

Theme: Thank You from Around the World

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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's post is from Ms. Linda (from Grenfell).



How do children around the world say, "thank you"? We all have different languages but very similar ways to express gratitude (a smile, a hug or even a nod). Teaching young children to express gratitude may be challenging but it is an important step in learning social skills.

Here are some ways you can say "thanks" to people near and far:

The Artistic Touch



Gather the crayons, papers, scissors, markers and paints! Everyone appreciates a hand drawn thank you card from a kid. Scribbling or not, these are personal expressions from each child and

should be acknowledged and appreciated. Send them off to neighbours or grandparents! Talk about how the other person would feel receiving a thank you card. How does it make you feel making it? Your heart feels good, doesn't it? 😊

For more handprint art ideas, check out this blog post - <https://www.howweelearn.com/50-keepsake-worthy-kids-handprint-art-ideas/>

Social Media and Video/Phone Calls



During COVID times, using technology to keep in touch is very important. Posting a "thanks" on Facebook, sending a photo via email or singing a song on video chat are different ways to say thank you virtually. Check out how to say "thank you" in 100 different languages - <https://www.thankyousilver.com/blogs/resources/13839845-thank-you-in-100-languages> !

A Tasty Thank You

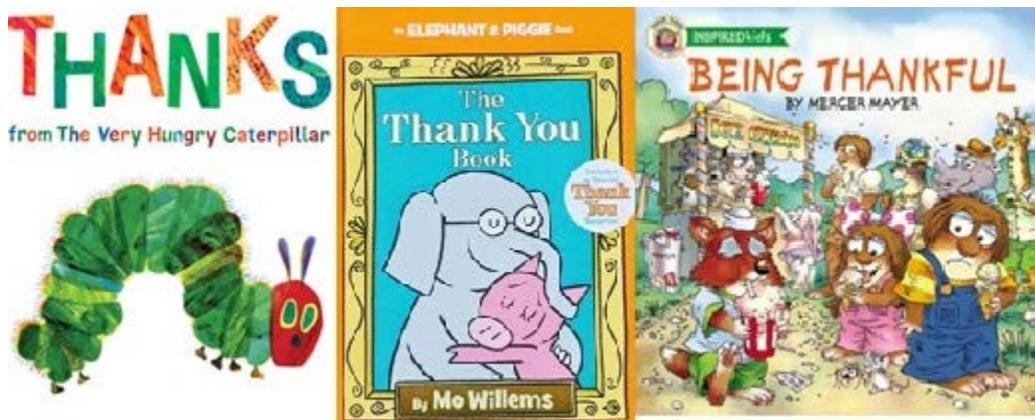


For families in the same household, or when COVID is over, you can say thanks with some tasty treats! It could be fun to spell out "thank you" with alphabet cookie cutters or icing!

Here is a simple sugar cookie recipe to try

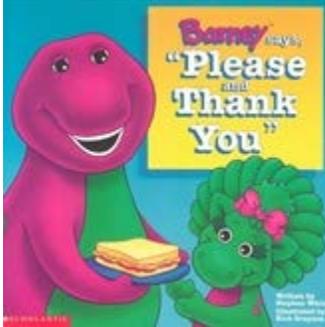
- <https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/classic-sugar-cookies-51255700>

Now, let's read a few books on giving thanks:



- Thanks from The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle - <https://youtu.be/VBCz5D2B3Hw>
- The Thank You Book by Mo Willems - <https://youtu.be/apOpeggU914>
- Being Thankful by Mercer Mayer - <https://youtu.be/b9y7SExwwMg>

After our stories, let's sing a song about Please and Thank You by Barney
- <https://youtu.be/IBB2qhL9TJY>



*There are lots of things, we can do to be nice
Sometimes they're hard to remember
But there are two little things
You should never forget
From January through December*

*He's talking 'bout 'Please and Thank you'
They're called the magic words
If you want nice things to happen
They're the words that should be heard*

*Remember please and thank you
'Cause they're the magic words*

*Use 'em in the morning, at noon and night
'Cause it's a great way to be polite
'Please and thank you'
They're the magic words*

*We're talking 'bout 'Please and Thank you'
They're called the magic words
If you want nice things to happen
They're the words that should be heard*

*Remember 'Please and Thank you'
'Cause they're the magic words
Use 'em in the morning, at noon and night
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*'Please and thank you'
They're the magic words.*

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