

# How do you cook a turkey?

Kids share their unique strategies to the million dollar Thanksgiving question

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Each year, *The Mountaineer* travels to an elementary school to get Thanksgiving tips and tricks from the youth, our world's most honest critics.

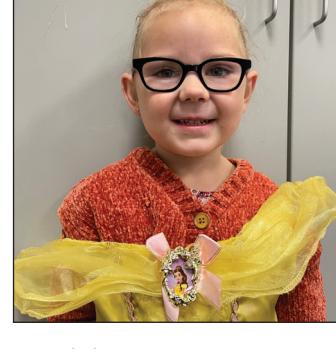
This year, the annual question was posed to some of Hazelwood Elementary's smallest chefs: how do you cook a turkey?

Thanks to pre-kindergarten teacher Ashley Nesbitt and kindergarten teacher Michael Gudger, and assistant teachers Melanie Mason, Brenda Cochran and Juana Cooley, for sharing their delightful students.



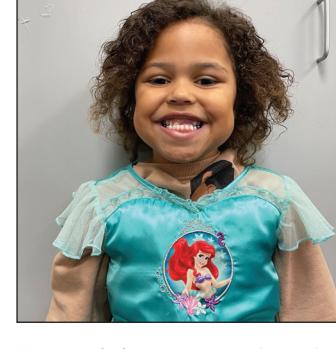
"Put it in the oven and you heat it up and you put it in the pan and heat it up and put pepperoni on the top of it."

— Tatum Thomason



"Put it in the oven. You make it and then you cook it and then you eat it."

— Holly Ann Carver



"Make it in the oven for 40 minutes. Take it out and eat it."

— Gracie Frady



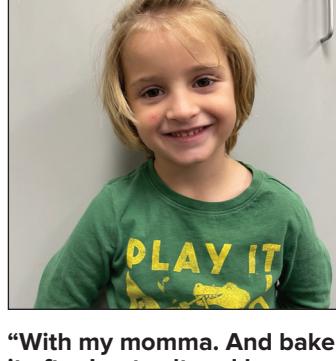
"Put it in the oven, wait for it... and then eat it."

— Destiny Thomas



"Put a little spice on it, put salt and pepper on it. Let it cook in the oven for five minutes."

— Mazzie Goode



"With my momma. And bake it after I put salt and bacon and turkey feathers and legs and the head. That's how to cook a turkey, that's how."

— Kael Silvers



"Get the guts out and put peanut butter on it and then put it in the oven."

— Stella Jones



"Put it in the oven, put sauce and pepper and put peanut butter on it."

— Jaxon Hollifield



"You grab it and then you cook it and then you put it on the table."

— Charlie James



"An oven."

— Mary Katherine Owen



"Blue and colorful turkey and red and green."

— Andrew Szugye



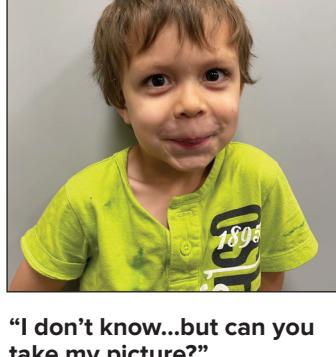
"Make it colorful."

— Ellie Mae Sisti



"Put it in the oven, you have to wait and then get it out and then dump anything on it."

— Bentley Oliver



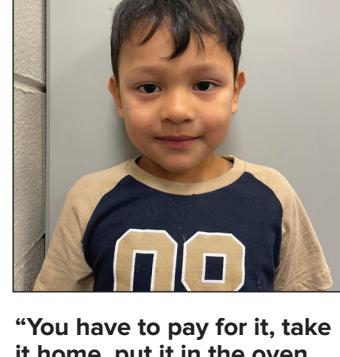
"I don't know...but can you take my picture?"

— Chandler Bridges



"Your Daddy shoots it, then you heat it up with a heater and then you got to get a fork and eat it."

— Maylan Price



"You have to pay for it, take it home, put it in the oven five minutes."

— Jostin Garcia Melgar



"On a grill for 30 minutes."

— Leo Acosta



"Cook it for 30 minutes."

— Huxton Kirkendall



"Oven for five minutes"

— Keira Beal



"Heat it up for five minutes."

— Josue Lopez