



Giving Nest November Newsletter

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November Storybook of the Month

Our November storybook is *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberries and The Big Hungry Bear* by Donald Wood. A little information about the story: "First published in 1984, a picture book in which the Little Mouse will do all he can to save his strawberry from the Big, Hungry Bear, even if it means sharing it with the reader. The Little Mouse and the Big Hungry Bear are known and loved by millions of children around the world. Little Mouse loves strawberries, but so does the bear... How will Little Mouse stop the bear from eating his freshly picked, red, ripe strawberry."

You can go to www.rif.org and choose the read aloud version.



November Plans for Morning Sing!

During Morning Sing-a-Ding the children will learn about voting: Who can vote, how many times you are allowed to vote, how the winner is determined and that voting is private! On November 4th and 5th the children will visit the Giving Nest Voting Booth to cast their votes for: Favorite Animal, Favorite Food, Favorite Holiday and Favorite Storybook. The ballots will be counted and the results will be posted outside the office and on Facebook on November 6th!

The children will sing Thanksgiving Songs in November and learn many things about Pilgrims, Native American Indians and the first Thanksgiving. The children will help Mrs. Frank read a Native American story that uses Indian symbols and she will show them a real papoose and a dream catcher.

In November the Food Bank is requesting Thanksgiving food: Canned Cranberries, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Potatoes, Canned Corn, Biscuit and Corn Bread Mix, Apple Juice, and Canned Turkey Gravy. If you are able to donate a frozen turkey or a turkey breast please see or call Mrs. Presley or Mrs. Frank!

What's Happening at The Giving Nest in November



**Thank You for Making Our
September & October Fund
Raisers a HUGE SUCCESS!**

**Kid's Stuff Coupon Book Fund
Raiser:
We made \$1,337.50!**

**Bake Sale Earnings:
\$503!**



Yummy! Yummy!

The children in the Cardinal classes are going to have a Yummy Feast with their friends. The large meeting room will be set up with tables, chairs and Thanksgiving decorations! The children will come to the feast dressed-up as Pilgrims and Native American Indians and they will be served a traditional Thanksgiving meal – Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese and Buttered Rolls!



Parent/Teacher Conferences...

This school year, the Giving Nest in North Plainfield is going back to having Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences are scheduled for November 7th. Please make sure you sign up for a conference – the sign-up sheets are posted outside the classroom. Your child should not attend the conference. Many parents make arrangements with friends and sign up for conferences around the same time – this way one parent can watch the children while the other parent is meeting with the teacher. Conferences last for 15 minutes. Please be on time – if you are late, the entire schedule is affected.

What to Expect:

You will have a 15-minute conference with your child's teacher. At that time you will have the opportunity to talk with the teacher about your child's progress in the classroom. She will highlight your child's favorite activities, skills that the children are currently working on, areas that are your child's strengths and possible areas that extra practice at home will help. The teacher will also show you the progress report that will be coming home in January and May.



The First Thanksgiving

The children in the Bluebird classes will dress up as Pilgrims and Native American Indians and put on a play for their families entitled "The First Thanksgiving"! They will even have the "Mayflower Ship" at their play! Please check your child's class calendar for the date and time!

1:00 Dismissal – No Aftercare

On Wednesday, November 27th we will have a 1:00 dismissal for all classes – there will be NO AFTERCARE on this day. We will be closed on November 28th and 29th for our Thanksgiving Recess. We wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Let's Get Our Large & Small Muscles Moving!!

The Giving Nest uses an outstanding program entitled: "Handwriting Without Tears". This program is designed to help children develop their large and small muscles. I recently read an article entitled: "*Losing our grip: More students entering school without fine motor skills*". The article stated that concerns about physical readiness for school are growing locally and nationally and that schools are seeing an increase in occupational therapy. Many therapists believe the "Back to Sleep" campaign, which promotes placing infants on their backs to sleep, has delayed muscle development. Therapists have also found, that babies who do not have wakeful tummy time, have difficulty as toddlers holding their bodies upright.

So what can you do?...

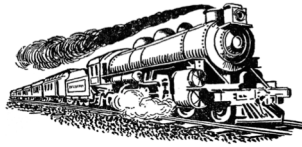
- ✓ Work on tummy time – Encourage your child to read or work on puzzles lying on the floor.
- ✓ Make creations using an easel.
- ✓ Go to the playground – encourage your child to move!
- ✓ Do Yoga together.
- ✓ Play with play dough – Have you child roll the dough, cut the dough. Squeeze the dough, etc.
- ✓ String pasta, cereal loops or beads on a pipe cleaner.
- ✓ Play dress up.
- ✓ Play with scissors (with supervision), tear pieces of paper, peel stickers and place them on a piece of paper.
- ✓ Color in the lines – encourage creativity, but throw in projects that require slow, controlled movements. Squeeze glitter glue over a line, fill in shapes with paint or use small, circular strokes to color an image.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES...

