



SHIELD

Supporting Home Instruction
Encompassing Lexington District

November is here! If you are like me, November is a month I use as a time of focusing on the character trait of gratitude with my family. Over the years, we have made many lists of things we are thankful for in notebooks, paper leaves, etc. We always begin with the typical things in our lists such as God, family, our house, food, and toys. As the month goes on, we need to think deeper so we don't duplicate what others wrote, including blessings and answered prayers.

I love this time of giving thanks, but I desire to keep in the mindset of being grateful and searching for blessings all the time. I Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything, give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." In everything? That is where it gets tough for me. It is hard to be grateful when the children are fighting, when a child won't do his math, when a loved one is sick, when a tragedy strikes someone you know, and anytime I don't see the immediate good in a situation. I know from experience, that God is always at work in every situation and He has a plan. I know He can use all things to glorify Him and to help me grow closer in my walk with Him. I just need to develop more trust and gratitude.

I hope to make this year's thankful list go deeper than before and strive to find the gratitude in even tough situations. Hopefully, the list will continue longer than Thanksgiving this year and start to become more of a mindset than a list. I hope you will join me in developing an "attitude of gratitude" this Thanksgiving and throughout the year!

Speaking of thankfulness, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone involved in SHIELD. I am so grateful for this organization and all the people who volunteer to make it work. I love participating in events, going on field trips,

and spending time in fellowship. Since I am involved with the clubs, I wanted to take a moment to specifically thank all those volunteers who coordinate the clubs. They plan, send emails, and give the kids an opportunity to learn and have fun with kids of their age or having the same interests. Through the clubs, my children and I have developed great friendships throughout the years. I look forward to spending time with the moms each month! If you haven't gotten involved in a club, I encourage you to do so! Most clubs still have room and it is not too late to join.

Here is a list of our current clubs and the coordinators you can contact for information:

American Girl Club (1st grade girls and up): [Leslie Ballard](#)

Archery Club (ages 8 and up): [Jesseca Bennett](#)

Book Club (6th – 12th grade): [Terri and Olivia Brokaw](#)

K–3 Book Club (K5 – 3rd grade): [Haley Clayton](#) and Kelly Earley

Game Club (6th - 8th grade): [Victoria Judy-Bozard](#)

Girls' and Boys' Clubs (K5 – 5th grade): [Cathy Watterson](#)

Nature Study Club (geared for K5 – 6th grade): [Nicole Walters](#) and Olivia Steed

Sports Club (all ages): [Kelly Earley](#).

Thank you, coordinators and all the SHIELD volunteers for all you do! I am grateful for your service.

Have a blessed "Thanksgiving" month!

Cathy Watterson

SAVE THE DATE: **Mid-Year Fellowship**
Monday, February 4 at First Baptist Church of Lexington

Thank you to all who turned in **Box Tops** and have helped with counting this fall. We could not do it without you! Now is the time to start collecting for our spring submission! If you turned in Box Tops this fall, please note that many bags had one or two Box Tops that we were unable to turn in due to an unreadable expiration date or product code. They will not accept them, so your checks will reflect that difference. If you have any questions be sure to let us know! If you do not receive your check by January 31, 2019, contact one of the coordinators: [Dana](#) or [Sarah](#).



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