

# Thankful

Activity Book



# Bringing the Buzz to You!

The Buzzword Pittsburgh partners designed this kit to inspire your family to keep learning together. We chose activities that build on your child’s natural curiosity, encouraging a growing vocabulary and a deeper engagement with books.

So, are you ready to get buzzing? First, read through **The Thankful Book** written by Todd Parr with your child. Then, go through the different activities, experiments, and ideas together, taking time to explain the meaning of the words and connecting them to your child’s real-life experiences.

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh developed the following list of books for pre-k students that will help children explore the word **THANKFUL**. Visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org) to sign up for a free library card.

- **The Blue Table** by Chris Raschka
- **Gracia** by Pat Mora
- **Sincerely, Emerson: A Girl, Her Letter, and the Helpers All Around Us** by Emerson Weber
- **Thank You, Mr. Panda** by Steve Antony
- **A Day So Gray** by Marie Lamba
- **May We Have Enough to Share** by Richard Van Camp
- **The Thank You Book** by Mary Lyn Ray
- **Thank You, Omu** by Oge Mora

For more resources, visit [www.BuzzwordPGH.org/thankful](http://www.BuzzwordPGH.org/thankful)



# Thankful Pumpkin

**Materials:** markers, paper fasteners, strips of construction paper, and paper leaves

- Step 1:** Gather your materials.
- Step 2:** Using your markers, write something (or someone) that you are **THANKFUL** for on each strip of construction paper.
- Step 3:** Next, gather all the strips of construction paper into a pile, so that the holes on one side all align and place the holes of the two leaves directly over the aligned holes.
- Step 4:** Then, stick one of your paper fasteners through the holes on that side and fasten.
- Step 5:** You will repeat the process on the other side (minus the leaves) by making sure the holes are aligned and placing the other paper fastener through the hole and fastening that side as well.
- Step 6:** Now, you can fan out your strips into a "pumpkin" and show everyone what (or who!) you are **THANKFUL** for!

I am thankful for...

I am thankful for...

I am thankful for...



# Thankful Tree

**Materials:** leaves and glue

**Step 1:** Cut out the leaves provided and list the people, places, and things you are THANKFUL for on each leaf.

**Step 2:** Paste the leaves on the tree and hang your THANKFUL Tree in a special place.



# Thankful Song

**Materials:** Crayons, markers, and coloring page

**The Thankful Book** is a wonderful way to remind us to be THANKFUL. Here is a coloring page and a song to also help us remember to be THANKFUL today and every day.

**Lyrics:**

I am THANKFUL for  
Family, friends, and food  
I am THANKFUL for  
House, clothes, and shoes

I am THANKFUL for everything  
So I say and sing  
Thank you, thank you,  
thank you, thank you!



# Thankful Lantern

**Materials:** craft jar, glue, paintbrush, small cup, tissue paper, and battery-operated candle

Shine a light on thankfulness.

End your day by taking a few minutes to think about what you are THANKFUL for that day. Let's make a lantern to focus our thoughts on what we are thankful for each day.

**Step 1:** Remove the lid from the craft jar (if applicable).

**Step 2:** Tear tissue paper into small pieces, approximately one inch. Set aside.

**Step 3:** Squeeze a small amount of glue into the cup.

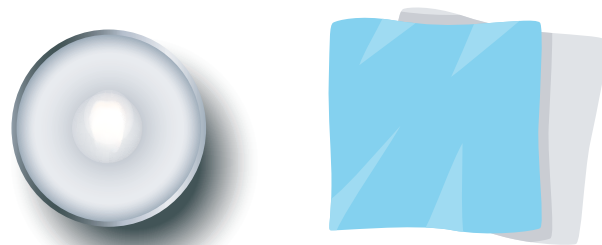
**Step 4:** Use the paintbrush to paint small patches of glue onto the jar. Place pieces of tissue paper on the glue. Feel free to be creative and overlap colors - as long as it's not too thick for the light to go through. As you go through the process, you may want to hold your project up to the light to give you an idea of what it might look like when you are done.

**Step 5:** Continue spreading glue on the jar and covering with tissue paper until covered.

**Step 6:** Allow it to dry.

**Step 7:** Place the candle in the jar.

**Step 8:** At bedtime, turn on the candle for a few minutes. Focus on the light and think about what things you can be THANKFUL for that day.



