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Two Perfect Pages

This will always be an interesting topic to write about. Trying to go back in time to elementary school and relive those assignments and days we learned about Thanksgiving can be difficult. The harder I think back I remember my teacher educating the class by doing a few different activities. One consisted of reading children's books that included colorful and fun pictures. A fun art assignment reminded us Thanksgiving will soon be here. Lastly, we watched a short cartoon explaining the meaning behind Thanksgiving.

First and foremost let me start with the children’s book. I vividly remember sitting on the floor during “reading time” in class and listening to my teacher read this book to me. Now that I am 20 years old I can assure you I did not learn anything meaningful from that book. With that said, I can tell you that this children’s book has wonderful pictures, and those are solely the only reason I gained a very miniscule picture and understanding of Thanksgiving.

The other activity my class endured involved creating art during the month of November. The art we did consisted of an outline of our hand that had to be cut out, followed by our wonderful art skills to draw the head of a turkey to complete the assignment. This achieved a few things; I understood that Thanksgiving fell in the month of November. This project taught me two things, turkeys are the ultimate food of choice on Thanksgiving and that I should no longer pursue art as a profession.

Now the cartoon, which in my eyes is the best way I could gain some understanding about this holiday for a few different reasons. Cartoons could easily be my favorite down time activity whether it’s at home or at school. I instantly had my attention drawn to the TV when the Thanksgiving cartoon was playing. Even though it wasn’t long or very educational, I could visually remember some of the meanings that came with Thanksgiving. For instance the Pilgrims and the Natives involved in the story painted a clear picture in my brain. I’m learning without even knowing back then, that’s why I believe the cartoons the best way I could be taught the basics of Thanksgiving besides our teacher just talking about the history behind it all too.

All in all, at that young age learning about this holiday may not be clear. At least not for me, it’s confusing and hard to understand why? As we grow older we start to understand that Thanksgiving’s more than just a story, there’s more to life in the bigger picture and to be thankful must be very important to everyone. Having these three activities may not have triggered the light bulb in my brain, but I can assure you I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way. It’s the foundation of my childhood where I did learn some of the basics, but now that I’m older I understand the meaning behind it even though it involved reading and not so many fun activities like we did in elementary school.