



A TIME FOR BEING THANKFUL...Shown above with Mrs. Sharon Hall are Aisha Goldsby and Willie Young as they explained that they were most thankful for "birthdays" at the Katherine B. Richardson school.

Holidays And Learning: A Shared Activity

"I Like Myself" was the first poem learned in September by Richardson Elementary first graders in Mrs. Anne Frederick's and Mrs. Sharon Hall's classroom. Together, the teachers in this Pilot Alternative Room (PAR) have used poetry and riddles throughout the school year to help their 27 students learn correct pronunciation and grammar.

The students have learned two new poems each month. A poem about the month of November and a riddle about the turkey's plight at this time

of the year were this month's selections. And, in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, the students recited "Mr. Turkey Speaks" which reads:

I'm going to run away
Before a certain holiday
I plan to keep on living
Long, long past Thanksgiving.

I have a favorite hiding spot
Just outside the barnyard lot
Be sure you keep the secret
I'm giving
Till long, long past

Thanksgiving.

Those in room 201 had much to be thankful for judging from a colorful graph displayed in the room. Their thankful graph listed family, houses, toys, food, animals, artwork and birthdays as things the students were particularly grateful for having.