

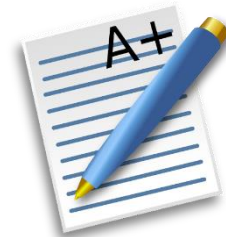


The Giving Nest Preschool October Newsletter

We are excited to send our first monthly newsletter and class calendar. Please be sure to read them as they have VERY Important monthly information. In the future these can be viewed on our website and we will email you when they are posted

Visit from the State License Inspector

We all have been working extremely hard, (you included) to do whatever it takes to make sure the children, staff and school remains safe and healthy. This Monday the state licensing inspector came to our school to evaluate and inspect how we are implementing the new regulations. The Giving Nest passed with flying colors!! As she was leaving, she said, *"What a wonderful way to start my week-seeing a school following the regulations and guidelines perfectly. I wish every place I inspected looked like this!"*



Sing Time Returns

We are so excited to announce that we will be starting up a modified morning sing this month! We have missed coming together with the classes to learn our lessons, sing our songs, and collect food for the food bank! While the co-mingling of groups is still prohibited, we will be setting up a sing schedule, each class will attend sing once a week. The Directors will be teaching the children songs and different lessons every month.

During October we will be focusing on Halloween and Fire Safety! Mrs. Hannon. Mrs. Kathleen & Mrs. Annie. will show the children, through lessons and stories, the steps to take if they smell smoke or see a fire. We have fun stories and skits we perform on fire safety, calling 911, and planning a meeting place.

To teach the children the 'Gift of Giving,' the children can bring in the items that are listed below any day throughout the school year. During your child's Sing Time, the children will be asked if anyone has something for the food bank. Those children will be invited to come up to the stage, show their donation(s) and then we will sing our 'Donate Song'.

Halloween Celebrations and Parades



Halloween has always been such a fun and festive time at the Giving Nest, and we are committed to keeping it that way (even if it might look a little different this year). To ensure that we are adhering to all CDC and social distancing guidelines each classroom bubble will have a designated outdoor parade time and you (no more than 3 people) are invited to come to enjoy the children dressed in costumes. We will have the parking lot area in front of the church main entrance closed off and sectioned 6ft apart for you to stand

Our Ducklings will parade around the sidewalk, then they will perform spooky songs and poems. The Bluebirds and Cardinals will show off their costumes in a fashion show that will also be set up in front of the church.

Your child's time and date will be on their class calendars. You will notice that our Halloween Celebrations are not on Friday, October 30th. In the past our parents experienced conflicts with attending our Halloween festivities and viewing events of siblings in the grammar schools. We've scheduled it this way for several years and while we have not heard the plans from the public schools we are still going to keep it this way

Unfortunately, if there is a church event, rain, or bad weather, we will not be able to have an outdoor parade. We will however record the event and send it to you via email. If your child's parade is scheduled for 10:00 or 11:00, please send him or her into school wearing the costume. (If the costume is uncomfortable, please have comfortable clothes underneath, or send clothes we can change them into.) If your child's parade is scheduled for 12:00 or 1:00, please send the costume into school, the teacher will help him or her get parade ready in the classroom beforehand.

The children will also have a small Halloween celebration in their classroom. We will be sending a Sign Up Genius link on October 13th that will send you to a Class Party Sign Up Sheet! All items on the list are prepackaged items, **no homemade items are permitted** at this time.

Back to School Night

As we continue to navigate our new “normal”, we are coming up with new ways to safely offer some of the fun events that we typically plan throughout the school year. Every year we look forward to our Back to School Night, as a fun way to connect with you and give you a chance to get to know your child’s teacher. We would hate to completely miss out on that this year! In lieu of an in person Back to School Night, we invite you to take a peek into the classroom and learn from your child’s teacher what a usual day looks like.

To remain compliant with the current regulations, **on October 21st** we will be bringing back to school night into your home! (Email with video link to be sent at 7:00 pm) You will be given a presentation by your child’s teacher. She will walk you through the class’s daily routine and explain some of the projects and activities you and your child can look forward to throughout the year.

Although this is not your usual Back to School Night, we encourage you to still set some time aside in the evening, maybe once the kids have gone to bed, pour yourself a cup of tea (or any beverage of your choosing) and enjoy hearing all about the fun and exciting things your child will be doing and learning this year.

Once you finish watching the presentation, please write a little note for your child on the paper we will send home in his or her take home folder. We have had the parents do this in the past at back to school night, and the children always love being read the little notes their parents write to them the next day in class!



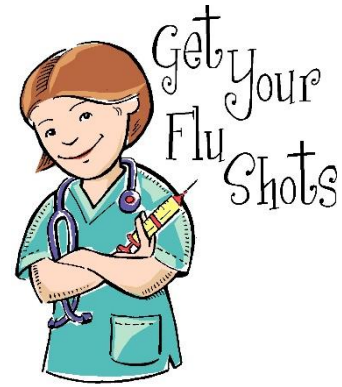
Don't forget
parents'
evening!

In Service Day – No School

Please do not forget there is no school on Monday, October 12th. This day is reserved for an in-service training day for all of our staff. We are following the public-school schedules in our area. The public schools are also closed for an in-service day.

Please Get Your Flu Shot

It's a State Mandate 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 preschools to check each child's medical paperwork and make certain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date and/or documentation not provided, the child may have to leave the school. The state nurse checks all immunizations. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask for Mrs. Kathleen or Mrs. Annie



Little Lamb Cookie Dough Fundraiser

This year we are continuing our tradition of running the Little Lambs Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Returning students or those with older siblings may remember this fundraiser from past years. Little Lambs will still be offering an array of goodies available to order from their brochure, but this year they will be offering direct to customer shipping to avoid excess handling of any items you may order, as well as running the fundraiser entirely online. On Monday, October 5th you will receive an email from us with a link and ordering instructions. If you wish to participate, this link and our access code can be shared to



friends and family. **All orders must be in BEFORE Monday October 19th.** On that day, our link and code will become inactive. We run this fundraiser at this time to allow for guaranteed shipping before Thanksgiving. All monies raised by this fundraiser will go to buying new equipment, including air purifiers for each classroom.

Looking Ahead

Please be sure to mark November 11th and 12th on your calendar for School Picture Day!