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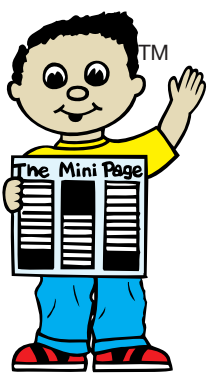
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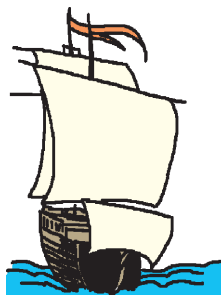


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At Berkeley Plantation in Virginia...

The Special First Thanksgiving



Pretend that you are a member of the crew of a tiny sailing ship on a voyage of several months about 400 years ago. When you finally reach land, you and your shipmates

fall on your knees and give thanks for your safe arrival.

Early explorers probably did this same thing when they reached American shores.

One such arrival was special. Many people call it the original, or first, Thanksgiving in our country.

The Virginia Thanksgiving

On Dec. 4, 1619, a group of 38 Englishmen landed at Berkeley Plantation on the James River near what is now Charles City, Va. They were led by Capt. John Woodlief. The ship was called the "Margaret."

The crew had orders to:

- give thanks on their arrival.
- give thanks on the same date

every year that followed.

This Virginia Thanksgiving, a religious observance, was held about one year before the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth in 1620 and about two years before their Thanksgiving harvest feast in 1621.

One reason we have heard so little about the Virginia Thanksgiving is that just about all of the settlers at Berkeley Plantation were killed in Indian raids in 1622.



photo courtesy Berkeley Plantation

This painting pictures the English settlers giving thanks as they arrived. We know about this event from old papers of the Virginia Company of London, the group that owned the land and sent the settlers. The orders to the crew read:

The day of our ship's arrival ... in the land of Virginia, shall be yearly and perpetually [continually] kept as a holy day of thanksgiving to Almighty God.



photos © Richmond Times Dispatch

Every year at Berkeley Plantation, the Virginia Thanksgiving Festival is held in early November to celebrate the First Thanksgiving. It includes dancing by Chickahominy Indians.



Actors dressed in costumes read the order for the Thanksgiving celebration. Other events include crafts, food, games and music.

We thank Nancy Carter of the First Virginia Thanksgiving Festival Board and Dick Cheatham, director, Living History Associates Ltd., Richmond, Va., for their help with this issue.

A visit to Historic Jamestowne, Va.



An artist's view of the landing at Jamestown on May 13, 1607. The river and the site were named after King James I of England. The settlement became the first permanent English colony in North America.

Historic Jamestowne is the name of the actual area that the colonists settled in 1607 in Virginia. Many relics of the Colonial era have been discovered by archaeologists digging there.



Today, glassblowers in costume produce glass at the same site where glass was made in 1608. Shipping their glassware back to England was a way for the colonists to make money.



The Old Church Tower remains standing at the original James Fort.

Historic Jamestowne is managed by the National Park Service and APVA Preservation Virginia.

Site to see: www.historicjamestowne.org

A visit to Berkeley Plantation, Va.



The mansion at Berkeley Plantation sits on a hill, overlooking the James River where the first colonists landed.

The Berkeley Plantation mansion was built in 1726 with bricks made on the plantation.



William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, was born at Berkeley Plantation. His father was the second owner of the property.



During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln visited the Union troops that occupied Berkeley Plantation.

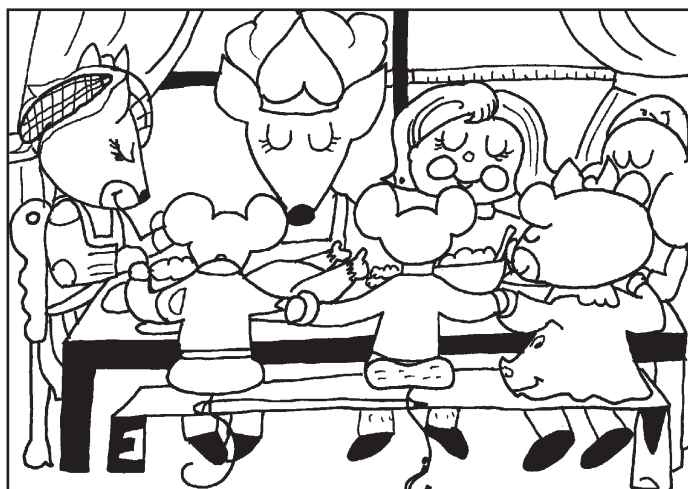
Berkeley Plantation, Va., is open to visitors for a fee. The tour includes a film, a guided house tour and a museum. It is on the James River, about 20 miles from Richmond, Va.

