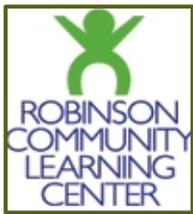


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## TWYB News



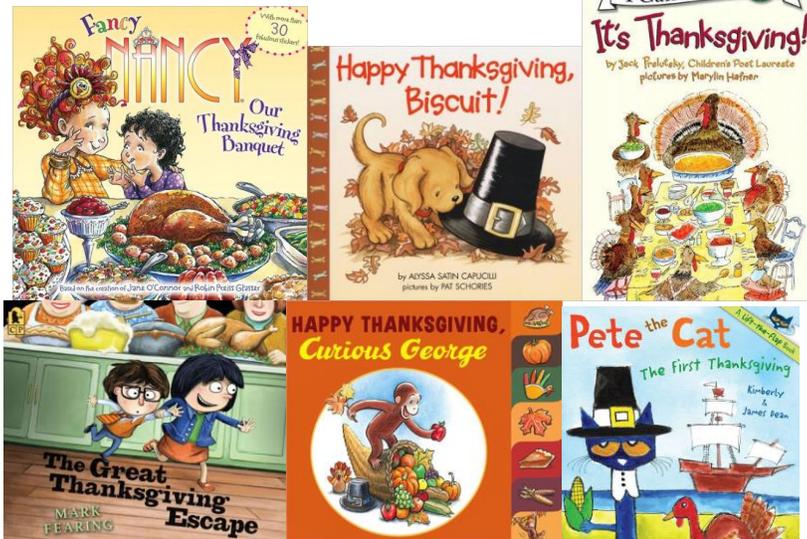
Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Grocery shopping for the perfect juicy turkey, tasty cranberry sauce, and fluffy dressing is in the works. At the Robinson Community Learning Center we are thankful for our many community partners, volunteers, and families we serve. Please enjoy this Thanksgiving themed newsletter with literacy research, book ideas, crafts, and a yummy recipe.

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## Books Spotlight



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**Yummy!**

## **Pumpkin Apple Baked Beans - PBS Food**

- 6 cups of cooked great northern beans
- 1 cup of the cooking water
- 1 apple cored and cubed
- 3 cups peeled pumpkin flesh
- 1 large diced onion
- ¼ cup tomato paste
- 1 small minced garlic
- 2 tbsp each of molasses, honey, and olive oil
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 cups sweet apple cider
- ¼ cup butter
- salt and pepper to taste

In large Dutch oven, sauté the onions in oil until soft, turn heat to low and add paste, molasses, honey, mustard, and garlic. Cook and stir for a few minutes. Whisk in cider and beans and cooking water and mix well. Cook at low heat for one hour. Add chopped pumpkin, chopped apple, and butter and cook for another 1-2 hours.

## Research Toddlers Learn Rules for Reading and Writing

New research from Washington University in Saint Louis suggests that children as young as 3 begin to recognize the rules and patterns of how letters in language fit together to make words. Young children begin to learn about the statistics of the written language such as which letters appear often, length of words, use of different letters and combinations of letters. The study showed word-like in appearance spelling during the preschool years even before the children knew what sounds each letter produced. The findings show that early exposure to the written word is important in getting children off to a strong start with their reading, writing, and spelling skills.

## Kids' Corner

### **Mini Maracas Nature Craft from Parenting.com**

#### Materials:

Egg carton, dried beans, popsicle stick, orange paint, green pipe cleaner, green construction paper.

Cut top and bottom of egg carton, fill with beans. Glue side together with popsicle stick coming out. Paint orange. Insert green pipe cleaner into top and bend into loop. Slip on green construction paper and shake away.



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