

Giving Thanks

RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

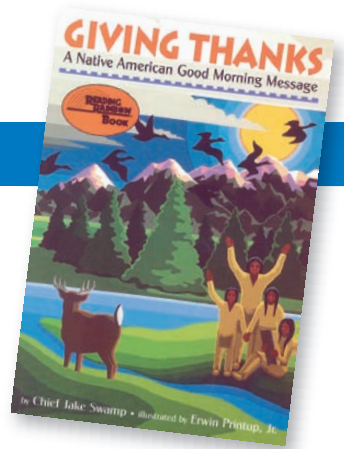
MATH/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ Organize a monthly clean up day at your school, if appropriate. Split kids into teams to collect loose trash around the grounds. See how much trash each team can collect. Create a graph to show how many bags (grocery size) were filled. Add to the graph each month with a goal of decreasing the amount of trash. Remember to give kids plastic gloves or other protection!



SOCIAL STUDIES

- ◆ Have students research to find which American Indian tribe lives or lived closest to your area. Have them make a poster or brochure showing the tribe's name, language, traditional foods, clothing, crafts, etc.
- ◆ Assign student groups an American Indian tribe. Have them find information about that tribe (customs, beliefs, locale, history, clothing, lifestyle, etc.). Groups can share their discoveries through oral presentations, PowerPoints, staged interviews, etc. As a follow up, compare differences and similarities among groups.



SCIENCE

- ◆ Plant a tree or a small plant. Discuss what the tree will need to grow. Have the students be responsible for nurturing the plant and charting its growth. Look up the life cycle of plants so you can identify what is happening as the plant grows.
- ◆ The text refers to Grandmother Moon growing full every month. Discuss the phases of the moon. Let students draw the moon in its different stages. Write a description of how the moon looks in each stage.
- ◆ The text mentions that the animals in the world keep the forest clean. Ask students what that means. Look at the dynamics of the ecosystem to discover if the statement is true.

