



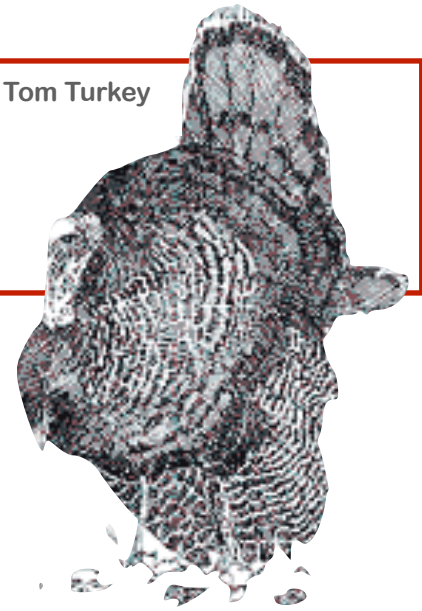
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Newsletter — November 2017

Tom Turkey



Fun Facts

Turkey Terms

- Tom or Gobbler - a male turkey.
- Hen - a female turkey.
- Poult - a baby turkey.
- Caruncle - colored growths on the throat region.
- Snood or "dew bill" - the flap of skin that hangs over the turkey's beak.
- Wattle - the flap of skin under the turkey's chin.
- Snood, Wattle and Caruncle Turn bright red when the turkey is upset or during courtship.
- Gizzard - part of a bird's stomach that contains tiny stones helping them grind food for digestion.

Turkey Tails

- Each spring Tom Turkeys try to befriend as many females as possible. Gobblers puff up their bodies and spread their tail feathers.
- Toms grunt, make a "gobble gobble" sound and strut about shaking their feathers. This fancy turkey trot helps the male attract Hens for mating.
- Wild turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) live in woods in parts of North America and are the largest game birds found in this part of the world. They spend their days foraging for acorns, seeds, small insects and wild berries. They spend their nights in low branches of trees (yes, wild turkeys can fly!).
- The Hen nests under bushes in the woods, incubating up to 18 tan and speckled brown eggs at a time. It takes up to a month for the eggs to hatch. The hatchlings flock with their mother all year. For the first two weeks they are unable to fly. The mother roosts on the ground with them during this time.
- Wild turkeys are covered with dark feathers that help them blend in with their woodland homes.

Dear Parents,

The clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in. Fall colors are everywhere! Birds are flying south and squirrels are furiously gathering nuts for the cold months ahead. Winter visitors are starting to appear. Who will visit your garden?

Turkeys, Octopus and North America

AUTUMN WORKS

It's octopuses (invertebrate of the month) and turkeys, of course, Gobble Gobble! (vertebrate of the month).

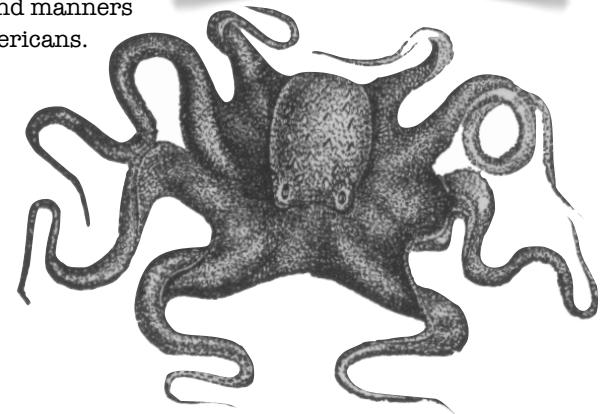
We'll be studying North America this month.

North America covers an area of about 9,540,000 square miles, about 4.8% of the

planet's surface or about 16.5% of its land area. As of July 2008, its population was estimated at 579,024,000 million people. It is the third-largest continent in area, following Asia and Africa, and the fourth in population after Asia, Africa, and Europe. Source: Wikipedia

We'll also be studying customs, food, and manners of the North Americans.

Hen Turkey



Dates & Reminders

- Thanksgiving holiday November 23 and 24.
- Potluck Party December 6
- Let the holiday season begin!
- Be sure the **GATE** is latched, OK!

Small Planet Business

Tuition — A full month's tuition is due on the first of every month. **Please make checks payable to Martha Morgan.**

Morning lessons are from 9.00 - 11.30 and afternoon lessons 1.00 - 3.30. There is 15 minutes before and after class for drop-off/pick-up. Please observe these times.

Tiny Treasures — Any works at home? Bring 'em on back!

Guest Speakers — If you would like to share a special interest, hobby or holiday tradition, please have a word

with Martha! The children really love to hear about special ways to celebrate!

Veronique — Every Thursday, 1 - 2 p.m. \$10.

Snack — Is it your snack day? Please swap with someone if you're going to miss your child's day.

Lunch Card — Please remember to keep your lunch card up to date! 20 lunches for \$200.00. Extra time will be charged at \$12.50 per hour.

Lunch — is 11.30 to 12.30

Coats! — Please be sure your child's coat is weather appropriate.

Friday pick up! Please collect your child by 3.45 and at 12.45 on Fridays. The school closes for the weekend at 1pm on Friday.

Thank You from Martha for your cooperation!

See you at the gate! —Martha



Happy Thanksgiving

Jan Brett