



The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten October Newsletter

Halloween Celebrations and Parades



Halloween is always a fun and festive time at the Giving Nest. To continue to make this holiday a fun filled day for the children and parents, while keeping everyone safe, we will be having individual Halloween Parades for each class. You (no more than 3 people) are invited to come and enjoy the children dressed in costumes. Your child's date and time will be on their class calendars. We will also send an email with parade specifics in the beginning of October.

Our Ducklings will parade and then they will perform spooky songs and poems. The Kindergarteners, Bluebirds and Cardinals will show off their costumes in a fashion show and sing Halloween songs. Each parade will last approximately 20 minutes.

The festivities will take place outside in the lower parking lot in a marked area if weather permits. If the weather does not cooperate, we will have the Halloween Parades and Fashion Shows in the classrooms, sorry no parents allowed inside.

The children should come to school dressed in costume on the day of the parade. (If the costume is uncomfortable, please have clothes underneath or send in a change of clothes he/she can change into).

Each class will also celebrate with a Halloween Party. If you would like to contribute to the festivities, we will be emailing sign-ups, using Sign-Up Genius, for Halloween goodies to share with the class. All items on the list are prepackaged items, no homemade items are permitted at this time. Please note, parties are for the children only.



Learning about Fire Safety

During morning Circle Time, we will talk about fire safety through lessons and stories. We will learn the steps to take if the children smell smoke or see a fire, calling 911, stop-drop-roll and cover your faces and planning a meeting place. We are looking for to invite a fire truck to visit the Giving Nest, the children in each class would each get a turn to walk outside and tour the fire truck and ask questions to the Firefighters. The firefighters will also describe the equipment a firefighter wears, explaining each piece of apparatus. How exciting it will be for the children to learn about these especially important lifesaving skills. If you know of any firehouse that would like to stop by for the children, please let us know.

In Service Day - No School

Please do not forget there is no school on Monday, October 11th. This day is reserved for an in-service training day for all of our staff. We are following the public school schedule in our area. The public schools are also closed for an in-service day.



Virtual Back to School Night

This month all parents are **invited and encouraged** to learn what your child does all day at The Giving Nest. This year this special evening will be a virtual video and will begin promptly at 7:00 PM and lasts about a half an hour. You will receive an email in advance with all the details and a link to your child's class with your child's teacher for your virtual video visit. Your evening will begin with a short presentation given by Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Barbara with your children as the cast of characters in a wonderful slide show! Upon completion of the slide show, you will then visit your child's classroom virtually through a special link provided to you in your class email. You will see what your child's day at the Giving Nest consists of and you will see your child's artwork displayed in the classroom. You will also listen to the various activities and special skills planned for your child throughout the year. Please visit our website and view your child's teachers' calendar to see which night your child's class is scheduled - <https://www.givingnestpreschools.com/teacher-pages-martinsville>.

Picture Day



Smile! Our professional photographer, Mr. Bill, will be here this month to take class and individual photos on 10/26 and 10/27. Similar to last year, the photos will be taken outside. You may purchase these pictures if you like. Once all pictures are completed, you will receive an email with the link to the photos. You can order your photos directly through the email link. Please check individual class calendars on our website, <https://www.givingnestpreschools.com/bridgewater-teacher-pages> for the date of your child's photos.



Please get your Flu Shot

Influenza Vaccine: Children 6 months through 59 months attending any childcare or preschool facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 & December 31 each year. It is very important you comply with this state mandate. The state sends a nurse to the Giving Nest and all preschools to check each child's medical paperwork and ascertain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date the child may have to leave the school. **The state nurse checks all immunizations.** To make certain your child's shots are up to date please go to: https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/cc_preschool_requirements-parents.pdf. If you have any questions, please call the school.

'Art To Remember' Fundraiser



The children are very busy working on special art projects. These projects will be sent to 'Art To Remember' to be scanned and used for our first fundraiser. You will have the opportunity to view your

child's artwork placed on custom printed keepsakes with the option to purchase these special items. The keepsakes will be completed just in time for the holidays. If you are looking for a special gift, this is a wonderful option! More details will follow for viewing and ordering these items.

OCTOBER SONGS

GET OUT

(Tune: "BINGO")



What happens if there is a fire
Do you know what to do?
GET OUT, quick GET OUT,
GET OUT, quick GET OUT,
GET OUT, quick GET OUT,
GET out, quick GET OUT,
Stay very low and GET OUT.

Three Little Witches

(Tune: Ten Little Indians)



One Little, two little, three little witches.
Fly over haystacks, fly over ditches.
Slide down the moon, without any hitches,
Hey ho Halloween is here!

Making a Jack-O-Lantern

(Tune: Four and Twenty Blackbirds)

First you take a pumpkin,
Big and round and fat.
Then you cut the top off,
That will be the hat.
Then you cut a mouth, a nose,
And then two eyes.
Now you have a
Jack-O-Lantern
Halloween surprise!



Christopher Columbus

(Tune: Row your boat)

Sail, sail, sail three ships, Slowly through the sea
Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria, sailing Count them, one,
two, three.
Land, land, land they saw, after many days.
Hooray, hooray for Columbus,
The man who found the way!



Jack-O-Lantern

(Tune: Are you sleeping)

Jack-O-Lantern, Jack-O-Lantern
Eyes so round, eyes so round.
Halloween is coming, Halloween is coming.
To our town, to our town!

PEEK-A-BOO



Peek a boo, I see you,
Peek a boo, I see you,
Peek a boo, I see you.
It is Halloween time!



BLACK CAT

Black cat, black cat, looking for a witch.
All around the night is dark as pitch.
You can see me because your eyes are green.
Black cat, black cat - this is Halloween.
BOO!

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS



Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "Oh my it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
The third one said, "But we don't care."
The fourth one said, "let's run and run and run."
And the fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun!"
Ooh went the wind, and out went the lights.
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.