

# 'Twas The Night Before Thanksgiving

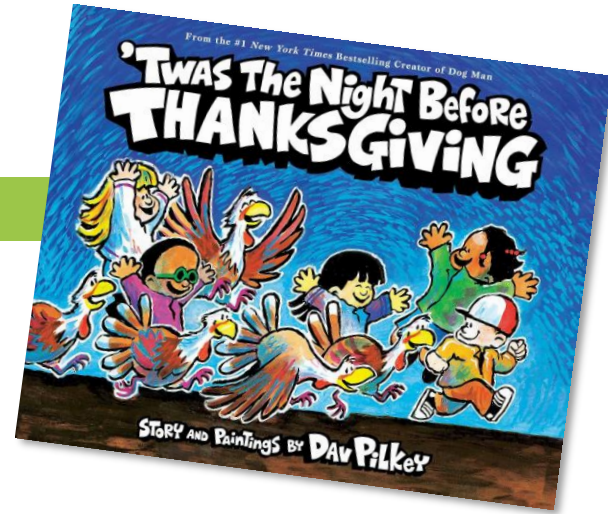
## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Friendship, Thanksgiving

**Book Brief:** On the day before Thanksgiving, children visit a turkey farm and meet Farmer Mack Nuggett and his lively cockerels. They giggle and gobble together, leaving with full hearts and bellies, celebrating all they have to be thankful for.

**Author:**  
Dav Pilkey

**Illustrator:**  
Dav Pilkey



## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the children.

**Prior Knowledge:** Ask students, "Have you ever seen a turkey before? What would you do if you met one?" (Optional: think, pair, share)

**Vocabulary:** Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read today, pay attention to the children's reaction to the turkeys."

## DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How would you describe the children? What character traits would you use?
- Compare how the children felt at the beginning of the book compared to the end. What did they learn that changed their feelings?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** The children loved playing with the turkeys. Explain what the children learned what they did.

**Extending Our Thinking:** The children saved the turkeys. Using RIF's Create A Character, have students create a disguise for the turkey and explain how it would blend in.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.