



GIVING NEST NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The GIVING NEST IN PLUCKEMIN

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November Happenings at the Giving Nest...

Thanksgiving...

Halloween is soon to be over and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Holidays are very, important to young children. At the Giving Nest, we celebrate all the holidays and try to make each one special and exciting. This month the children will be busy talking about the Mayflower, Pilgrims, Native Americans and remembering all the things for which they are thankful. The children will read a Native American Indian story that uses Indian symbols to tell the story. They will also talk about the special things in our lives that make us feel thankful and how we can share our special talents and our time by helping others.



The local Food Bank is requesting Thanksgiving food: Canned cranberries, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Canned corn or potatoes, Corn Bread Mixes, Canned Gravy or Apple juice among other dried or canned foods. We will host a food drive on November 16th & 17th. Please send the non-perishable food items in a bag with your child and we will deliver it to the Somerset County Food Bank.



THANKSGIVING FEAST

The children in the Cardinal and Kindergarten classes are going to have a Yummy Feast with their friends within their classroom bubble. In the past we had parents supply many different Thanksgiving dishes so the children could enjoy a "family style"

Thanksgiving Dinner together. Because of the restrictions we are asking our Cardinal parents to instead send in a personal meal for their child. The classroom 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 enjoy their personal meal.



CELEBRATING CORN IN THE BLUEBIRD CLASS

The children in the Bluebird classes will learn about the Pilgrims arriving in America on the Mayflower. The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims many different skills to survive in their new land including how to plant corn. The children will have fun exploring corn, doing crafts with corn kernels, learning why popcorn pops and much more!

Box Tops...



Hooray to all our families who are collecting Box Tops. This is such a simple way to help the school raise some extra money. Please continue to cut and have your child help you. Or, use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. This app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. No clipping required.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES...

- **November 3rd:** Election Day! School will be closed.
- **November 5th & 6th:** There is No School due to Teacher's Convention.
- **November 9th:** Your child's Fall Updates go home.
- **November 9th:** Holiday Shopping orders go home.

- **November 16th & 17th:** Giving Day! Collecting non-perishable food items for the Somerset Cty. Food Bank.
- **November 17th:** Holiday Shopping orders are due.
- **November 24th:** Thanksgiving Feast for the Cardinal Classes H & I!
- **November 25th:** Early Dismissal for ALL CLASSES AT EITHER 12:00, 12:15 OR 12:30 p.m. - there will be Early Care BUT NO AFTER CARE
- **November 26th and November 27th:** No School - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Teachers are always learning...

The Giving Nest staff participated in a variety of virtual workshops on Monday, October 12th. Some of the workshops taken were, "Keeping Schools Safe: The Challenges of COVID-19", "Encouraging Physical Activity in Preschoolers" and "How to Encourage a Sensory-Friendly Classroom During a Pandemic".



Kids Holiday Shoppe

The Week of December 14th, the Giving Nest Center Hall will be transformed into a gift boutique. This is a special shop; they are

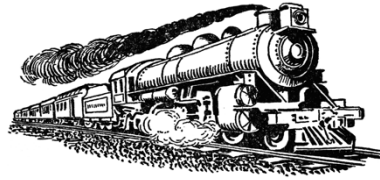
not gifts for the children but gifts the children can buy for mom, dad, grandparents and/or siblings. The best part is each item is only \$2.00. It is magical time at the Giving Nest when the Kids Holiday Shoppe opens its doors. The children become little adults shopping at six specialty stores; clutching the money in their hands as they examine the items and after much thought and deliberation excitedly choose the perfect gift for a special loved one. The children count out two dollars for the "shopkeeper". She takes the money and gift wraps the special surprise. What will your child pick for you? It is such fun to find out. The week of November 9th you will receive a form asking for whom your child will be buying gifts (limit 5 per child). Please fill this out and return it to the Giving Nest so our buyer can get busy stocking the Kids Holiday Shoppe with many fun surprises. We appreciate you returning your selections and money (all singles please so the children can count out the money) by November 17th so we have plenty of time to shop.



Warm Clothes for Playground Fun...

The children will continue to visit the playground as long, as the weather permits it. Please dress your children in appropriate clothing for the colder weather, including sturdy shoes, hat and mittens. The children love to play outdoors, and it is healthy for them to be out in the fresh air. We will keep the children in only if it is raining, snowing, sleeting or the temperature drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Please help us out and label all coats, hats, mittens, etc. with your child's name.

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, Bluebird, Cardinals:

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

Bluebirds, Cardinals:

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

Cardinals:

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.

Have a warm and safe November and a Happy Thanksgiving!

