



Does A Turkey?

Does a turkey hiss like a snake?
Does a turkey play pat-a-cake?

Does a turkey bark like a dog?
Does a turkey oink like a hog?

Does a turkey roar like a wildcat?
Does a turkey meow like a cat?

No! A turkey makes a gobble, gobble sound.

Does A Turkey Poem Activity **(Grade Level: PreK - First- Grade)**

Materials: Overhead Projector, or SMART Board, copies of writing and drawing activity, pencils and crayons. ***Note*** If you choose to use the SMART Board you may go to ***Mightybook.com*** and pull up this lesson online.

****PreK – Kindergarten Teacher Note**** There are some activities that will be difficult for your students. Make sure to follow the **Teacher Notes** included to guide you.

****1st Teacher Note**** Your students will be able to complete each of the poetry activity steps below.

****Turkey Craft**** At the end of the writing activity there is an optional activity for students to make a Thanksgiving turkey craft to use as a decoration for the classroom, bulletin board or to take home.

Goal of Activity: The rhyming poem can be used as an additional resource to reinforce rhyming words, build reading, writing and listening skills. This activity will allow students be creative and imaginative as well as encourage discussion about Thanksgiving. ***Teacher Note*** *The poem was written as a creative tool to open discussion about the Thanksgiving holiday and turkeys.*

- 1. Picture Walk:** Using the Overhead or SMART Board, begin with a picture walk. Ask students what they see in the picture. Encourage discussion about the colors, the turkey, etc.
- 2. Discuss Title:** In this poem the title ends with a question mark. It is asking students questions about turkeys. You might ask students, “Does a turkey make a sound? How many legs does it have? ”
 - Get their brain juice flowing, and make sure to keep students on task by discussing the title.
- 3. What is Poetry:** It’s still the beginning of the school year, and you might introduce poetry lesson later in the year. Your students will be familiar with some poetry and rhyming sounds at this level. Tell students they will read a rhyming poem about the sounds that turkeys make. Then, ask students if they

know what a rhyme is. Below are two examples that you may want to use to discuss poems with them.

****PreK – Kindergarten Teacher Note** Start here for this activity.** Make sure to use very simple words when discussing rhyming poems. For example, you might say, “hat and cat rhyme. What else rhymes with hat and cat?” If students are doing well, you may try more simple words like pig and wig, etc. This is also your rhyming poetry warm up. This exercise should help students get their rhyming brain valves moving. **At the end of the discussion move on to number 5.**

- **Rhyming Poems:** Use repetition of the same or similar sounds for two or more words at the end of the lines. Give students an example, such my hat is very fat or the rat played baseball with a bat. This should help them begin to think about rhyming. Come up with a few other rhyming words to warm them up.
- **Poems:** When people juggle their words, patterns and rhythms together to make them exciting. They come in many different forms and can be about anything you want. You might add that songs start as poems, etc.

This is an Optional Lesson for further discussion about Poems

You might want to check out a book of poetry for kids at the library. There are many great poetry books that you may be familiar with. Two recommendations are, *The Random House Book of Poetry for Children*, and *Ride a Purple Pelican* by Jack Prelutsky. This is a book full of exciting rhymes that are fun and age appropriate.

- Ask students if they know what a poem is. You might explain that poems are fun when you juggle your words, patterns and rhythms together to make them exciting. They come in many different forms and can be about anything you want. Below are a few examples of poetry types to discuss with your students.
 - **Rhyming Poems:** use the repetition of the same or similar sounds for two or more words at the end of the lines.
 - **Free Verse Poetry:** written in either rhyming or unrhymed lines that have no real rhythm or pattern.
- If you decided to check out a book, this is a great time to read one very short poem (for this age group) to your students. This way you can get their brain juice valves warmed up for rhymes.

