11/17/11 Welch’s Thanksgiving Traditions by Courtney Burke

It was a chilly day and the leaves were just changing colors. Yellow, orange, red and brown. As I hopped out of bed I realized it was truly Thanksgiving Day.

On Thanksgiving my family has special traditions. Some of them are giving thanks, special foods, going to my grandma’s house and playing games. I love traditions.

Going to my grandmother’s house is one of the most important to me because no one should eat alone on Thanksgiving. When I go to my grandmother’s house usually everyone’s there. The house is also really decorative. There are Thanksgiving colors everywhere and it’s beautiful.

While we’re waiting for the food to be ready my little cousins and I play games. We play tag, hide and seek and there is a game I get to play with grandma called “Wishbone”. It’s when I pull one side of the bone and my grandma pulls the other side and whoever pulls the biggest part of the bone wins and makes a wish which hopefully comes true. A lot of families do this, but it’s special to me and I think it’s like a game. We also do this with the chicken bone.

When the food is ready people usually just eat, but in my family all of us give thanks, next my grandma says the prayers and then we eat.

The food is delicious because my grandmother cooks it. We always have turkey, ham, chicken, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, biscuits, stuffing, collard greens and for desert, cake, sometimes ice cream, apple pie and sweet potato pie.

I love celebrating this special holiday and I hope you do too. Happy Thanksgiving!!!