



# GRATITUDE

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## 1st Grade Family Connection

### Overview

We are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude this month! One way to think about Gratitude is “choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.” Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and our happiness.

Gratitude is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress management.

### In The Classroom

Understanding how we are feeling helps us build self-awareness. This month, 1st grade students will work on emotion awareness by using the Emotion Elements. We will also use body cues to help us accurately identify our emotions.

#### Emotion Elements

- **Bree** represents feeling silly, nervous, playful, or distracted.
- **Brooks** represents feeling sad, lonely, tired, or embarrassed.
- **Ember** represents feeling angry, frustrated, excited, or scared.
- **Terra** represents emotions like calm, focused, proud, or happy.

Try using the Emotion Elements as a family to name your emotions!

### Conversation Starters



- What is something you are Grateful for every day?
- When someone shows you Gratitude, how does it make you feel? Why?



**Bree**



**Brooks**



**Ember**



**Terra**



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## PurposeFull Pursuits



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Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Gratitude. Here are 3 “PurposeFull Pursuits” for you to complete together. How many can you do this month?

### Pursuit #1

What are some small, specific things that you are Grateful for? Maybe it is your favorite water cup, the way the cat sleeps on the chair, or when your grandma bakes banana bread. Spend some time as a family trying to think of at least 10 small things that you have Gratitude for and then choose to notice them this week with a smile.

### Pursuit #2

Review Gratitude as a family! Remember that Gratitude is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives. Find a place in your home to display a glass jar. Cut up small slips of paper and place them next to the jar. Use the jar to collect special people, places, events, and memories that your family is thankful for. Find a time each week to add slips of Gratitude to the jar and assist students in writing or drawing gratitude as needed. Having a gloomy day or a challenging time as a family? Pull out the slips of Gratitude and read them aloud together as a reminder of your Grateful moments.



### Pursuit #3

Set aside some time to gather as a family and check in with each other. Ask each family member, “How are you feeling today?” Practice Honesty when responding and listen carefully as each family member shares. Use the emotion check-in questions to learn more. Challenge yourselves to check in with each other on a regular basis! Let people know you are Grateful for their willingness to share.



#### Emotion Check-In Questions:

- Tell me more about that feeling.
- Why do you think you are feeling that emotion?
- What do you need right now?

