



## Giving Nest December Newsletter

North Plainfield Location

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# Kindergarten

### Upcoming Parent Workshop ~

**Mark your Calendar - January 8th, 2020 from 7:00 to 8:30**  
**“Is My Child Ready For Today’s Kindergarten?”**

If this is your first child going off to kindergarten and/or if you have a child who has a summer or fall birthday then this is a great workshop to attend! The workshop will be given by Jill Presley (Assistant Director), Laurie Rivera (Kindergarten Teacher) and Kiley Squier (Parent and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher).

They will talk about the ‘Kindergarten of Today’. A questionnaire was sent to the public schools that our students from our 5 locations will attend when they graduate from The Giving Nest. Their findings will be discussed at the workshop.



### Giving Forest:

Hanging in the hallway will be seven beautiful trees. This display is entitled “The Giving Forest”. By **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** each tree will be covered with ornaments made by your wonderful children. Attached or written on the ornament will be the chore your child would like to do to earn \$2.00. By **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** we are requesting that the children bring in their **\$2.00 chore money** (we do this activity at all 5 of our Giving Nest locations). The money collected will be used to purchase gifts for a family in North Plainfield. The father died unexpectedly at the age of 46. He leaves behind his wife and seven children – one child is special needs. The remaining money collected will be used to purchase gifts for families in need from Somerset County. I will put the items on display so the children can see how their hard work has helped many families and I will also post photos on Facebook! I want to thank you all ahead of time for participating in this program.

**\*\*If you take a photo of your child doing his/her chore – PLEASE –send it to me: [givingnestnp@gmail.com](mailto:givingnestnp@gmail.com)!**

## What's Happening at The Giving Nest in December



### Family Holiday Fun

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the church hall we will have a “Family Holiday Fun”! Since we anticipate a huge turnout; we are inviting the Chick-a-dee and Duckling classes to attend from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the Bluebird and Cardinal classes to attend from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (if you have children in two different time slots, you will be given the option to choose what time slot you will be attending). You will need to register for the event so we know how many families will be attending!

We hope you can attend – it was so much fun last year & we have Very Special Visitors Coming!

### ***Parent Workshop:***

### ***Respectful Parenting To Create a Home of Happy Parents & Happy Siblings***

**Presenter:** Mary Sue Frank (Co-Founder of The Giving Nest  
Preschool & Kdg.)

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** The North Plainfield Giving Nest – 300 Clinton Avenue

**Note:** If you program in our address, make sure it says **NORTH PLAINFIELD NOT PLAINFIELD**

**R.S.V.P.** Please Call (908)754-2060 by Tuesday, January 21st if you plan to attend - I want to ensure that I have enough handouts!



**This is a great workshop to attend if...**

- You are looking for ways to Effectively and Respectfully Communicate with your children.
- You are looking for ways to Engage your Children to willingly cooperate.
- You are pulling your hair out and are looking for concrete ideas that will make your household a “Calmer” Place!
- Etc., Etc., Etc.



**A REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE... WE NEED FLU SHOT DOCUMENTATION BY 12/1/19!**



### Please Mark Your Calendar...

- **December 2** - Registration Forms for the “Family Holiday Fun” are due!
- **December 2 & 3** – Please take a look at your child’s Giving Ornament hanging on the beautiful trees in the hallway – our “Giving Forest!”
- **December 2 & 3** – Family Holiday Sing Registration Forms & Volunteer Sheets are Due
- **December 3 & 4** – Holiday Party Sign-Up Sheets will be posted outside your child’s classroom!
- **December 5 & 6** - \$2.00 Chore Money is Due
- **December 7- Saturday** - In the Church Hall – we will have our “Family Holiday Fun Day”! 10:00 to 11:00 for the Chick-a-dee & Duckling Classes & 11:30 to 12:30 for the Bluebird & Cardinal Classes!
- **December 17 & 18** – Holiday Parties for the Children (Check your child’s classroom calendar)! The children should wear holiday colors for the party!
- **December 19 to January 1** – We will be closed for our Winter Break. Classes will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>!



### December STEAM!

**Challenge:** How fast can your sled go down the hill?

**Book:** *Ten on the Sled* by Kim Norman

#### Teaching Strategy:

1. Build a sled out of the egg carton for your toy figurine.
2. Use the cardboard and tape to build a ramp.
3. Test your sled. Does it slide down the hill? Redesign as necessary.
4. Time your sled to see how fast it slides down the ramp.
5. Try adding foil to the ramp or adding pennies (or weight) to your sled.



#### Guiding Questions:

1. How can you make your sled go faster down the hill?
2. What type of materials do you think would make a fast sled?
3. Have you been sledding down a hill?



Happy Holidays

### December Plans for Morning Sing!

You can feel the excitement in the air during December. The children are “Making their lists and checking it twice” but most important they will be busy creating holiday presents for their families. Wait until you see your gift – you have a treat in store for you! As you know we always try to instill in the children the “Gift of Giving”!

