

The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten in Martinsville

May Newsletter



Important Dates:

May 3rd and 4th : Celebrating May Day on the playground!

May 6th and May 7th: Mother's Day gifts go home. Shhhh! It's a surprise, no peeking.

May 10th and 11th: Admission Packets go home for the 21/22 school year.

May 10th to May 14th: Release Butterflies this week.

May 25th : Graduation Pictures in Cap and Gown for Bluebirds, Cardinals and Kindergartners!

May 31st: No School - Memorial Day

June 1st: Back to School



May Day at the Giving Nest

We begin the month of May by singing our May Day songs while dancing around our May Pole decorated with brightly colorful ribbons. This year we will be outside on the playground. Each child will hold on to a ribbon as we sing and dance around celebrating the new season.

We continue our May celebration by improvising on an old tradition believed to have originated in Roman Times. These ancient people welcome the long-awaited spring month by filling May baskets with flowers and secretly giving the baskets to friends. Each class will be given a flowering plant to share with another class. During the morning the classes take turns tiptoeing to another classroom, knocking on the door, leaving the plant and scurrying quickly back to their room. They then see from afar the delighted faces of the children in that class when they find the flowers outside the room.

Happy Mother's Day!

May is for Moms -
Happy Mother's Day to all
our wonderful Moms!

Mother's Day is a wonderful holiday! Moms, please enjoy the day. The children have been busy making you a very special gift. The gifts will be sent home with your child on Thursday, May 6th or Friday, May 7th. Shhhh, it's a surprise so no peeking. We thank you all for the support this year and all that you do for your families. We wish you all a day of joy and well-deserved relaxation.



On-Line Book Fair

This year we are offering our first ever Scholastic on-line book fair. The book fair will run from May 10th through May 23rd. You will receive an email with the book fair link with direct access and full details. Once you receive the email take a few minutes to visit the book fair, select a book (or books) that you can preview before you decide to make a purchase. Thank you for your support!

Playground Information



Spring is here! The children have caught spring fever and are enjoying playground time. **During the spring season we encourage parents to apply sunscreen and bug repellent to the children before they come to school.** Please do not send in sunscreen or bug repellent for the teachers to apply, it would take too much class time. Most products last up to five hours, so applying these in the morning before school should work just fine.

Also remember the children love to run, jump and climb on the playground. Please do not send them to school in sandals or clothes that restrain them from play.

Speaking of Spring, this might be a good time to switch the change of clothes you have stored in the backpack. Thank you.



Our Caterpillars have been very busy...



Each class has four to six caterpillars in their classrooms that have been busy eating and eating. The children have watched them spin a cocoon. The cocoons were then placed in a butterfly house. And to the children's delight the butterflies emerge from the cocoons. During the week of May 10th each class will pick a special day to release their butterflies. Be sure to watch for an email with videos of the butterflies' release.

Graduation Pictures



New and exciting this year we are offering the Bluebird, Cardinal and Kindergarten parents the opportunity to have individual Graduation pictures taken of their child dressed in his/her full Cap and Gown. We have scheduled this day for Tuesday, May 25th with a rain date of Thursday, May 27th. The pictures will be taken by our resident photographer Mr. Bill from Positive Image Photography, the pictures will be taken outside, one class bubble at a time. You will have the opportunity to view the photos online before purchase. Please keep an eye out for an email with full details prior to the scheduled day.

Looking Ahead...




Kindergarten Graduations!

Parents of our Kindergarten students are invited to attend the graduations. Graduations will be held outside on the playground with limited attendance. Only one class bubble graduates at a time in order to follow social distancing guidelines. The children will sing songs, present and read "Next year I can't wait to ?", receive a diploma and wear a cap and gown. More details will follow. Please check the school calendar on our website for graduation dates!



Bluebird and Cardinal Graduations!



Parents of our Bluebird and Cardinal students are invited to attend the graduations. Graduations will be held outside on the playground with limited attendance. Only one class bubble graduates at a time in order to follow social distancing guidelines. The children will sing songs, present original artwork, receive a diploma and wear a cap and gown. More details will follow. Please check the school calendar on our website for graduation dates!



END OF THE YEAR CEREMONIES for DUCKLINGS!

Parents of our Duckling classes are invited to attend a simple end of the year ceremony on the playground, limited attendance will be followed. Only one class bubble ceremony is scheduled at a time in order to follow social distancing guidelines. The children will sing songs and the end of year certificates will be handed out. The entire ceremony lasts about twenty minutes. These ceremonies are celebrated throughout the month, not necessarily the last day of school. Check individual class calendars. It is possible that your child will celebrate his/her end of the year ceremony a week or so before the last day of school. Regardless of the date of end of the year ceremonies all the children will still continue to attend classes until their official last day. More details will follow.