



Giving Nest September Newsletter

North Plainfield Location

September 2021



September is Finally Here! Welcome One and All!

We have been working all summer creating new and exciting things to make this a memorable year for your children and you. Making friends, laughing, singing, dancing, playing, learning, creating, sharing, and performing science experiments are 'some' of the things that will fill our days.

Part of the Giving Nest philosophy states: *Like the young bird in the nest that is nurtured and loved by the mother bird, our staff develops each child's self-worth and self-importance. We want children to realize that each of us, young and old, have special gifts to share and give to our family, friends, and the community. As important as it is for our children to receive all the good things we have to offer, it is also important for them to learn to give.*

During our Classroom Morning Sing-a-Ding the classes will focus on our philosophy and encourage your wonderful children to embrace themselves & to be the best person they can be! Throughout the year we will talk about... Practicing good manners, Respect, Friendship, Kindness and Generosity.

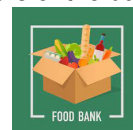
'Some' of the activities we have planned to encourage the above are...

- ✓ Donating to the food bank (look at the box to the right)
- ✓ Doing chores in December to earn \$2! The money will be used to buy gifts for families in need!

"Thinking of Others" by Donating to the Food Bank

Our curriculum is set up to encourage your children to love school and experience all the joy that comes with learning new things. We also offer opportunities to experience the true pleasure that comes with helping those in need and putting others first. This year we will continue our program entitled: 'Gertie Gives' (this will run throughout the school year). Starting in September we will collect food on a daily basis for a local food bank. During *Classroom Sing-a-Ding* the teachers will explain how a food bank works. The teachers will suggest that the Giving Nest students, when shopping with their families, ask if they can pick out something to put in the food bank. Things in need are canned goods; such as sauces, vegetables and tuna. Peanut butter is in big demand as well as pasta products and dry cereal. There is also a need for deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, hand crème, and disposable diapers. However, anything your child wishes to donate will be appreciated. We will deliver the items we collect each week to The North Plainfield Food Bank.

Each morning the teacher will ask if anyone has food for the food bank. Those children will be invited to come up to the front of the room, put their donation on the table and to form a line. The children will all sing our donation song and they will clap and say "Thank You" to the donors of the day!





Mark Your Calendar!

**What is happening in September
at The Giving Nest Preschool?**

'Let's Take a Virtual Tour of The Giving Nest Preschool'

Monday, September 6, 2021

On Monday, September 6, 2021 you will receive a video via an email. The video will show you the Entrance Doors that we will be using, the Playgrounds and the Classrooms. The teachers will introduce themselves in their classroom and they will show some toys and activities that they are planning for September. The staff will first show their beautiful faces and then they will show what they will look like in their mask and other face coverings that they may use. We suggest that you watch this a few times with your child - especially the day before school begins.

Parent & Staff 'Virtual Zoom Gathering!'

Dates: Tuesday - September 7, 2021

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

On Tuesday morning of September 7th, you will receive a Zoom Invitation via an email. At 7:00pm you should go to your computer, i-phone or i-pad and click on the invitation and 'presto' you will be joining our Zoom gathering! The director - Mary Sue Frank, the assistant director - Jill Presley and the Giving Nest Staff will be present.

The gathering will give you an opportunity to:

- Meet the staff.
- Hear about what your child's day will look like.
- Go over the necessary paperwork that we will need for your child's file.
- How we will communicate with each other and
- Answer questions, comments and / or concerns that you have. (It would be most helpful if you send your questions, comments and / or concerns to Mary Sue before the meeting at givingnestnp@gmail.com).

'Outside Meet & Greet!

September 8, 2021 (Rain Date September 9, 2021)

A Parent, Child, Teacher & Student 'Outside Meet & Greet!

We will have 'Face-to-Face Meet and Greet' outside of our school building! Please refer to the schedule on the following pages! We will have canopies set up so unless it is a downpour, we will do this rain or shine! If it is a downpour - the rain date will be September 9th!

