

Rush Nursery School, Inc.  
50 Ward Hill Rd.  
Henrietta, NY 14467  
334-0664  
October Newsletter 2024  
Kirstin O'Connell, Donna Gronemeyer & Karen Hart

Dear Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start at nursery school! The children are making a good adjustment to our routines and making new friends quickly. We are looking forward to sharing many happy and memorable experiences this year with your children.

During the month of October, we will be talking about Apples, Colorful Leaves, Changes in Weather and other signs of Fall's arrival. Many of our projects, discussions and activities will include the seasonal changes. Please watch for the wonderful crafts and projects that your child brings home. We appreciate having backpacks emptied each day.

To go along with our themes during October, we will be visiting Stokoe Farm. All of Mrs. O'Connell's classes. Mrs. Gronmeyers and Mrs. Hart's classes will go on Wednesday October 16th. Our scheduled time is 10:00am-12:00pm. Please have the children there at 9:45a.m. Please meet in front of the Stokoe Farm entrance 15 minutes prior to the start of your field trip so we have time to take attendance and settle our admission fees. Please remember that for this field trip, parents or caregivers are responsible for transportation. Family members are welcome to join us during the field trip for \$11 each.

October also brings Halloween. We plan to carve a Jack-O-Lantern for our Halloween party. Halloween parties will be on Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> depending on your class. Please see your child's Peek at the Week for exact celebration information. On that day, children may bring in their costumes in a tote bag. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME! We will help the children dress at nursery school when the celebration is beginning. NO MASK'S PLEASE, as they may scare our new friends.

We will be using scissors in the classroom this year. Most children are eager to cut with scissors, but some children have difficulty. A child must combine small motor skills (control and coordination of small muscles in hands, wrists and eyes) with an intellectual task. A prerequisite to cutting is tearing, so allow young children to practice tearing paper before teaching them to use scissors. Discuss safety rules and provide appropriate scissors (rounded points). Show them to hold the scissors in one hand and paper in the other. Let your children cut paper up that can be used for art projects or collages. By practicing, the children become more proficient. As they become more proficient, let them cut straight and curved lines, using magazine pictures for example.

At school we teach the children to put on their own coats. We teach the "flip" method. The child lays their coat on the floor in front of them. While standing at the hood they slide their arms into the sleeves and "flip" the coat over their head. They are SO excited and proud to get dressed on their own. Please celebrate with them in their success.

We would also like to let you know that we have mentioned to the students the importance of not sharing food. We have some students who have allergies and we want to make sure that they do not get sick. If you could reinforce the not sharing of food at home, it would be appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Please also remember to re-read our Sick Child Policy found in the handbook. For the sake of all students and staff at Rush Nursery School, please follow the guidelines that have been established. Thank you. We also ask that you reinforce at home that a sneeze/cough be done into the child's elbow and not their hand. We greatly appreciate your help in teaching how to not spread any germs.

We are really looking forward to a great year at Rush Nursery School. We will use every opportunity at nursery school as a learning experience. Thank you for helping support us at home.

Please do not ever hesitate to call or email either of us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kirstin O'Connell  
klynneoc1970@gmail.com

Karen Hart  
RNSMrsHart@gmail.com

Donna Gronemeyer  
[dgroneme@yahoo.com](mailto:dgroneme@yahoo.com)

---

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **October**

- 6-RNS Stroll 11AM
- 14-Monday-Columbus Day (school closed)
- 16-Field Trip to Stokoe Farms
- 20-Trunk or Treat
- 23-Chipotle Fundraiser

### **November**

- 2- Special Someone Saturday (times TBD)
- 4-Monday – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly tuition payment due
- 6-Picture Day for MW/MWF and KinderPrep
- 7-Picture Day-3's Tu/Th and UPK Classes
- 11-22 Holiday wreath fundraiser
- 11-Veteran's Day observed (school closed)
- 25-29-Thanksgiving Recess, School closed

Please remember to look at our website at [Rushnurseryschool.org](http://Rushnurseryschool.org) for important information. Monthly Newsletters, Peek at the Week and Helper Schedules will always be posted on your teacher's class page.

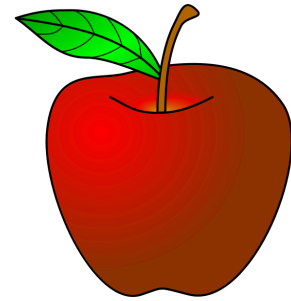
Also to let all of you know that if you go to [www.KidZone.ws](http://www.KidZone.ws) and [www.handwritingworksheets.com](http://www.handwritingworksheets.com) and link to the tracer pages, you can type in your child's name and it will allow them to trace their names and other words correctly. We have been using these in our classes.

## October Songs and Fingerplays

### I'm A Little Apple

(Sung to the tune of "I'm A Little Teapot")

I'm a little apple,	(Hold arms at side.)
Round and red.	(Use arms to form a big circle.)
Here are my leaves,	(Touch top of head with both hands.)
Here is my stem.	(Touch head with one hand.)
When I finish growing,	(Hold arms at side.)
Round and red	(Use arms to form a big circle.)
I fall from the tree and	(Pretend to start falling.)
	Land on my head! (Fall down.)



### Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the 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."  
The fifth one said, "it's Halloween fun."  
Ooo-ooo-ooo went the wind,  
And out went the lights.  
The five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

### Three Little Witches

(Sung to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")

One little, two little, three little witches.  
Fly over haystacks, fly over ditches.  
Slide down moonbeams, without any hitches.  
High ho Halloweens here!



### Black Cat

Black Cat, Black Cat.  
Looking for a witch.  
All round the night is dark as pitch.  
You can see because your eyes are green.  
Black Cat, Black Cat.  
This is Halloween.