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Dear Readington Community,

Over the weekend I engaged in an annual Thanksgiving ritual passed down from my grandmother to my mother and now to me and my children - the baking of homemade apple and pumpkin pies. While making pies from scratch is no quick or easy task in our busy lives, what I have come to realize is how important it is to slow down and show gratitude. Doing this work with my children almost paused time and allowed me to share stories with them - stories of Thanksgiving told by my mom and grandmother while they baked a dozen pies for Thanksgiving dinner. Stories I was privy to as a child and into adulthood as I would help in the kitchen. I was truly grateful to be able to share this with my own family and resurrect memories of people who have passed on. It reminded me of how important and powerful gratitude could be.

I hope each of you has an opportunity over this Thanksgiving holiday weekend to do whatever makes you feel gratitude and peace. Take some time to reflect on all that is good in your lives. After all, there is much to be grateful for.

The poem below is a nice characterization of fall. Enjoy!

### *Thanksgiving Time*

Author Unknown

*When all the leaves are off the boughs,  
And nuts and apples gathered in,  
And cornstalks waiting for the cows,  
And pumpkins safe in barn and bin,  
Then Mother says, "My children dear,  
The fields are brown, and autumn flies;  
Thanksgiving Day is very near,  
And we must make thanksgiving pies!"*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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