



# MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

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## May Happenings at the Nest...



It is hard to believe that we only have one and a half months of school left! Where does the time go?! It has been a wonderful school year. If you happen to come to school feeling a little blue, it sure doesn't last long... All you need to do is look at all the adorable and lovable little faces and anything that you were sad about goes away! Children truly have a gift and we at The Giving Nest are very, fortunate.

We begin the month of May by learning about "May Day" while we sing and dance around a maypole. Our maypole is a long cardboard tube that has beautiful, colorful streamers coming out of the top. Eight children at a time come up and hold onto one of the streamers while the teacher holds the pole. All the children will sing our May Day songs and the children holding the streamers will dance around the maypole. The May Pole will be sanitized between uses!

Of course, there is nobody more important than Mom. Ask your child to sing you their Mother's Day song.



### The Wise Owls- Kindergarten Author's Workshop in June

Throughout the year the kindergarten children have met a variety of authors and afterwards have done a project related to the book. To end our author study the children will attend a workshop with 3 stations highlighting the following authors: Pat Hutchins, Donald Crews and Lois Ehlert. The children will read a story by each author and then do a project related to the book.



### The Ducklings Learn About Transportation!

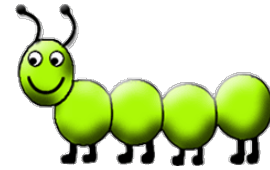
In May the Duckling classes learn about transportation- Land, Air & Water. They will make boats, hot air balloons and airplanes. To end this fun unit the children will bring in a riding toy from home and ride it on a "riding course" that will be sectioned off in our sidewalk. Check your class calendar for the date to bring your child's riding toy.



### ART: May is Weaving & Sewing Month...

Throughout the year the children have been developing their fine motor skills while gluing, beading, lacing and using a wide variety of manipulatives. During May they will be working on weaving and sewing projects while learning about basic construction. Weaving is probably the oldest elemental skill used, known to man. It is commonly used in all cultures worldwide. The children will learn

that their blankets, rugs and clothing are woven. Spiders weave their webs and birds build their nest using weaving techniques. Through this project they will learn to see and understand patterns, position, and design. In the meantime, they understand process, and are allowed to experiment and can create. Please look for our Fiber Art display in the hallways early in the month.



### Butterfly, Butterfly, Where are You?

The children are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our butterflies. Each classroom has a butterfly house with caterpillars that are busy spinning up into their cocoon. Soon the butterflies will appear in the butterfly house. They will be fed and have water and will then be set free! We will gather the children in the playground to witness this amazing sight.



### Important May Events/Dates...

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7th - May Day Celebration in Classroom  
May 9th - Happy Mother's Day  
May 10th - 12th Duckling Transportation days. Bring in riding toy. See your calendar.  
May 10th & 11th- May Admission Packets go home for 2021-2022 school year.  
May 20th & 21st- Fiber Art Exhibit  
May 25th & May 28<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Rhyme Field Days in the School Playground  
May 31<sup>st</sup> - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

## Events to look forward to...

- School Picnics - See your child's June calendar for these dates.

-End of the Year Ceremonies for Ducklings and Chick-a-dees. Parents of our Chick-a-dee and Duckling classes are invited to attend a simple end of the year ceremony. The children will sing a couple of their favorite songs. The ceremony will be held outside in the back parking lot on what would be their last day of school. We do request that no more than two spectators per child attend due to the limited space. Times will be on your June calendar and will also, be emailed to you soon.

Graduation Dates and Times for Bluebirds, Cardinals & Kindergarten-The Bluebirds, Cardinals and Kindergarteners will participate in a graduation ceremony with diplomas and caps and gowns. It will be a Kodak moment. They will be held outdoors in the side parking lot. More information will come shortly. The graduation should last about 30 - 40 minutes. Guests will be limited to two people. Sanitized chairs will be provided.