- **November 4 & 5:** Election Day in all the Classrooms with a Voting Booth
- **November 7:** Parent/Teacher Conferences – There is No School
- **November 8:** There is No School!
- **November 14:** Parent Workshop – 7:00 PM: "Effective & Respectful Discipline That Works for One or More Children"
- **November 20:** Thanksgiving Feast for the Cardinal Classes I & J
- **November 22:** Thanksgiving Feast for the Cardinal Classes K & L
- **November 27:** Thanksgiving Play for Class G/G+ at 9:30 and Class H at 12:30 (This will be in the Large Meeting Room)
- **November 27: Early Dismissal for ALL CLASSES AT 1:00 p.m. – there will be Early Care BUT NO AFTER CARE**
- **November 28 and November 29:** No School – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Full STEAM Ahead



What STEAM Activities Will Be Happening in November?

STEAM Challenges:

All Classes:

1. Can you build a Turkey using cardboard tubes, construction paper, glue, scissors, tape, feathers and wiggle eyes?
2. Can you build the tallest tower that can hold your turkey?

Duckling Classes:

1. Can you build a hideout for your turkey using blocks, paper and cardboard.

Bluebird Classes:

1. Can you create your own turkey automobile and see how far you can make your turkey travel using matchbox cars and tape?

Cardinal Classes:

1. Can you build a parachute for your turkey to see how slow he can fall using a coffee filter, string, tape and a hole punch.



Our New Students at The Giving Nest



Parent Workshop

“Effective & Respectful Discipline That Works for One or More Children”

Presenter: Mary Sue Frank (Co-Founder of The Giving Nest)

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: The North Plainfield Giving Nest

R.S.V.P. Please call (908)754-2060 by Monday, November 11, if you plan to attend – I want to ensure that I have enough copies!

This is a great workshop to attend if...

- You are looking for ways to effectively and respectfully Discipline your child/ren to willingly cooperate.
- You are looking for ways to engage your child/ren to willingly cooperate.
- You are pulling your hair out and are looking for concrete ideas that will make your household a “Peaceful” Place!



I'm a Little Indian on the Go

I'm a Little Indian on the Go,
Here is my Arrow.
Here is my Bow.

When I go out Hunting hear me shout:
"BEAR AND BUFFALO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT,
BEAR AND BUFFALO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!"

See All the Turkey's Up in the Tree

See all the turkey's up in the tree,
All the little turkeys try to hide from me.
Please stand still – don't make a sound, see all the turkey's as they strut around.
All the little turkey's go
"Gobble-Gobble"
All the little turkey's go just like that.
All the little turkey's go
Wobble-Wobble,
All the little turkey's go just like that!

The First Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims came to America, America, America,
The Pilgrims came to America a long, long time ago.
They sailed on the Mayflower, the Mayflower, the Mayflower.
They sailed on the Mayflower a long, long time ago.
They made friends with the Indians, the Indians, the Indians.
They made friends with the Indians a long, long time ago.
They had a great Thanksgiving Feast, Thanksgiving Feast, Thanksgiving Feast.
They had a great Thanksgiving Feast, a long, long time ago.

Let's Celebrate!

The Pilgrims are coming to celebrate, Hurray! Hurray!
The Pilgrims are coming to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.
The Pilgrims are coming SO DON'T BE LATE –
WE'LL EAT AND DANCE AND CELEBRATE!
AND WE'LL ALL BE GLAD, SO HURRAY AND DON'T BE LATE!!
(The Indians Are Coming to Celebrate AND The Children are Coming to Celebrate)

I'm Thankful

I'm Thankful for my Family, Family, Family
I'm Thankful for my Family – I am Thankful
I'm Thankful for my Friends at School, Friends at School, Friends at School –
I'm Thankful for my Friends at School – I am Thankful.
I'm Thankful for the Food I Eat, Food I Eat, Food I Eat –
I'm Thankful for the Food I Eat – I am Thankful.

The Turkey

The turkey is a funny bird, its head goes bobble-bobble; And all he knows is just 1 word
And that is "Gobble, Gobble"