JUST FOR KIDS - NOVEMBER 2026

NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

There are several holidays that occur in November. Watch these quick videos to learn about a few of them.

NOVEMBER 3rd – ELECTION DAY **(ages *8-10-video*)**
The first Tuesday in November is always Election Day. Watch this quick video to learn why November was chosen to be the month for this special day and why Tuesday was chosen to be the day.
https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/78379e56-fab2-49f9-b068-22fe78a658bf/election-day/?student=true&focus=true

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE(ages *10 to adult-video*)
Every four years in November, U.S. citizens elect a president. But Election Day, is just the first step in the process. Our votes for president actually elect the members of the Electoral College, whose votes are counted in Congress in January. This video explains the history behind the Electoral College and how it works.
https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/the-electoral-college-video/social-studies-shorts/?student=true

NOVEMBER 11th – VETERANS DAY **(ages *8-10-video*)**
On this day Americans honor military veterans across the country. This one minute video will tell you why this date was chosen and what the holiday was originally called.
https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/e585b233-e750-45a4-b782-fb0a9e3136a4/veterans-day/?student=true&focus=true

NOVEMBER 20th – UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY **(ages *5-8) animated video*)**
The United Nations has made November 20 Universal Children's Day. It's a time to promote togetherness around the world, awareness of the problems children face in every corner of the globe, and improve life for all children.
Children in Ireland were asked what the best thing about being a child is and how we could make it better. Which of their answers do you agree with?
What would your answer be?
https://youtu.be/bqa5-HYY06o

NOVEMBER 26th – THANKSGIVING **(ages *8-10) video***
Learn some interesting facts for kids. What do frozen TV dinners have to do with Thanksgiving? Do you know what balloon character has been on more Macys Thanksgiving parades than any other? Watch the video to find out.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfH4eOjzsiw

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THANKSGIVING **(ages 10 and up)** **Video**
Learn the amazing story of the first Thanksgiving that took place 400 years ago, in 1621, when the Pilgrims celebrated with the Wampanoags and gave thanks for a bountiful harvest. But there's much more to the story! You probably heard of Squanto, who helped the Pilgrims survive, but did you know he had been kidnapped, made a slave and taken to Europe? You may be surprised at the things you'll learn from this video.
https://youtu.be/B9WIxooQXaU

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

KIDS MOVE WITH MR. STOODY **(ages 5-8)** **interactive video**
This high energy dance is fun for everyone! Kids, dance with your parents! It's a fun way to get exercise together: You'll be marching, doing jumping jacks and knee raises, dancing and more! Be ready to get your heart pumping with this one.
https://youtu.be/wtZaKIbqG6w?si=8ga8oNQniKoaWohz

NOVEMBER | CALENDAR SONG FOR KIDS **with Jack Hartmann (ages 5-7)** **video**
Sing along and learn that November is the 11th month of the year, how to spell November, November has 30 days, it is the season of fall with shorter days and longer nights and Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving are in the month of November.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5skbhYfwuc

CELEBRATION : PLAYING FOR CHANGE | SONG AROUND THE WORLD
(ages 6 and up) **video**
November 20th is Universal Children's Day. Watch this joyful video that features children round the world, playing instruments, dancing and singing Kool and the Gang's song, "Celebration." Come one, come all and join in!
Https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lu41LuIQos

If you enjoyed that, you will enjoy these:

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD (LOUIS ARMSTRONG) | PLAYING FOR CHANGE
(ages 6 and up) **video**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddLd0QRf7Vg

and

DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY (BOBBY MCFERRIN) | PLAYING FOR CHANGE
(ages 6 and up) **video**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWXUWepSak4

HELLO TO ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
(ages 6-8) **video**

We all live in different places in the world and speak in different ways, but we all like to sing and play. See the ways children around the world say "hello"— Hello, bon jour, buenos dias, konichiwa, Shalom, and more!
https://youtu.be/ZIE9Am22eXg?si=Mp_zdguarAuZnyDO

STORIES

IN NOVEMBER **by Cynthia Rylant (ages 4-8*) Read Aloud***
In November, the air grows cold and the earth and all of its creatures prepare for winter. Animals seek food and shelter. And people gather together to celebrate their blessings with family and friends. Curl up with your loved ones and enjoy the sights, sounds, scents, and traditions of this very special time of year.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mExpy28mvW8

GRACE FOR PRESIDENT **by Kelly Dupucchio (ages 8 and up*) Read Aloud***
When Grace sees a poster of all the presidents of the United States and realizes not one of them is a woman, she announces to her class that she would like to be president of the United States. Her teacher suggests that they hold an election at Woodrow Wilson elementary school. As you follow the school election, you will also learn about our presidential elections and why every vote counts.
https://youtu.be/cwxdgfTIEz4

IF I RAN FOR PRESIDENT **by Catherine Stier (ages 8 and up*) Read Aloud***
Imagine starring in commercials and traveling in your own campaign bus! Or seeing your face on bumper stickers and T-shirts! If you ran for president, you would get to do these and other fun things, but you would also have to do a lot of hard work. You would study the nation's problems, tell the American people about your platform, select a running mate, and debate your opponents on live television. Finally, in November, Election Day would arrive. You would keep your fingers crossed and wait for the results—will you be the next president of the United States?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3ANIQM8mOQ

I AM THANKFUL **by Sheri Wall (ages*3-6*) Read Aloud***
This rhyming story follows three different families as they celebrate the holiday with their own traditions, acts of kindness, and ways of giving back. How do you celebrate Thanksgiving? Who do you celebrate with?
https://youtu.be/oicmLUKDq8U

THANK YOU, SARAH..THE WOMAN WHO SAVED THANKSGIVING
by Laurie Halse Anderson (ages *8-12*) Read Aloud
Did you know we almost did not have the holiday of Thanksgiving?
Sarah Hale was bold and brave, stubborn and smart. She didn't give up and saved Thanksgiving! After 38 years of trying, and three presidents refusing, President Lincoln agreed with Sarah and made Thanksgiving a national holiday.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu0GjWR34qw

THANKSGIVING CRAFTS



OREO TURKEYS

Decorating an Oreo to look like a turkey is much easier than it seems. You can make these cute “turkey treats” for your Thanksgiving celebration.
https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a23678576/oreo-turkeys-recipe/

LEAF SPRITES



Decorate your home for fall with these playful posable leaf sprites! Leaf sprites like to sit on shelves, poke out from behind picture frames, hide in lunch boxes, or join you for meals around the table. They almost always seem to have a great time
https://www.handmadecharlotte.com/73957/