



## The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten October Newsletter

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**Virtual Back To School Night  
October 20th – 7:00 p.m.**

**Back to School Night will be broken into two parts:**

Prior to Back to School Night your child will bring home an envelope with a special project inside! **Do not open the envelope** until the teachers direct you during their presentation! In addition, you will receive **two separate Constant Contact** links. One will be for “Part One” of Back to School Night and the other will be for “Part Two” of Back to School Night. Please be sure to do **Part One BEFORE you do Part Two.**

**Part One:** Mrs. Presley and Mrs. Frank will do a little presentation via Zoom and end with a movie of your children in the classroom. If you have any questions during our presentation, please type them into the ‘Chat Box’ and we will answer your questions.

**Part Two:** Once you are done with Part One you will go to your email and click on the video link. This part of Back to School Night will be your child’s teachers talking about a typical day in the classroom. At the end of their presentation, the teachers will direct you to open up your child’s envelope to reveal their special project!



### **October Classroom Plans for Morning Sing-A-Ding!**



For now, morning Sing-A-Ding is in the classroom! Mrs. Presley has created beautiful ‘Sing-a-Ding’ lesson packets for the classes to use! This month the focus will be on our community helper – The Firefighter! Some fire safety lessons will be...

- ✓ What is a Toy & What is not a Toy
- ✓ What is an Emergency & What is Not an Emergency
- ✓ What is Hot & What is not Hot
- ✓ 911 – Our Emergency Number & Stop – Drop – Roll – Cover Your Face & Family Meeting Place

So exciting – the North Plainfield Fire Department will be coming with their fire trucks and other emergency vehicles! Everything will take place outside and each class will get a chance to look at the trucks and meet the Firefighters! The firefighters will wear masks and they will be 10 feet away from the children!

Get ready – you will hear your children sing songs about Halloween and Fire Safety! The songs are included in this newsletter.



## HALLOWEEN FOR ALL CLASSES AT THE GIVING NEST!



### General Information...

**Inclement Weather:** If there is Inclement Weather on your child's scheduled day, the parade will Be Canceled.

**Dress in Costume:** Children should come to school dressed in their Costume.

**Class Parties:** The children will have their classroom party on the same day as their parade (this is for the children only).

**Party Sign-Up Sheet:** Mrs. Presley will post the party sign-up sheet on October 12th on Signupgenius.

### Wednesday - October 27th

**Class C** - Mrs. Holly & Mrs. G's Duckling Class at 12:15 - The Parade will be by the Orange Cones

**Class E-1** - Mrs. Cara & Mrs. B's Duckling Class at 2:15 - The Parade will be by the Orange Cones

**Class E-2/F** - Mrs. Sandra & Miss Bridgette's Duckling Class at 3:00 -The Parade will be by the Orange Cones

### Thursday - October 28th

**Class A/A+** - Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. B & Mrs. G's Chick-a-dee Class at 9:30 -The Parade will be by the Orange Cones

**Class D-1/D-2/F** - Mrs. Sandra & Miss Abby's Duckling Class at 9:45 - The Parade will be on the Grassy Area by the Front Double Doors

**Class B** - Mrs. Cara & Mrs. Amy's Duckling Class at **12:15** - The Parade will be by the Orange Cones.

**Class M** - Ms. Holdwright & Mrs. McGrath's Kindergarten Class at **2:30** - The Parade will be on the Grassy Area by the Front Double Doors

### Friday - October 29th

**Class H/I** - Mrs. Jackie & Mrs. Stephanie's Bluebird Class at 9:45 - The Parade will be on the Grassy Area by the Front Double Doors

**Class G** - Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Maffucci's Bluebird Class at 12:45 - The Parade will be on the Grassy Area by the Front Double Doors

**Class J** - Mrs. Loretta & Mrs. Alyssa's Cardinal Class at 2:15 - The Parade will be on the Grassy Area by the Front Double Doors

**Class K/L** - Mrs. Elaine & Mrs. V's Cardinal Class at 2:15 - The Parade will be on the Grassy Area by the Back Single Door



### Full STEAM Ahead

Every month the children will participate in various STEAM activities. STEAM represents the combination of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. STEAM activities support curiosity, creativity, and innovative thinking.

### What STEAM Activities Will Be Happening in October?

**STEAM Book of the Month:** *Growing Pumpkins* by Melvin Berger

### **STEAM Challenges:**

#### **All Classes:**

- ✓ How tall can you stack a ghost?

#### **Duckling, Bluebird & Cardinal Classes:**

- ✓ How high can you build a tower that can support a mini-pumpkin?

#### **Bluebird, Cardinal & Kindergarten Classes:**

- ✓ Can you build a spider web with play dough and plastic spiders?
- ✓ What happens when a pumpkin rolls down a hill?



### Donating to the Food Bank

To teach the children the 'Gift of Giving,' the children can bring in the items that are listed below any day throughout the school year. During class morning 'Sing-a-Ding', the teachers will ask if anyone has something for the food bank. Those children will be invited to come up to the front of the room, show their donation(s) and then we will clap for them and sing our 'Giving Song'.

BELOW ARE THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED...

- ✓ Canned Goods such as sauces, vegetables, soups, and tuna fish
- ✓ Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta Products and Dry Cereal
- ✓ Diapers, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Hand Crème, Soap & Shampoo
- ✓ Or Anything Your Child Would Like to Donate



### Drop Off & Pick-Up During 'Fall' Inclement Weather

Drop Off & Pick-Up Times have been running so smoothly and we thank you for following all the procedures – especially being on time! We have been blessed with lovely weather, but the day will come when it is raining!

On those rainy days we will follow the **SAME** staggered time schedule. The teacher and an office staff member will be directly inside your drop-off door. Please bring your child to their drop-off/pick-up door and the staff will greet you, take your child's temperature and ask about the health questions.

## OCTOBER SONGS



### ORANGE PUMPKIN

Orange Pumpkin, Orange Pumpkin,  
In the Patch, In the Patch!  
Flying Bats and Black Cats, Flying Bats and Black Cats,  
It's Halloween, It's Halloween – Boo!!



### JACK-O-LANTERN

First You Take a Pumpkin Big and Round and Fat!  
Then You Cut the Top Off and That Will Be His Hat!  
Then You Cut a Nose Out, A Mouth and Then Two Eyes!  
And Now You Have a Jack-O-Lantern Halloween Surprise! Boo!!



### THREE LITTLE WITCHES

1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Witches, Fly Over Haystacks, Fly Over Ditches!  
Slide Down the Moon, Without Any Hitches! Hey – Ho Halloween Is Here! Boo!!



### BLACK CAT

Black Cat, Black Cat, Looking for a Witch.  
All around the night is dark as pitch.  
You can see me 'cause your eyes are green.  
Black cat, black cat, this is Halloween – BOO!



### 5 LITTLE PUMPKINS

5 Little Pumpkins, Sitting On a Gate!  
The 1<sup>st</sup> One Said: "Oh My It's Getting Late!"  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> One Said: "There Are Witches In the Air!"  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> One Said: "But We Don't Care!"  
The 4<sup>th</sup> One Said: "Let's Run and Run and Run!"  
And the 5<sup>th</sup> One Said: "We're Ready For Some Fun!"  
Ohhhh Went the Wind and Out Went the Lights, And the Five Little Pumpkins Rolled Out of Sight!