# Thankful Box

**Materials:** Buzzword box

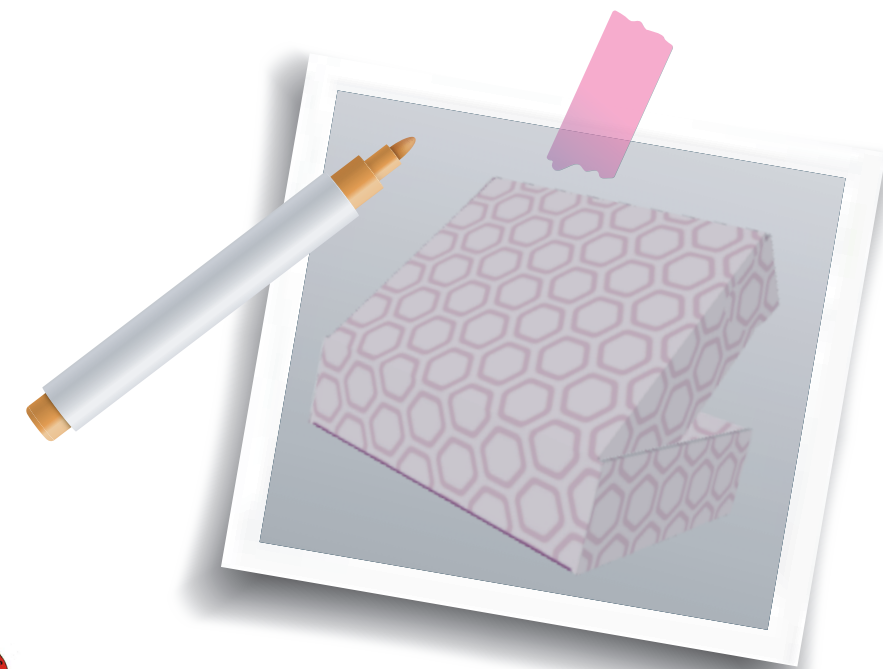
Create your own THANKFUL Box reusing the Buzzword Box. You can write down things you are THANKFUL for all year and read them next Thanksgiving or give the box to someone special.

**Step 1:** Unfold the Buzzword Box carefully.

**Step 2:** Refold the box inside out so that the colorful design is on the inside and you see the honeycomb design on the outside.

**Step 3:** Be creative! Color and design your box using the materials included. You may personalize the box using pictures or special items from your home.

**Step 4:** When you are finished decorating, you may begin to add the things you are THANKFUL for to your Box. Have Fun!



# Science Headbands

**Materials:** a strip of paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and red stickers

There are so many things we can be THANKFUL to science for. With this activity, we will be able to create something that will remind us of all the amazing things science gives us the chance to do every day.

**Step 1:** Find your favorite crayons, markers, or colored pencils.

**Step 2:** On the strip of paper, draw the following pictures to represent things we are 'thankful' to science for.



**Asking  
Questions**



**Trying  
New Things**



**Making  
Discoveries**



**Learning  
Every Day**

**Step 3:** Add any other pictures that make you think of science (insects, snowflakes, stars, and more).

**Step 4:** Wrap the strip of paper around your head to measure the size.

**Step 5:** Use the stickers to attach the ends together.

**Step 6:** Wear your new science headband proudly!



# Who Are We?

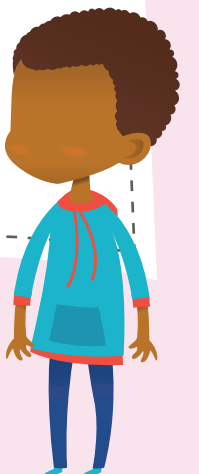
Buzzword Pittsburgh excites children and families as they experience the words that are all around them. Through talk and play about math, science, and art, young children will expand their vocabularies and conversation skills. The program engages families and community organizations in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood and the greater community.

The Buzzword Pittsburgh collaborative consists of partner organizations with expertise in the arts and sciences and local family centers. These partners provide interactive learning opportunities that encourage imagination, investigation, creation, and reflection. Buzzword Pittsburgh is supported by The Heinz Endowments and PNC Grow Up Great®.

