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Book Review

Title: Thanksgiving Day Thanks
Author: Laura Malone Elliott
Illustrator: Lynn Munsinger
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Katherein Tegen Books
Publication Year: 2013
ISBN: 9780060002367
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Dependable



Review

Thanksgiving is coming, and Sam's class couldn't be more excited. Everyone knows of one special thing that they are grateful for, but Sam isn't sure what his special thing is. Sam's teacher, Mrs. Wright, wants everyone to write down something they are really grateful for while the class works on Thanksgiving projects like a pumpkin pie making contest, making place mats, and helping with a food drive. Sam is able to think of a great project: balloons just like the Thanksgiving parade on TV! Lots of wind might ruin Sam's special project, but he is finally able to come up with the thing he is most grateful for.

The illustrations of the animal characters in this book are cute, and their projects to get ready for Thanksgiving can give teachers, parents, and children ideas for how to celebrate the holiday while learning more about the history of why Thanksgiving is a holiday. A note at the end of the book talks about Squanto and the first Thanksgiving, and the next page discusses a few more Thanksgiving facts. While not a particularly wonderful book, people looking for books about Thanksgiving will be satisfied.