****Please look at your child's classroom calendar for the
correct time!****

Updated Class Information for the 2021-22 School Year

Please Note:

Some of the children have a different class letter.
When your child receives their letter & calendar from their teacher in the mail
please look carefully at your child's class letter.

**This will be the letter that you
will use and refer to all year long!**

LETTER/NAME	DAY/TIMES	ROOM #	TEACHER	ASSISTANT
A Chickadees	T/Th 9 TO 1	8	Mrs. Melissa	Mrs. B & Mrs. G
A+ Chickadees	T/Th 9 to 3	8	Mrs. Melissa	Mrs. B
B Ducklings	T/Th 8:45 to 12:45	7	Mrs. Cara	Mrs. Amy
C Ducklings	M/W/F 8:45 to 12:45	8	Mrs. Holly	Mrs. G
D-1 Ducklings	T/Th 9:15 to 1:15	9	Mrs. Sandra	Miss Abby
D-2 Ducklings	T/Th 9:15 to 3:15	9	Mrs. Sandra	Miss Abby
E-2 Ducklings	M/W/F 9:15 to 3:15	9	Mrs. Sandra	Miss Bridgette
F Ducklings	M to F 9:15 to 3:15	9	Mrs. Sandra	Miss Abby & Miss Bridgette
E-1 Ducklings	M/W/F 9:00 to 3:00	7	Mrs. Cara	Mrs. B
G Bluebirds	M/W/F 9:15 to 1:15	4	Mrs. Davis	Mrs. Maffucci
H Bluebirds	M/W/F 9:15 to 3:15	3	Mrs. Jackie	Mrs. Stephanie
I Bluebirds	M to F 9:15 to 3:15	3	Mrs. Jackie	
J Cardinals	M/W/F 8:45 to 2:45	2	Mrs. Loretta	Mrs. Alyssa
K Cardinals	M/W/F 8:45 to 2:45	1	Mrs. Elaine	Mrs. V
L Cardinals	M to F 8:45 to 2:45	1	Mrs. Elaine	Mrs. V
M Wise Owls – Kindergarten	M to F 9:00 to 3:00	5 & 6	Ms. Holdwright & Mrs. McGrath	



OUTSIDE 'MEET & GREET' SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: Some children have a different class letter than the one you were given when you enrolled your child. Please refer to your child's class calendar!

Canopy Tent Location for Classes H, I, & J

Date: 9/8/21 Rain Date – 9/9/21

Location of Your Canopy Tent: As you pull into our parking lot, please park in the spaces in front of the church and in the front of our school building. Your canopy tent will be the first tent as you pull into the parking lot. It will be labeled: Classes H, I, & J. You and your child will go over to the tent to meet his/her teachers! Please wear a Face Mask!

Time Schedule for Class H is from 10:00 to 10:20

Time Schedule for Class I is from 10:30 to 10:50

Time Schedule for Class J is from 11:00 to 11:20

Canopy Tent Location for Classes A/A+, B, C, E-1, D-1/D-2/E-2/F

Date: 9/8/21 Rain Date – 9/9/21

Location of Your Canopy Tent: As you pull into our parking lot, please park in the spaces across from the orange cones. Your canopy tent will be the second tent as you pull into the parking lot. It will be labeled: Classes A/A+, B, C, E-1, & D-1/D-2/E-2/F. You and your child will go over to the tent to meet his/her teachers! Please wear a Face Mask!

Time Schedule for Class A/A+ is from 9:30 to 9:50

Time Schedule for Class B is from 10:00 to 10:20

Time Schedule for Class C is from 10:30 to 10:50

Time Schedule for Class E-1 is from 11:00 to 11:20

Time Schedule for Class D-1, D-2, E-2 & F is from 11:30 to 11:50

Canopy Tent Location for Classes G, K/L & M

Date: 9/8/21 Rain Date – 9/9/21

Location of Your Canopy Tent: As you pull into our parking lot, please park in the spaces on the side of our school building. Your canopy tent will be on the grassy area by our single entrance door in the back of our building. It will be labeled: Classes G, K/L & M. You and your child will go over to the tent to meet his/her teachers! Please wear a Face Mask!

