

Betsy Bailey, school/community coordinator for the Searcy School District, asked students in the district's schools to fill in the blank: My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is _____. Here are their responses:

Ahlf Junior High



Genesis Hernandez
Seventh grade

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is when my family gathers at our house and everyone brings a different dish to share. Instead of turkey, we always make ham with pineapple. After we finish eating, we play games together or watch old family videos and look through pictures on the big TV."



Reed Green
Seventh grade

"On Thanksgiving Day, my family runs a 3.2-mile Turkey Trot. It's my favorite tradition because it's fun, and I usually run with my cousins. It's also a great way for everyone to burn off some of the calories from the big Thanksgiving meal."



Ava Murdock
Eight grade

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is when my mom and I cook and prepare the meal for our family. My favorite dish to make is macaroni and cheese. I love spending this time in the kitchen and enjoying the holiday with my family."



Kaycee Canter
Eight grade

"During the Thanksgiving holiday, my close family and I gather for a few hours to share a big meal and spend time together. We play games, laugh and enjoy each other's company. These moments help bring us closer and strengthen our family bond."

Southwest Middle School



Jazlyn Monzon
Fourth grade

"My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is that my cousins, aunt, uncles, mom and dad all come to grandma's house to eat and talk about what they are going to do for Christmas. We all help set up for Christmas and they tell each other who is going to give gifts to the kids and they choose what they want."



Josiah Curtis
Fourth grade

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is going to my friend's house to eat Thanksgiving dinner. After we eat, I go home, play video games and relax."



Xander Slatton
Fifth grade

"I go to my dad's house for Thanksgiving. Everyone makes a dish. We eat and watch the Razorback game if they are playing, or just football if they are not. We say grace when we eat. My favorite food is the turkey. After the meal, we hug and say goodbye."



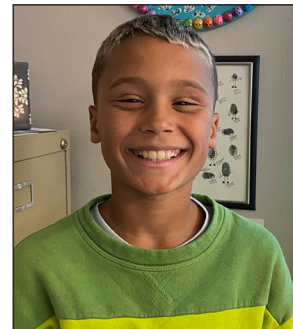
Talia Richards
Fifth grade

"My dad picks up my cousins and brings them to my house. The last three years we have dressed up as turkeys and jumped on our trampoline. We put leaves on the trampoline to jump in. When we eat, we mix our corn and mashed potatoes. We say what we are thankful for while eating."



Kaebre Johnson
Sixth grade

"What I usually do for Thanksgiving is go to my Nana's house for her side of the family, and then we have another Thanksgiving for my Papaw's side of the family (my personal favorite.) Then, we sometimes have a third Thanksgiving with just my family and my uncle, aunt and my two twin cousins, and my Nana and Papaw. This year, we are having Thanksgiving with my dad's and Papaw's side of the family. I am really excited to see my family and spend time with them this Thanksgiving."



Samuel Whitsett
Sixth grade

"My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is going to my grandma's house and eating lots of delicious food, and some of our friends come over. But the best part about Thanksgiving isn't about all of the food or presents, it's about being thankful about what you have and who you have in your life!"