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Mini Spy ...



Mini Spy and her friends are so thankful to be together this Thanksgiving. See if you can find: • man in the moon • heart



- letter E
- key
- pig's face
- ruler
- peanut
- sewing needle
- question mark
- sock
- ear of corn
- teapot
- bird
- tooth



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Thanksgiving TRY 'N FIND

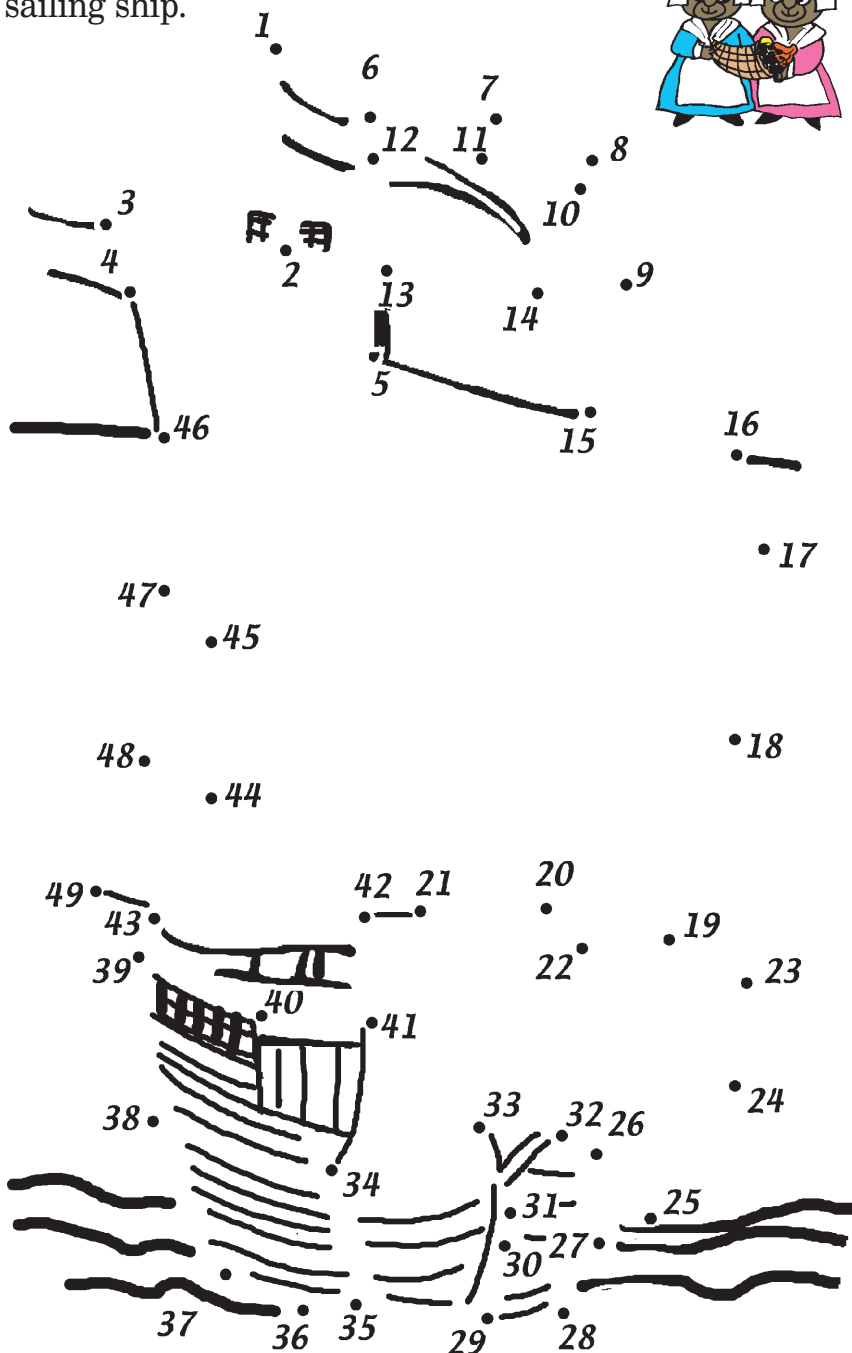
Words and names that remind us of the Virginia Thanksgiving are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: THANKSGIVING, BERKELEY, PLANTATION, VIRGINIA, JOHN, MARGARET, ENGLISHMEN, AMERICA, DECEMBER, SIXTEEN, NINETEEN, JAMES, RIVER, ESTATE, SETTLEMENT, HISTORY, SHIP, SHORE.