Time Schedule for Class G is from 10:00 to 10:20

Time Schedule for Class K/L is from 10:30 to 10:50

Time Schedule for Class M is from 11:30 to 11:50

Things your Child needs for school...

(This information was in our Admissions Packet but we thought it would be helpful to put it in the newsletter)
Below are the required items that your child will need for September. These items have been thoughtfully selected to keep your child safe, organized and comfortable throughout their time at The Giving Nest.



1. **Backpack:** It is important that the backpack is large (size 12"wide, 15" tall and 5" deep) because we need it to hold all of your child's belongings. It will be used as a 'cubby' to keep your child's things all in one place. Please put your child's first name in bold print on the outside of the backpack.



2. **Small Reusable Water Bottle:** All children will need a reusable water bottle. This bottle will go to and from school – Please Label the Bottle (Lid and Bottle) with Your Child's First and Last Name in PERMANENT MARKER and please don't forget to fill it with fresh water each time your child comes to school.



Face Mask:

3. **Face Covering:** All children (ages 3 and over), staff and drop off and/or pick-up person must wear a Face Mask during arrival and dismissal time. All face coverings MUST BE labeled with your child's first name. These items should be placed inside an individual ziplock baggies and the baggies MUST BE labeled with your child's first and last name.



4. **Snack Time: ALL CHILDREN** should bring a 'small snack' every time they come to school. The snack should be in a baggie or a container that is labeled "Snack" and please put do not put it in your child's lunch box (maybe put in the front zipper part of the backpack). Some ideas: Goldfish, Cheese and Crackers, Pirate Bootie, Veggie Sticks, Cut Up Fruits or Vegetables, Graham Crackers, or a Granola Bar.



5. **Lunch:** All children will have lunch while at school. Please clearly label the outside of your child's lunchbox with your child's first name. Food cannot be refrigerated or heated and any food that has been opened cannot be returned home at this time.



6. **Change of Clothes:** All children should have a complete change of clothes (include underwear and socks) in their backpack. Please put them in a labeled plastic bag. We will use these in the case of a bathroom accident or a food/drink spill. Don't forget to change the choice of clothes as the seasons change.



7. **Two Current Photos of your Child:** Please send in two current photos of your child. The pictures are used so the students can help the teacher with attendance and small groups. Please put your child's full name on the back of the pictures. Please bring the pictures on the first day of school.

Chick-a-dee & Ducklings Classes Only...



1. **Diapers & Wipes – Chick-a-dees & Ducklings Only:** If your child is in diapers, you will need to put in at least three diapers and wipes in a sealed plastic bag that is labeled with your child's first and last name. Please do not send in PULL-UP'S UNLESS THEY HAVE VELCRO.



2. **Two Beach or Over Sized Bath Towels:** Children that attend our full day Chick-a-dee class or our full day Duckling classes will need two beach or over-sized bath towels that will be used for quiet rest time (one to put on the mat & one to use as a cover). Please put these items in a nylon bag with a drawstring and print your child's name on both towels and the bag. Children will bring their towels home at the end of each school day. These towels need to be laundered before they can be used again.



Bluebird Classes Only... Two - 1" Blue View Binders



Cardinal Classes Only... One - 1" Red or White View Binders



The 'Quoting Corner'

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

- Fred Rogers



Please
and
thank
you
are still
magic words!

{No matter how old you are!}

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

- Plato



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EVERY
CHILD
IS AN
ARTIST
-PICASSO

miStAkEs
are proof
that you are
TRYING



How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait
a single moment
before starting to
improve the world.

-anne frank