4. **Rhyming Poetry Warm-Up:** Reinforce that “*Does A Turkey*” is a rhyming poem. You might say, for example, “this means that we will look and listen for rhymes at the end of each line.” You may need to give another brief example.
 - First, choose a simple word to write on the Overhead or SMART Board. Then ask students for a word that rhymes with the one you wrote. For example, you may write “head.” A student might answer with “bed.”
 - Pick two more words that you make up and repeat the step above. Or have your students make up rhyming words that you write down.Make sure to call on students whose hands are not raised in case they need a little extra support with the activity.

5. **Students Read Poem Aloud:** Using your Overhead Projector or SMART Board, ask two students to come up and read the first two lines of the poem.
 - Ask a student to read the first line. Then ask another student to read the second line. Have those two students work together to decide which words rhyme.
 - When the two students agree ask them to circle the words on the SMART Board or Overhead. Have these students return to their seats.
 - Ask the class if the rhyming words are correct.
 - Call on other students and ask them the meaning of the two lines in the poem. Continue the steps above until you reach the end of the poem.

****PreK – Kindergarten Teacher Note** Start here for this activity.** Using your Overhead or SMART Board read poem aloud to your students. Make sure that you keep it entertaining using different sounds and gestures. You might also read a line and ask a student to make the sound of the animal. This will definitely keep it interesting. **At the end of the discussion move on to number 6.**

6. **Poem Discussion:** After students have read the poem and circled the rhyming words discuss the poem with them. Encourage them to discuss how each animal has its own distinct sound. For example, snakes hiss and slither, cats purr and meow, dogs bark, etc. Finally, turkeys make a gobble, gobble sound.

7. **Drawing and Rhyming Word Activity:** ****PreK –Teacher Note**** Using your Overhead or SMART Board work with your students on the matching word rhyme below. Read the words from left to right asking students if the words rhyme. Continue this until you reach the end.

- Pass out recycled or construction paper to have students draw a picture of something they do or enjoy doing on Thanksgiving.
- ***You may move on to the Turkey Activity included below.***
- ***** Kindergarten - First Grade Teacher Note***** Have students write four rhyming word pairs from the poem. Then have them draw a picture of something they do or enjoy doing on Thanksgiving.

*****When "Does A Turkey" activity is completed:** Quietly gobble like a turkey (while seated) ***and kiss their brains!*** ***** Great Work Today!**

Don't forget to do the Turkey Craft included below. Gobble,gobble!

(kindergarten- first grade)

Name _____

"Does A Turkey "