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

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Go dot to dot and color this early sailing ship.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Sweet Potato Pie



You'll need:

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup cooked sweet potatoes, mashed
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/3 cup corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- pinch of salt
- 1 unbaked deep-dish pie shell

What to do:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the sugar and butter until creamy.
2. Add the mashed potatoes and eggs and stir until smooth.
3. In another bowl, combine the milk, syrup, vanilla and salt.
4. Add milk mixture to mashed potato mixture. Pour into the pie shell.
5. Bake in a preheated 425-degree oven for 10 minutes. Lower the heat to 325 degrees and continue baking for another 40 minutes. Serves 8.

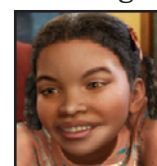
Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

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Meet Nona Gaye



Nona Gaye plays the voice of a little girl called "Hero Girl" in the upcoming holiday movie "The Polar Express."



Warner Bros.

Nona made her first stage appearance at just 3 weeks old in the arms of her father, popular soul singer Marvin Gaye. When she was 6, he announced on the TV dance show "Soul Train" that she could sing quite well. She was 18 when her first album, "Love for the Future," came out in 1992.

Her talents are not only singing, but modeling and acting in movies as well. She has worked as a model for some top fashion designers. Her first acting job was playing the part of Muhammad Ali's second wife, Belinda, in the movie "Ali."

Nona, now 30, was born in Washington, D.C. She has one son, Nolan. They live in Los Angeles.

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Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

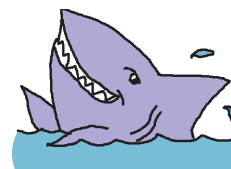
Hank: What is a shark's favorite game?
Sue: Swallow the leader!

And then she said....



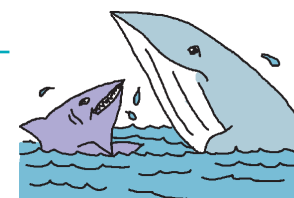
Barb: What do you get when you cross a parrot and a shark?

Mike: A creature that talks your ear off, then eats it!

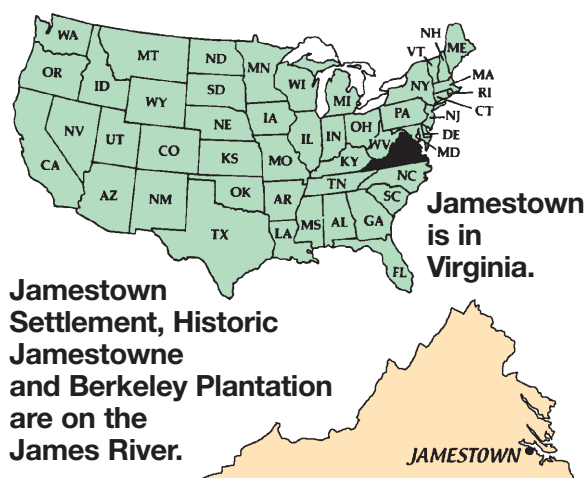


Kyle: What did the shark say when he bumped into the whale?

Greg: "I didn't do it on porpoise!"



A Visit to Jamestown Settlement



Replicas of the three ships, the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery, are anchored at Jamestown Settlement, a living-history museum.

Settling Jamestown

After a voyage of almost four months, three ships like the ones above anchored at Jamestown Island on May 14, 1607. A total of 104 men and boys came ashore. This was 13 years before the Pilgrims landed in New England.

