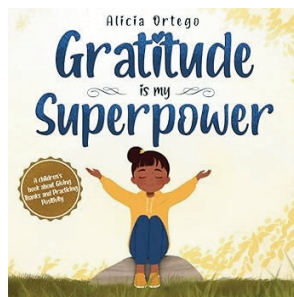


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Little Betsy will learn that happiness is made up of simple things in life, both small and big. With the help of the magic stone, she will begin to feel gratitude for her parents, friends, and toys. But what happens when little Betsy forgets to use the magic of her stone? She will realize that the power of gratitude is



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Gratitude Sensory Bin

- Items that represent things to be grateful for
- Dried corn kernels
- Beans
- Rice
- Scoops, tongs, tweezers



Encourage children to explore the bin with their hands, using their senses to feel the different textures. As they find an item, ask them to talk about what they're grateful for in relation to that object. Continue the activity by writing down more things they are grateful for and adding them to a separate container.

- Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Paint Markets
- Paper Plates
- Paper Towels
- Rocks



Let children paint small rocks with something they are thankful for. They can place them in a special rock garden or keep them as a reminder.

I just want to thank you (x2)
I just want to thank you for being you, you, you
I just want to thank you (x2)
I just want to thank you for being you, you, you
You are good to me all the time (x2)
All the time
So I just want to thank you
I just want to thank you
I just want to thank you for being you, you, you
You are all I need all the time (x2)
All the time



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- Pretzels
- Raisins
- Cereal
- Goldfish
- Marshmallows
- Chocolate



Have each child bring or choose one snack item. As you mix all the snacks together, talk about what they're grateful for (I'm grateful for my family," "I'm grateful for my friends"). Use either cups or bags for serving.

The collage displays ten children's book covers arranged in a grid. The books are:

- Bear Says Thank You** by Karma Wilson and Jane Yolen: Features a white bear with pink shoes.
- Ilama Ilama gives thanks** by Anna Deelehey: Illustrates a llama and a child in a field of flowers.
- Before We Eat from Farm to Table** by Pat Brisson: Shows four people in overalls carrying farm produce.
- Thanking the Moon** by Nikki Grimes: Depicts a girl holding a glowing paper lantern.
- The Thankful Book** by Todd Parr: A colorful illustration of a family sitting at a table.
- James Patterson Give Thank You a Try**: Features a boy holding a small dog.
- Thanks a Million** by Nikki Grimes: A portrait of a young boy.
- Gracias Thanks** by Fatima and Jolín Parra: Illustrates a boy with a dog and a piñata.
- giving thanks** by Ellen Murray: Shows a boy with his arms raised in front of a patterned background.
- Bear Says Thanks** by Karma Wilson and Jane Yolen: Illustrates a bear surrounded by various farm animals.

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Referral Services

Submit Your Complete Update/Market Rate Survey

If you have not done so, please take ten minutes to follow the QR code to fill out the Complete Update/Market Rate Survey. This year, the State is using the data we collect to set the new CCAP Reimbursement rates, so it's crucial that we get your response.



If you have any questions, contact our Referral Specialist, Jessi, at jguzman@salccc.org or (309) 686-3750 Option 3.

Trainings

Program for Infant Toddler Care Module 2

Module two explores the ideas of primary care, well-designed learning environments, the positive impact of responsive caregiving routines, and individualized care on the well-being and development of children from birth to three.

Monday, November 10, & Wednesday, November 12

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Virtual on Zoom

Registration Deadline: 11:55 p.m. Sunday, November 2

Register at www.salccc.org/provider-services/training.

Health & Safety

Tips to Prevent Children from Choking

1. Sign up for an approved class in basic first aid, CPR, or emergency prevention
2. Keep dangerous foods from children until 4 years of age or older, depending on each child's development and maturity level
3. Insist that children eat at the table or sit down when they eat. Never let them run, walk, play, or lie down with food in their mouths
4. Cut food for infants and young children into pieces no larger than one-half inch
5. Supervise mealtime for infants and young children

Grants

Did you know that as a licensed child care program, you can apply for a training stipend through the Quality Improvement Funds?

This stipend offers providers \$10 per hour for trainings for programs working towards or maintaining an ExceleRate Illinois Circle of Quality.

To learn more about this stipend and if your program qualifies, contact our Provider Services Manager, Kami, at kmclure@salccc.org or (309) 686-3750, Option 5.

Home Child Care Network

Home Child Care Network is seeking licensed home care providers to join their **free** program. Their program offers free monthly training, technical support for grants and budgets, mental health support including screenings, and add-on rates for 2nd and 3rd shifts and weekends, with monthly payments guaranteed by the 15th of the month.

For more information, call (309) 685-8064.

Higher Education Navigation

Thinking about advancing your Early Education Career?

Contact a Higher Education Navigator for Help:

1. Determining your educational goals
2. Identifying which programs are available to best fit your needs
3. Connecting you with Early Childhood Education scholarship opportunities
4. Acting as a point of contact with Higher Education Institutions
5. Completing your Gateways membership
6. CDA cohort
7. Other assistance as needed

Call (309) 686-3750 Option 7

Home Daycare Professional Group

Third Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting



For more information on any of our programs and services
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