An early learning collaboration by:

**Kindness and Gratitude**

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Books listed below are available in e-book or regular book format for pick up at your local library.

**Monthly Activity**

Helping our little ones develop an “attitude of gratitude” is an important part of raising children who are kind and empathetic. As a family, share your gratitude for the small and large things in life with the reflective activity below.

1. Take some time with your child to practice showing thanks by sharing a few things you and your child are each grateful for.
2. Using crayons and markers, draw what you and your child are thankful for, or reasons you love each other.
3. Help your child label each gratitude picture.
4. When you are done, encourage your little one to further decorate their drawings or create new gratitude pictures for other family or friends.
5. Place these thankful reminders in a spot where everyone can see them and be reminded to give thanks for what they have every day.

**Give Thanks**

**Monthly Family Reading Tip**

After reading a story, have your child tell the story in their own words. Try starting at the beginning and using the pictures to help guide their ideas. Retelling stories can help to promote reading comprehension and vocabulary development. If your child is struggling with this skill, try rereading the story and asking them again. Over time, their retelling skills will continue to grow stronger!

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- **Apple Cake: A Gratitude**
  - Dawn Casey

- **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga**
  - Traci Sorell

- **I Walk With Vanessa**
  - Kerascoët

- **A Sick Day for Amos McGee**
  - Phillip Stead

- **Gracias-Thanks**
  - Pat Mora

- **If You Plant a Seed**
  - Kadir Nelson

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