

Opinions At OLOC

What Does Thanksgiving Mean To You?

Children often have a different perspective of things than do adults, and sometimes they surprise us with the depth with which they feel or with the thoughts they have.

Last week, the Post asked a sampling of adults what they have to be thankful for. This week, Post reporter Audrey Lodato went to Our Lady of Consolation School on Statesville Avenue to talk to children about Thanksgiving.

What does Thanksgiving mean to them? Here's what they had to say. ● **TRAVIS TODD** is a third grader in Sister Helen Feeney's class. Travis lives on Quail King Drive. "Thanksgiving is a time when you get together and give thanks to God for all the good things that have happened. We go down to my grandma's. My mom's sisters and everybody gets together for Thanksgiving dinner, and then we play cards or games like Trivial Pursuit."

● **KENNETH LUCUS** of Carfax Drive is in Mrs. Grisby's second grade. Kenneth was excited about being interviewed. To the question, what does Thanksgiving mean to you?, he replied, "The Pilgrims giving thanks." At Kenneth's home, "everybody gathers around the dining room for a happy Thanksgiving feast. We're going to eat turkey."

● **MALIK STEVENSON**, an eighth grader in Mrs. Flack's class, resides on Sylvania Avenue. "It means the family getting together and giving thanks for all our blessings." Malik's blessings include "house, clothes, money, life itself, food, video games, computers—I could go on forever!" He added, "We go to my grandparents for Thanksgiving."

● **DIONE DUNSTON** of Georgetown Drive is in Mrs. Pryor's sixth grade. To Dione, Thanksgiving is "when the family gathers around the table and thinks about good times we've had over the years—I guess just to reminisce over the good things that have happened. We usually go to Louisburg to my father's parents. Also, my birthday is the day before Thanksgiving, so I'll think about my presents."

● **KAREN ANN DAVIS**, an Eastway



Travis Todd
.....Goes to grandmother's



Kenneth Lucus
.....A "happy" feast



Nikki Waddell
.....Grandma comes over



Karen Ann Davis
.....Remembering Jesus



Dione Dunston
.....Time to reminisce



Malik Stevenson
.....Thanks for computers?

Drive resident, is another of Mrs. Pryor's sixth graders. "To me, Thanksgiving means giving thanks and being thankful, and remembering the time when the Pilgrims came across on the Mayflower. Also to me it means remembering Jesus, be-

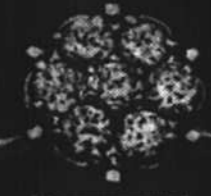
cause without Him we wouldn't have been able to celebrate this occasion.

"We have a family Thanksgiving dinner and eat our traditional meal of turkey, dressing, vegetables, and dessert. Just being there is my

favorite part." ● **NIKKI WADDELL** is in Sister Feeney's fourth grade and lives on Herrin Avenue. "Thanksgiving means that we celebrate all the food that God has given us. My grandmother comes over to our house and we gather around the table and we pray first. After we eat, we go out on the porch and play games. We pray for my grandmother, who is 96, so she has another Thanksgiving."

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