During Community Sing we will be having so much fun learning our December Holiday songs! In the past the favorite was “The Reindeer Pokey”! We will also talk about holidays celebrated Around the World and learn interesting customs and traditions about each one. We will be talking about Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, and Las Posadas traditions.



### **SONGS FOR DECEMBER**

#### **DIWALI SONG! (Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")**

Little lamps are burning bright, burning bright, burning bright.

Little lamps are burning bright – It's Diwali.

See them lighting up the night, up the night, up the night.

See them lighting up the night – it's Diwali.

#### **KWANZAA SONG! (Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")**

The red candles shine, the red candles shine when it's time for Kwanzaa the red candles shines.

(The Green Candles, The Black Candle)

#### **FELIZ NAVIDAD!**

Feliz Navidad - Feliz Navidad - Feliz Navidad

Prospero año y felicidad.

Feliz Navidad - Feliz Navidad - Feliz Navidad

Prospero año y felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas. I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas.

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas. From the bottom of my heart.

#### **HANUKKAH SONG (Tune: "I've Been Working on a Railroad")**

I am lighting all the candles on this Hanukkah night. I am lighting all the candles to see them shining bright. Flitter, flitter little candles, fill me with your glow. Now the time has come to count them – ready – set- and go.

1 – 2- 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8!

#### **DREIDEL SONG**

I have a little dreidel - I made it out of clay. And when it's dry and ready then dreidel I shall play. Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel – I made it out of clay and when it's dry and ready – oh dreidel I shall play!

#### **FIVE LITTLE SNOWMEN FAT**

Five little snowmen fat, wearing a funny hat,

out came the sun and melted one

what a sad thing was that –

down, down, down, down! (Continue until 0 left)

#### **MUST BE SANTA!**

Who's got a beard that's long and white? Santa's got a beard that's long and white.

Who comes around on a special night?

Santa comes around on a special night.

Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who wears boots and a suit of red? Santa wears boots and a suit of red.

Who wears a long cap on his head? Santa wears a long cap on his head.

Cap on head, suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who's got a big red cherry nose? Santa's got a big red cherry nose.

Who laughs this way: HO HO HO? Santa laughs this way: HO HO HO! HO HO HO,

Cherry nose, Cap on head, Suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who very soon will come our way? Santa very soon will come our way.

Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh, Santa's little reindeer pull his sleigh.

Reindeer sleigh, come our way, HO HO HO, cherry nose, Cap on head, suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.



### **JINGLE BELLS**

Dashing through the snow In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go Laughing all the way  
Bells on bobtail ring Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight!  
(chorus) Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh.  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way;  
Oh! what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh.

### **WHERE IS SANTA? (Tune: "Where is Thumbkin")**

Where is Santa, Where is Santa? Here I am, Here I am!  
Merry, Merry Christmas! Merry, Merry Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!

### **RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER**

You know Dasher & Dancer & Prancer & Vixen,  
Comet & Cupid & Donner & Blitzen - But do you recall?  
The most famous reindeer of all?  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer - Had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it you would even say it glows  
And all of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games  
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say,  
Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?  
Then all the reindeer loved him - As they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, You'll go down in history!

### **A CHUBBY LITTLE SNOWMAN**

A chubby little snowman, (Hold hands out to demonstrate "chubby")  
With a Carrot Nose. (Point to nose)  
Along came a bunny, (Hop like a bunny)  
And what do you suppose? (Shrug shoulders; hold out hands, as if to question)  
That hungry little bunny, (Rub stomach)  
Looking for his lunch. (Hold hand above eyes, as if searching)  
Ate that snowman's carrot nose, (Pretend to eat)  
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

### **SNOWBALL**

I made myself a snow ball as perfect as could be.  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pajamas and a pillow for its head.  
Then, last night it ran away. But first – it wet the bed.





### YOU BETTER WATCH OUT

You better watch out, You better not cry, Better not pout,  
I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town.  
He's making a list, And checking it twice; Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice.  
Santa Claus is coming to town.

He sees you when you're sleeping. He knows when you're awake.  
He knows if you've been bad or good, So be good for goodness sake!  
Oh, you better watch out! You better not cry. Better not pout,  
I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town. Santa Claus is coming to town!

### FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Frosty the Snowman, was a jolly happy soul,  
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose, and two eyes made of coal.  
Frosty the Snowman, is a fairytale, they say.  
He was made of snow, but the children know he came to life one day.  
There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found,  
For when they placed it on his head, he began to dance around!

Oh, Frosty, the Snowman, was alive as he could be;  
and the children say he could laugh and play,  
just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump,  
look at Frosty go.

Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump,  
over the hills of snow.

Frosty the Snowman, knew the sun was hot that day,  
so he said, "Let's run, & we'll have some fun now, before I melt away."

Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand,  
Running here and there, all around the square,  
sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town, right to the traffic cop;  
and only paused a moment, when he heard him holler, "Stop!"

For Frosty, the Snowman, had to hurry on his way,  
But he waved goodbye, sayin' "Don't cry, I'll be back again someday."



**Wishing You & Your Family a  
Very Merry Christmas,  
Happy Hanukkah,  
Happy Kwanzaa,  
HAPPY HOLIDAY**