

## **What I am thankful for...**

My name is Emily Bartolotti. I am nine years old. I attend Marlboro Elementary School. My teacher's name is Ms. Hecht. I am thankful for so many things. I am thankful for big things and little things.

I am most thankful for my family because they give me a beautiful home to live in. My mom and dad take care of me and show their love for me in so many ways. My mom really makes our home a nice place to live. My dad works really hard so that my mommy can spend more time taking care of me. I am very thankful that my mommy and daddy love each other very much.

The second most thing I am thankful for are my animals because they give me so much joy! I have two dogs, named Rumble and Uncle Charlie. I also have three horses named Sonny, Ellie and Plum Cake. I play with Ruble and Uncle Charlie every day. They are my very best friends. I also groom and ride my horse Sonny after school some times. Once a while, my mom greets me at the school bus with Sonny and Ellie and then we ride through our apple orchard. We eat an after school snack right from the apple trees. I am very thankful for this special treat that my mommy gives me after school.

I am also thankful for school because I will learn more and more and eventually I will be in college. I am very thankful for my teacher because it feels like home in the classroom. Ms. Hecht is very pretty and fair to all of the students. Ms. Hecht has horses too. I like this because she knows what it means to me to love a horse!

I am really thankful for Madeline Bartolotti. Madeline Bartolotti teaches me dance at Madeline's Dance Center in Marlboro, New York. I work really hard to practice and improve my dance. Recently, I learned my side aerial with Madeline's help. Madeline has taught me to be thankful for the gift of dance. Madeline has taught me that dancing is a gift to be shared with others. Each year our dance team volunteers in the community and shares our gift of dance at nursing homes and community events. This year, Madeline's Dance Center was invited to go to Poland to study dance with another dance school. I am thankful for the chance to go to another country to learn and study dance.

Lastly, I am very for electricity. It is hard to live with out it! I learned this during Hurricane Irene and was reminded how much we rely on electricity during the October surprise snowstorm! I am thankful for so many things!