Rhyming and Drawing Word Activity

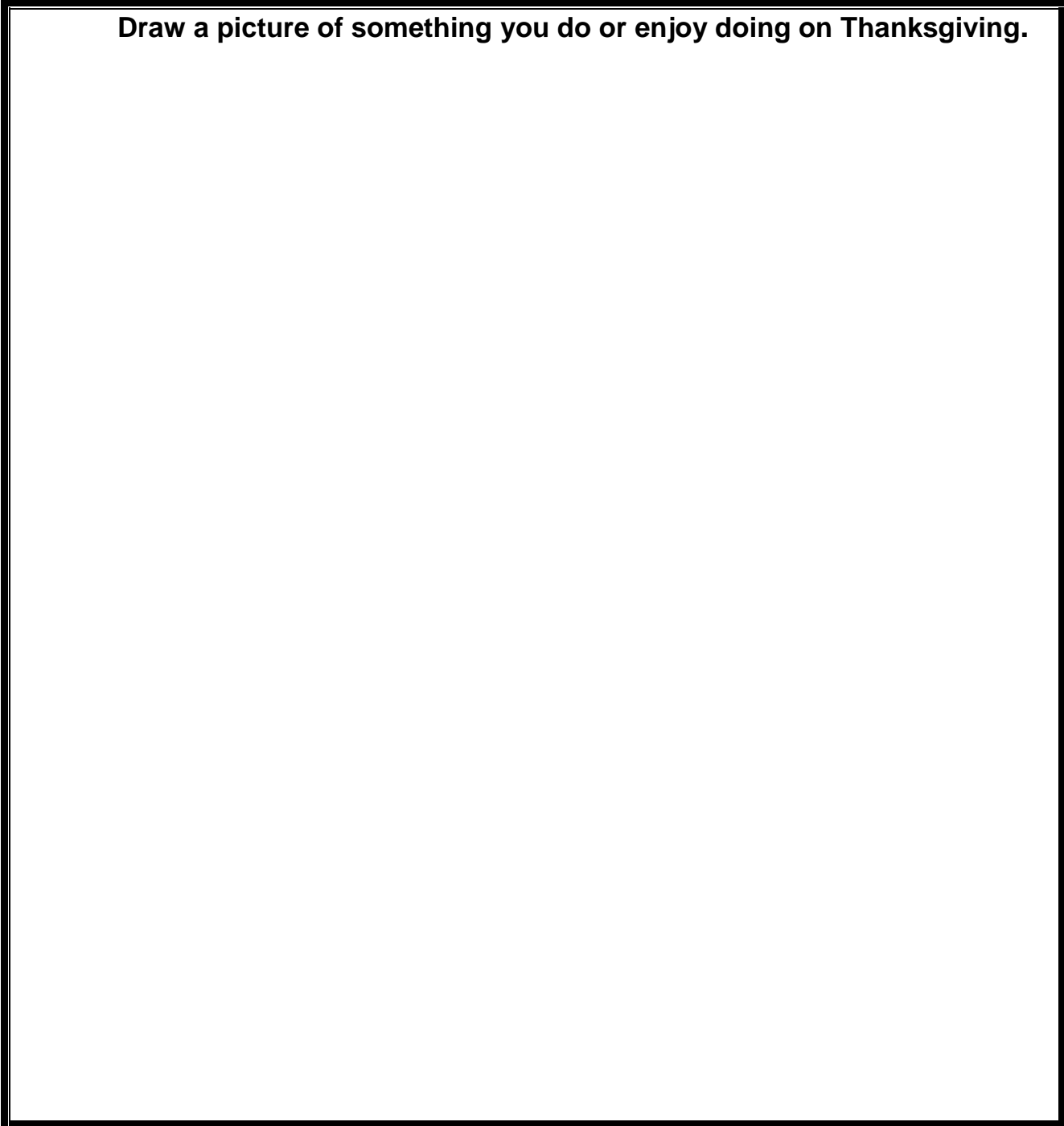
Write the rhyming words from the poem on the lines below.

1. The word _____ and _____
rhyme.

2. The words _____ and _____
rhyme.

3. The words _____ and _____
rhyme.

Draw a picture of something you do or enjoy doing on Thanksgiving.



(Prek)

Name _____

“Does A Turkey ”

Matching Word Rhyme

Draw a line to the matching word.

Snake	dog
Hog	wildcat
Cat	pat-a-cake

Pass out paper or construction paper for students to draw a picture of something they do or enjoy doing on Thanksgiving.

“Does A Turkey”
Turkey Activity

Goal of Activity:

Students will use gluing, cutting, and drawing skills. Have fun being creative together. Yes, Teachers must participate too. Your students love to see you working on the same activities. Enjoy!

