

## Pilgrims & Native Americans

November 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

This week we begin our theme study on the Pilgrims and Native Americans leading up to the first Thanksgiving. We will focus on the history of the Pilgrim voyage across the sea and their arrival to the new world. The students will also learn about the Native Americans who inhabited the new world – their shelter, culture, food, environment, and life skills. We will highlight the skills that each group may have shared with each other, such as farming, fishing, hunting, and technology.

Most importantly we will focus on what it *truly* means to be “thankful” for something. The students will build a list of everything they are thankful for in their lives. We will discuss the power of giving and the rewarding feeling you *get* when you *give*.

### **Featured stories for the week will include:**

- ◆ The Night Before Thanksgiving
- ◆ The Pilgrim Voyage
- ◆ A Thanksgiving Tale
- ◆ A Collection Of Thanksgiving Poems
- ◆ Turkey, Turkey, Gobble, Gobble!

### **Featured finger-plays & songs:**

- Turkey Dinner
- Five Little Turkeys
- The Pilgrims Came

### **Featured art projects include:**

- ★ Cut & paste Pilgrim Hat
- ★ Turkey calendar
- ★ Building a log-cabin

