

POWER LUNCH ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Thankful for Books

As Thanksgiving approaches, try these writing activities to help your student to reflect on and appreciate books and authors that give great joy or have made a lasting impression:

- Use the handout on the next page to complete this sentence *The book I'm thankful for is*. Your student can include reasons why the book is special and/or draw a favorite character/scene from the book. Model the activity by talking through your thinking as you complete the handout yourself.
- Do some Thankful for Books letter writing:



- Have your student use the Thankful for Books letterhead to write a letter to a favorite author that shows their appreciation for the author's work.
- Have your student use the Thankful for Books letterhead to write a letter to one of the [sponsors](#) of the Power Lunch program that includes details about the books your student enjoys, who your student enjoys reading them with, and thanks the sponsor for their support of Everybody Wins DC.

Give student letters to your school coordinator to be mailed or displayed.

Native American Heritage Month

Books can help you and your student move away from talking about Native peoples in the past tense in the context of Thanksgiving. American Indians are still here, living modern lives. Look for the Power Lunch display of books featuring Native Americans or check for these titles in your local library:

Jingle Dancer by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Saltpie: A Choctaw Journey from Darkness into Light by Tim Tingle

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom by Tim Tingle

Sky Dancers by Connie Ann Kirk

Thunder Boy, Jr. by Sherman Alexie

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

The Unbreakable Code by Sara Hoagland Hunter

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall

The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story by Joseph Bruchac

Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina by Maria Tallchief and Rosemary Wells

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Days on the November Calendar to Explore:

Native American Heritage Month

- [American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Booklists](#) from Colorin Colorado

National Novel Writing Month

Election Day

- [Children's Books about Elections and Voting](#)

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving

- [American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving](#) from the National Museum of the American Indian
- [Thanksgiving Resources](#) from Oyate

