



# The Giving Nest Preschool

## November Newsletter

### Fall Student Updates

We hope you enjoyed our Back to School Night Presentations as well as our Halloween Parades. We love having you here. We have lots of fun things planned for November and the coming months and we hope you have been keeping up with our Monthly Newsletters as well as the Class "Tweets" and Calendars. This November we will be sending home a **Fall Student Update**. This update is to inform you of your child's progress, strengths, and what can be reinforced at home. A more formal progress report will be sent home in January and we will be sending sign ups for individual conferences at this time.

### Election Day Fun!



For election day we will talk about what it means to have an election and how important it is to vote when we get older. We will briefly explain that the voting process is a way for grown-ups to make decisions together. Each child will have the opportunity to vote in their classroom!

### Thanksgiving Break

Just a reminder we will have a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. School ends at 12:00. Enrichment and After Care will not be available. We will have no classes 11/28 & 11/29. Have a happy and "greatFULL" Thanksgiving!!



# Thanksgiving Feast

"We are thankful for our family, our friends at school and the food we eat." These are important thoughts as well as the words to one of our November songs. Recent studies show that thankful children are happier and more resilient.

They also have higher self-esteem and better relationships. These results prove that gratitude is more than polite manners. It is a way of life, and a wonderful legacy to leave our children. A grateful child is a blessing to everyone. During November the children will spend time talking about the special things in their lives, which make them feel thankful.



The children in the Cardinal and M/W/F Bluebird class are going to have a yummy Thanksgiving Feast with their friends. The Cardinal classroom will be set up with tables, chairs and children made 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, Buttered Rolls, etc. supplied by their parents. They will then exchange necklaces with each other and sing Giving Nest Thanksgiving songs.

## Adopt a Family

Tis the Season of *GIVING* at the Giving Nest. The Adopt-a-Family is a wonderful program where we have the opportunity to help out a family in need during the Holidays. We work with a non-profit group and through their collaborative relationship with Family and Community Services of Somerset County (FCS) donates to families of need throughout the year. The Giving Nest has been adopting families for over a decade and it really make a difference for a family in need! We learned adopted families in years' past were overwhelmed by the generosity of our donations and called our gifts "a miracle". Hearts with our family's wish list will be on display in the hallway. Each heart will list specifically who and what is wished for. Please consider taking a heart and fulfilling the family members wish. ALL GIFTS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th .