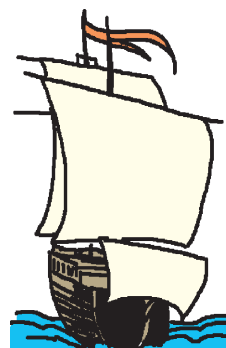
While the Pilgrims were seeking the right to worship as they wished, the Virginia settlers might have called their voyage a “business trip.” They had been sent by the Virginia Company of London in England. The company planned to make money for its investors by sending back gold and silver. The settlers didn’t find either. But they did send back iron, wood and wood products such as tar.

Tobacco became a big money-making crop to ship to England. Jamestown became the site of the first permanent English settlement.



This painting shows the first arrivals building James Fort at Jamestown. Buildings inside the fort included homes, a church, guardhouse and storehouse.

Many colonists settled on plantations along the James River. In fact, the ship “Margaret” stopped by Jamestown when it sailed from England to Berkeley Plantation in 1619.



Other ships came to Jamestown bringing women and children. The ships also brought foods from England and livestock, including cows and pigs.



Kids learn about gardening from a historical interpreter.

Jamestown Settlement, a living-history museum run by the state of Virginia, has indoor galleries, a film, and re-creations of three ships, James Fort and a Powhatan Indian village.

Sites to see: www.historyisfun.org

Jamestown Settlement shows us the lifestyle of the English colonists who arrived in 1607, as well as the lifestyle of the Powhatan Indians who had lived in the area for thousands of years.

The English



A historical interpreter dressed in costume works in her herb garden. The colonists grew herbs to use as medicines.

The colonists ate very much the same kinds of foods they had back in England. Ships brought in food and supplies, and settlers grew a few food crops. Settlers traded with the Indians and also learned to eat new Indian foods.

The Powhatan Indians



A historical interpreter dressed as an Indian stirs a fire. Notice the pot circled with a white ring. Because the Indian cooking pots had rounded bottoms

instead of flat ones, they could be placed into hot coals for better heating.

The Indians did not move from place to place, but farmed their land. They also hunted and gathered.

The Mini Page thanks Frank Hardister, Powhatan Indian supervisor, and Cindy Daniel, James Fort supervisor, Jamestown Settlement, for help with this story.

Read all about
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Thanksgiving



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- Students understand how historical events, people, places and situations contribute to our understanding of the past. (Social Studies: Time, Continuity and Change)
- Students describe the geographic context that has influenced people and events in the past. (Geography)
- Students understand customs and traditions of their own culture. (Social Studies: Culture)

Activities:


1. Make a family Thanksgiving Day box. Decorate a shoe box. Fill the box with objects or pictures of objects that show how your family celebrates Thanksgiving. Share your box with a friend.
2. Draw a picture of a backpack on a piece of paper. Now find items in the newspaper that you would put in your backpack for a long ocean voyage. But you must think like a settler — you can't take anything that requires electricity or batteries!
3. Look in the classified-ad section of your newspaper for five jobs that would have existed in Jamestown. Find five jobs that did not exist in the times of the settlers.
4. Why do you think these items were valuable enough for the settlers to ship back to England: (a) iron, (b) wood/wood products, and (c) tobacco?
5. Ask your family members and friends to name something for which they are thankful. Use that information to write a paragraph about the values you share with your family and friends.

(standards by Dr. Sherrye D. Garrett, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)

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Gus Goodsport's Report



Height: 6-0
Weight: 175

Birthdate: 5-6-85
Hometown: Lewisville, N.C.

Draw a picture of an ideal college point guard, and chances are it would look like Chris Paul. But don't be fooled by that youthful, angelic smile. The talented Wake Forest University sophomore ranks as one of the premier floor generals in the country. He distributes the ball to teammates with deft passes, defends tenaciously, and shoots with nearly 50 percent accuracy.

In winning National Freshman of the Year honors last season, Paul hit 46.3 percent of his shots from three-point range. In short, the Deacon dazzles.

While in high school, Paul once scored 61 points to honor his grandfather, who died at age 61. After scoring the 61st point, Paul removed himself from the game.

Many recruiters wanted to sign Paul. But the gifted guard, who grew up near Wake Forest, chose to stay close to home. On this Thanksgiving, Wake coach Skip Prosser gives thanks for that.

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