# Literacy This Week /



We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.

In Canada, the second Monday in October is celebrated as Thanksgiving Day.

It is a statutory holiday so one can take time to reflect, be thankful, and for families and friends to gather to enjoy the perfect Thanksgiving meal.

The very first Thanksgiving celebration took place in Canada when a European explorer, Martin Frobisher, arrived in Newfoundland in 1578. He wanted to give thanks for his safe arrival to the New World. He pulled together an impromptu harvest feast and gave thanks not only for the delicious feast, but also for his crew's safe passage at sea. That means the first Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated 443 years ago! Even then, food was at the forefront of the celebration.

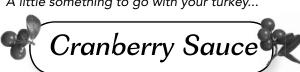
Today, Canadians continue to give thanks for the harvest season thus celebrated in October.

A Thanksgiving meal usually features a turkey, although ham or other roasts may be substituted. This centerpiece is complemented by an array of favorites: gravy, stuffing, harvest vegetables, and desserts.

So, take a moment this Thanksgiving to reflect and be thankful. Enjoy your family gathering, pumpkin pie and a whole lot of turkey!

## Happy Thanksgiving!

A little something to go with your turkey...



### <u>Ingredients</u>

- 3/4 cup of granulated sugar
- 1 cup of orange juice (pulp free)
- 1 ½ cups of wild Yukon cranberries (fresh or frozen)
- × pinch of salt

#### **Preparation**

Combine sugar & orange juice in a saucepan Bring to a boil & Simmer for 2 mins.

Add cranberries

& Simmer (8-10 mins) until berries burst.



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