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## Partner Organizations:





# Research Says

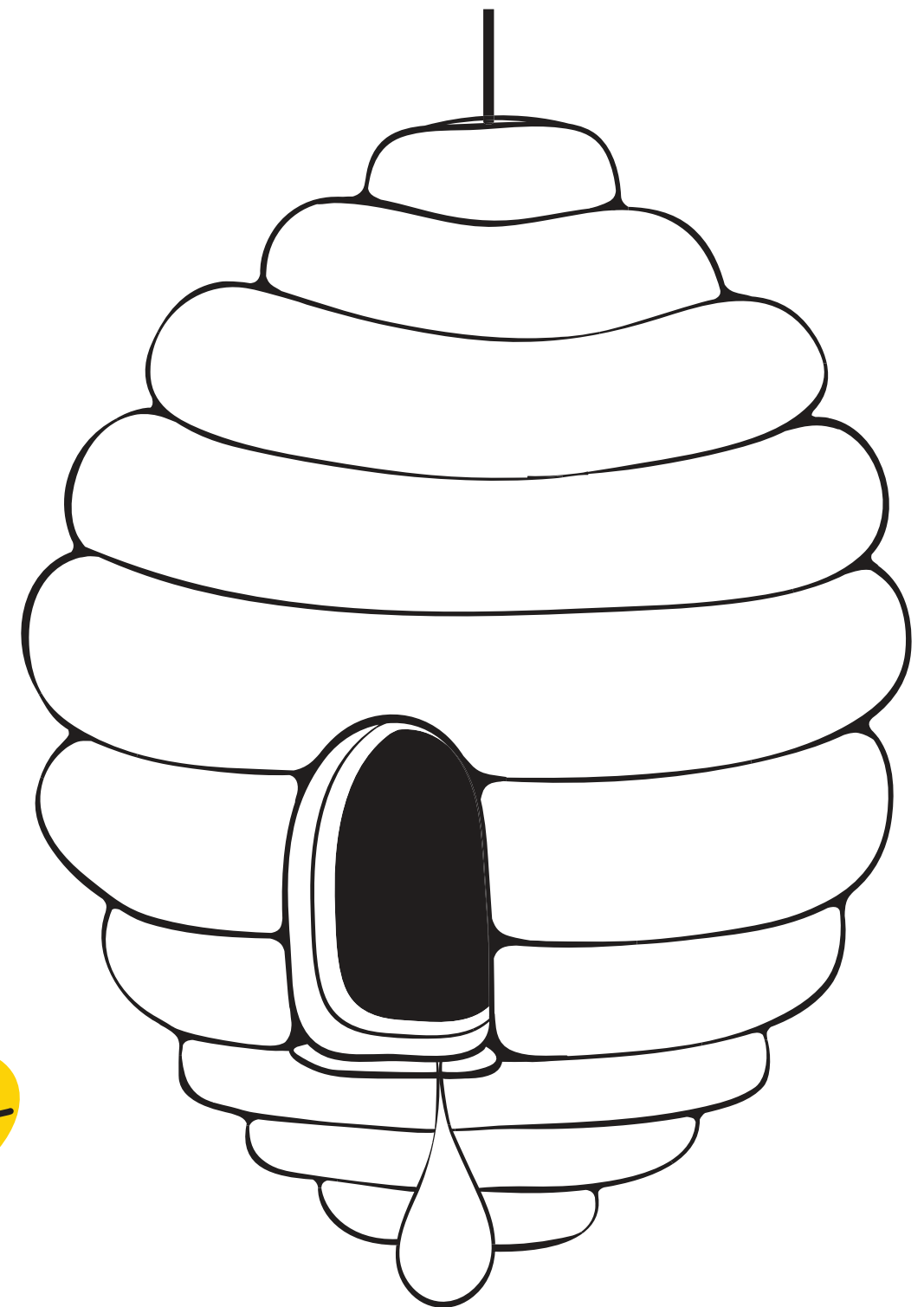
From birth to age five years, young children's brains are rapidly developing. During this time, little ones are more open to learning and becoming inspired. Talking with a child helps increase vocabulary development and communication skills needed throughout life.

A child's early vocabulary skills grow in real-life settings through positive interactions and conversations about the world.



# Color Buzzy's Home

Use crayons or markers to help paint Buzzy's home!





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