Materials

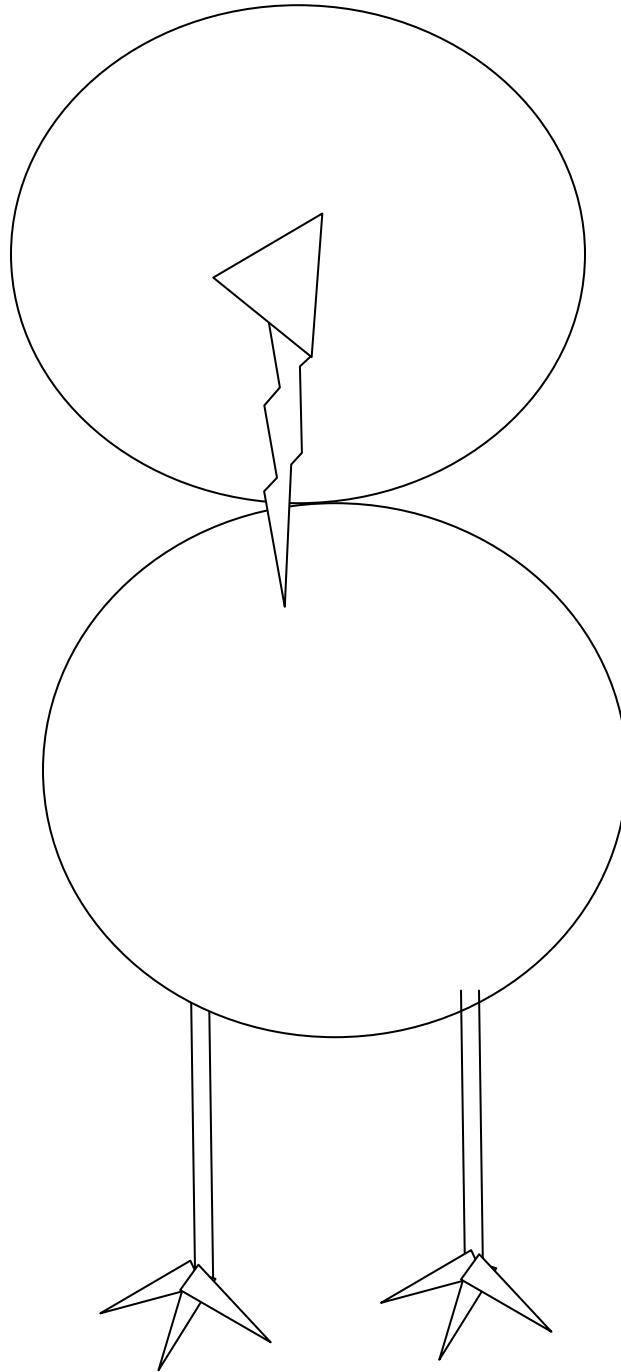
- ✓ **Glue** (glue sticks will work fine)
- ✓ **Scissors**
- ✓ **Crayons**
- ✓ **Construction Paper**

- ✓ **Feathers (any local craft store)**
- ✓ **Yarn: (optional)** to use to hang turkeys
- ✓ **Copies of Turkey template** (print these out on recycled paper if possible)
- ✓ **Turkey Drying Station**

Steps To Make A Classroom Turkey

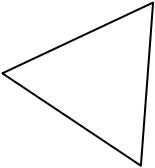
1. **Teacher Options: **PreK**** there is a template included below if you would like for your students to use. You can assist them in cutting around the turkey’s body. Then they can color it and paste in on a piece of construction paper.
****Kindergarten – First Grade**** You may use the template for PreK or the second template where students can cut out all the pieces of the turkey and glue it together etc.
2. **Small Groups:** Have students work in small groups at a table.
3. **Table Items:** At each table, place, glue, scissors, construction paper, and crayons.
4. **Pass Out Turkey Template: **PreK**** You may feel more comfortable with your students using the turkey template with everything included. This way they can cut out the picture and glue it on to construction paper. Then they can color the turkey.
5. **Cutting:** Have students begin to cut out the turkey.
6. **Glue the Turkey:** Make sure students are placing the turkey on the construction paper exactly where they would like to glue it.
7. **Coloring:** Students may begin to color the turkey.
8. **Turkey Feathers:** Once the turkey is glued, assist students by having them trace their hand for feathers. They should lay their hand down wherever they want their turkey to have feathers.
9. **Turkey Eyes:** You can use the googly eyes or have student draw their own eyes for their turkey.
10. **Ideas to Show-Off Student Work:** Create a bulletin board to place the their turkeys on with your class name, use yarn to hang the turkeys in your classroom, etc. You are the teacher let your imagination run free as a bird! Enjoy!

**** Students have completed Turkey Activity. Tell them to wash their hands
then kiss their brains! Great work today! ****



Turkey head and body

Beak



The gobbler



Turkey legs and toes

