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Dear Villa Academy Families,

In light of the challenges of our economy and the impact it has had on so many, we may struggle at times to keep things in perspective. Our country and community have been gifted with opportunities and resources that can easily be taken for granted. Thanksgiving can provide all of us with the chance to celebrate what is truly important in our lives. At Villa Academy our work with children is a daily testimony to God's creation and the promise of the future full of hope and optimism.

Celebrate Thanksgiving and share what you are thankful for with the children. Encourage time for thoughtful expression of your family's core values to emphasize what matters most in life.

Know that the faculty and staff appreciate your support and it is a privilege to work with your children in partnership with you. Thank you!

Prayer at Harvest and Thanksgiving

O God, source and giver of all things,
You manifest your infinite majesty power and goodness
In the earth about us;
We give you honor and glory.
For the sun and the rain,
For the manifold fruits of our fields;
For the increase of herds and flocks,
We thank you.
For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace,
We are grateful.
Supreme Lord of the harvest,
Graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,
In union with Jesus, Your Son,
As atonement for our sins,
For the growth of your Church,
For peace and love in our homes,
And for salvation for all.

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Happy Thanksgiving,

Polly Skinner
Head of School