



Gratitude Chart



Make a chart on a surface easily seen by the children. Have one column for each book you share and one column headed "I'm Thankful For" (see example below). Label rows for "people," "places," "activities," "things," and "make believe." Have students fill in the chart for each book. To complete this activity, they will need to pay close attention to the text and make and discuss decisions about sorting information.

As the books are discussed, invite the children to add to the personal column as they are inspired by the books.

Suggested Books:

- *An Awesome Book of Thanks!* by Dallas Clayton
- *Thanks a Million* by Nikki Grimes
- *The Secret of Saying Thanks* by Douglas Wood
- *Bear Says Thanks* by Karma Wilson
- *Cat* by Mike Dumbleton
- *Just So Thankful* by Mercer Mayer

	An Awesome Book of Thanks	Thanks a Million	I'm Thankful For...
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • friends • those who make us all stronger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • math tutor • kid who wants to be your friend • Miss Lee who cooks for me • my mom and my brother • Gran • sister and brother 	
Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ocean deep • desert dry • mountain steep • places to go when you want to cry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this creaky old house 	
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skipping rope • when someone is kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skateboard • play video games • swim • go to a movie • sleep all day • playing basketball with Dad • chance to run track 	
Things	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sun • earth and air • food to share • trees and trains • breeze and rain • books • farm animals • animals • balls and kits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch box love notes • weekends • less homework • books and a good author • trees • spot on the swim team • stuffing, roast turkey, and hot apple pie 	
Make Believe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gigantic dino machines • magic rocks • lucky breaks • boxes for pretend • wishes you might never get • girelephants • silly hats 		