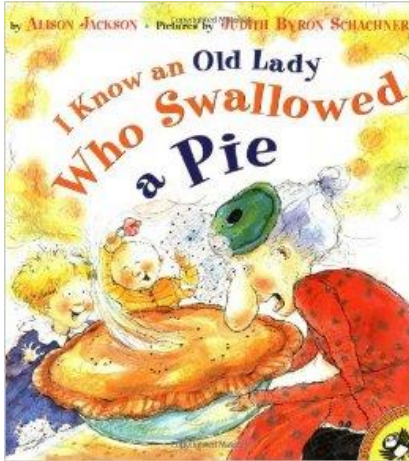


NOVEMBER



In November, we read **I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie** written by Alison Jackson and illustrated by Judith Byron Schachner. This story is a variation of the popular children's song/story *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*. In the story, an old lady visiting at a home at Thanksgiving eats a number of things including pie, cider, a roll, squash, salad, a POT (yes, really), a turkey, a cake, and some bread. The lady grows noticeably bigger and bigger. At the end, she turns into a Thanksgiving float! Consider changing the words to read "I think she'll cry" instead of "perhaps she'll die" if you are not comfortable with that phrase. The repetitive rhyming makes

this a fun story for kids to listen to. In addition, there are some less common food vocabulary items (roll, squash, salad) as well as the concept of increasing size as the lady gets "bigger and bigger" and presumably "fuller and fuller." You can also talk about the many facial expressions the characters have while watching the lady devour item after item of their Thanksgiving dinner!

Questions:

Who is at the door? The old lady

What did she eat? pie, a roll, a squash, salad, a POT, a turkey, a cake, and bread

What did she drink? cider

Who is giving the lady a roll? the little girl

Who is laughing? the baby

Who is mad? the man and the lady

What did the lady say when she ate the bread? I'm full

What did the lady turn into? A balloon

Story vocabulary:

Characters: old lady, cat, little girl, baby, lady, man

Nouns: pie, cider, roll, salad, pot, turkey, cake, bread

Actions: swallowed, rumbled, mumbled, grumbled

Emotions: happy, surprised, mad, worried, scared

November activities:

- talk about the concept of being thankful; tell your child why you are thankful then ask your child what they are thankful for.
- cut pictures of favorite foods from magazines and glue them to a paper plate, making a "Thanksgiving dinner."
- check out these fun ways to teach children about Thanksgiving from care.com
<https://www.care.com/c/stories/3723/7-fun-ways-to-teach-kids-about-thanksgiving/>
- make a handprint turkey with a poem and give it to a grandparent, babysitter, teacher or special adult in your child's life
- download this FREE fun app and help your child make a "high tech" hand turkey
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/hand-turkey-multi-touch-thanksgiving/id548970720?mt=8>