



## What does thankful mean to me?



*What does it really mean to be thankful? To me, being thankful means showing appreciation for the people and things that make my life better. I have so much to be thankful for. I'm thankful for my family and my friends. I'm also thankful for my school and my sports, like baseball. All of these things remind me everyday of how lucky I am.*

*I'm grateful for my family because they are always by my side and they cheer me up. My family is funny and they make me feel good and make me laugh. My dad always knows how to make me laugh with a funny "dad joke". My favorite thing I do with my family is eat dinner together, and watch a movie on the couch in front of the fire. Spending time with my family makes me feel good inside and happy when I am sad. I'm thankful for them because they make me who I am and remind me what really matters.*

*I am also thankful for my friends because we always have fun together. I am lucky to have so many kids living on my block. I can always find a friend to play with just by knocking on a door. At school, my friends and I like to play games together during recess. One day, my classmate came up to me at recess and saw I was sitting alone. He invited me to play with him and we have been best friends ever since. My friends make every day more fun and I don't know what I'd do without them.*

*I am thankful for my school, OIGC, because I get to have great teachers and after school activities. This year, my teacher is strict but nice. She pushes us to do our best and teaches us how to be good people, not just good students. I love that she gets to teach me math for two years in a row. She also teaches me how to respect others and I am still working on responsibility. But with a teacher like her, I know I will achieve that goal soon. This year, I joined an after school activity with Mr. Frank, our security guard. We built an outdoor library for our school and I learned how to use tools. My school is lucky to have teachers like Mrs. Paradiso and a special security guard like Mr. Frank, and so am I. I'm proud to be part of OIGC, a school that feels like family.*

*One thing I am most thankful for are the sports I get to play. I get to play many sports including baseball, soccer, basketball, and swimming. One really cool thing about sports is that I get to represent my school and I can see my friends. We win and lose together and it makes our friendship stronger. My family is always there to take me to practices and games. They are my biggest fans. I'm really thankful for all the sports that I get to play every season, especially with my teammates who have become friends. Playing sports has taught me teamwork, hard work, and how to never give up.*

*There are many things in my life that make me feel thankful. It's not the toys I play with or the gifts I get, but it's the things I do with the people I love. I'm thankful for the sports I get to play and the friends I get to play them with. But most importantly, I am thankful for my family who are always there and the school where I learn something new everyday. All of these things remind me to be grateful for what I have and to appreciate the people who make my life special.*