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## Thankful Essay

We should all show appreciation for the people, places and things around us. To be thankful means to care and to have gratitude for something or someone. I am thankful for a lot of things in my life such as my family, my friends, my education, and athletics. These things are very special to me.

I am thankful for my family because they are always there when I need them. My family supports me at my school and sport events. They are always there to cheer me on. My family comforts me when I need it, and they help me to grow as a good person. My family makes me feel loved, happy and supported. My family means everything to me.

My friends are special to me because they help me when my family is not around. My friends and I play games together, talk about everything, and have a lot of fun together. My friends make me laugh when I am

sad and make me feel loved. For example, when my grandpa died, they came to the funeral and sat with me. My life would be very boring without my friends.

Education is very important to me. I am grateful to all my teachers for teaching me all my subjects and life lessons. I am also grateful for athletics. I play many sports. I love learning new skills and working as a team. My teachers and coaches teach me to be a good teammate and classmate and to work with others. My teachers and coaches teach me about school spirit and leadership. The lessons I learn at school and on the sports field make me a better person.

My family, friends, education and sports are very important to me and I am very grateful to have them in my life. They all assist me to grow as a person. Showing my gratitude towards my family, friends, teachers, coaches and teammates, makes them feel supported like they make me feel supported and loved. Showing gratitude means that I don't take people for granted and that I realize what people do to help me and what they bring into my life. Like they say in the play Wicked, "because I knew you, I have been changed for good". I want everyone in my life to realize that this statement is very true!