is on the screen (I've included a copy of the screens you'll go through) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As you're going through the slides look for opportunities to ask the kids opinion of how they would have liked to travel in those conditions for so long. ○ Especially when you get to the part about where all of the Pilgrims lived in the boat. Talk about the fact that this is different from ships of today. They didn't have bathrooms or running water. Cooking was difficult as well since the boats were made 			

of wood. It was hard to cook with fire because it could burn the boat.

- If time permits, go to one of the game sites listed in the materials section. Have the kids use the white board to work the games and touch the screen.

After the Lesson