

The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten In Martinsville



February 2021 Newsletter



Mark your Calendars - Important Dates

January 28th to February 4th - In House Registration

February 2nd - Groundhog Day! - Will the ground hog see his shadow? We will find out.

February 10th and 11th - Celebrating Valentine's Day in your child's class. Check your child's class calendar for the day. Remember to wear **RED** to celebrate the occasion.

February 12th and 15th - NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess and Presidents Weekend

Manner of the Month – Saying Thank You and Feeling Grateful:

This month, we hope, with your help, to encourage our students to consciously think about being grateful and going out of their way to say thank you to teachers, family members and friends. Along with reminding the children to say thank you in obvious situations we will discuss what it means to be a genuinely grateful person and to have a grateful heart. We will encourage the children to look around and notice the small, everyday things people do for them and then suggest they say thank you for these things. Examples would be when mommy washes your clothes or daddy reads you a story or grandma buckles you in the car seat or a classmate helps you with a puzzle piece or a teacher helps you find your gloves.



Your child will be bringing a red or pink heart home in his/her backpack.

Read below to see why...

This month there will be a Grateful Heart bulletin board set up in the entranceway. Throughout the month we would like each student to tell their parents about someone at the Giving Nest who they would like to thank. **Parents, please help us out with this exercise and write down the name of the person (classmate, teacher, office staff, aftercare helper, etc.) and reason they are being thanked.** Your child will have the opportunity to come up to the front of his/her class during Circle Time and his/her teacher will read what is written on the heart. Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Barbara will hang it on the main bulletin board.

Valentine's love...



We **LOVE** celebrating Valentine's day at the Giving Nest! On the day of your child's class party please send in Valentine's card for all the children in the class.

Duckling parents should sign their child's name on the inside of the card and leave the outside envelope blank. This way your children can 'deliver' their own cards without having to read names on the outside.

Bluebird and Cardinal children should address envelopes with their classmates' names and sign their names on the inside of each card. These children have begun to recognize each other's names and will have fun delivering their Valentine's themselves. Of course, the teacher will assist any child that needs help.

Kindergarten children should also address envelopes with their classmates' names and sign their name on each card.
ALSO:

All of the children will also be making Valentine's cards and mailing them home to their families. A **blank white envelope will be provided for you** and sent home the week of February 1st to be returned by February 5th. Please address and stamp this envelope and return to school no later than Friday, February 5th. Each child will create a special Valentine Day card for his/her family that they will mail in our mailbox here at school. The children get very excited knowing that their Valentine's Day card will go to the post office, and then will be delivered to their address, as they anxiously wait for its arrival. Remember, please include a stamp and address the envelope to yourself or to your whole family.



Valentine's Day and Preschool Students --- Perfect Together ---

Parties, Treats, Valentine cards and Valentine games abound at the Giving Nest in February. Please take a few minutes and read your child's February What's Up. It will explain what you need to do to make certain your child has everything he/she needs to make and send Valentines home to your family and Valentines to share with classmates. Please check your child's individual calendars to see when their party is scheduled. Look for the email with a sign up if you would like to help make your child's class Valentine's party more festive.



President's Day



We will meet the Presidents of the United States and learn some interesting facts about many of the presidents! The children will learn a silly song about Bubble Gum that teaches money names: penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar.



February Weather and Healthy Habits...



- Weather and temperature permitting, the teachers will take the children outside.
- With this in mind, please dress your children for outside play every day (warm jacket, hat, mittens or gloves and a scarf).
- Make sure the extra clothes in the bottom of your child's backpack are changed for the winter season.
- Encourage healthy eating habits-drinking water and eating more vegetables (carrots, celery, cucumbers) and fresh fruits.
 - Remember to brush teeth twice a day, in the morning and before bed.
 - Encourage 8-10 hours of sleep every night.



Important Information:

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