

THE GIVING NEST PRESCHOOL



~WARREN~

January 2020 Newsletter



The Giving Nest Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy and healthy New Year! I hope the upcoming winter break brings you memorable moments with your children, family and friends.

In Sing this month: When we return to school Mrs. Tracy will explain the meaning of the "New Year" and say goodbye to 2019 and give 2020 a big warm welcome with a balloon drop and lots of noisemakers! We will learn and sing all our new January songs. In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. our focus will be on sharing, being kind, and we will continue to talk about ways to stay healthy. Caring and sharing are common terms at The Giving Nest, however, we will read the book "Germes Are Not for Sharing" and practice the proper way to cover our mouth when we sneeze or cough. We will have lots of fun with bubbles while practicing how to properly wash and dry our hands. For snow fun Mrs. Tracy will teach the children how to make a pretend snow angel on the carpet.



While preparing to return from break please take a moment to re- stock your child's backpack with diapers / wipes (if needed) a weather appropriate change of clothes, their class folder and a labeled (both lid and base) reusable water bottle. Also, if your child stays for rest, the rest towel must be in a labeled, large drawstring bag for sanitary purposes. If yours is broken or torn please replace it.

Please remember that if the temperature is above 32 degrees our classes do go outside. Our children love to get the fresh air, so please be sure they have a labeled coat, hat, and gloves or mittens to keep them warm.

Important Dates this month:

SCHOOL RE OPENS: Thursday and Friday, January 2nd and 3rd

In House Pre-Registration dates: 1/6– 1/15

***Look for your Pre-Registration email on Jan 6th!**

In House Registration dates: 1/21– 1/27

Outside families are called on January 28th when open enrollment begins.

January 20th – School Closed (Martin Luther King Day)

VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!

REGISTRATION & IN HOUSE STATUS

I have submitted your confirmed choices for "In House" status for next year to the 4 other Giving Nest locations. **On January 9th you will receive an email from *the school you chose* which will include the attachments for pre-registration.**

How it works: In the email there will be 2 attachments:

1. The Class Offerings from the school you chose for next year.
2. The class offerings for this school (Warren) in case you have a younger child who will be age eligible. NOTE: You may pre-register younger siblings at this time also!

Please read the email closely and follow the return instructions. **YOU MUST PUT THE PROPER INFORMATION IN THE SUBJECT LINE AS INSTRUCTED IN THE EMAIL** to ensure your choices are received correctly.



2020 New Year Resolutions

The arrival of 2020 will be celebrated with noisemakers and confetti. In addition, each class will be challenged with a new skill to accomplish in the new year.

The Hummingbirds (18 mo-2yr) have been practicing throwing away their trash when finished eating snack and lunch. This includes taking any paper or empty disposable containers to the garbage then returning to their seats!

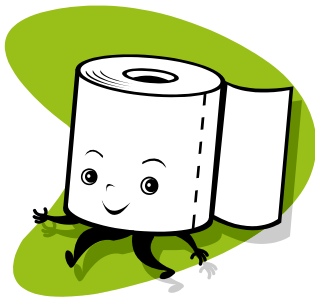
The Chickadees (2 1/2 to 3 yr) have been practicing how to enter the classroom and unpack their own backpacks. This includes putting their jackets in their cubby, their lunch box in the bin and their folders in the rack! The teachers have certificates to present to the children when they have successfully mastered the skill. Look for this in your child's backpack.

Please note these are important skills to develop at your child's age. If he or she is having trouble perhaps you can practice his/her classes' selected skill at home.

Several of the children in each age group may have already mastered these skills, which is great. They will receive a certificate once they demonstrate the skill for their teacher.

Helpful tips for a healthy toddler this winter...

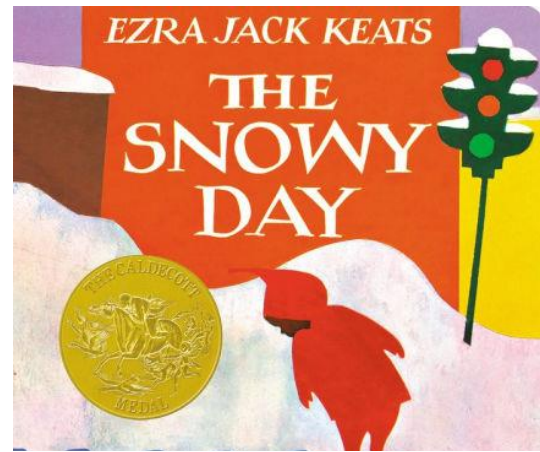
1. *Wash hands frequently*
2. *Give child ample recovery time after illness*
3. *Discard & replace toothbrushes after a cold or illness*
4. *Consistent bedtimes and nap*
5. *"Cover our mouth when we cough or sneeze"*



If your child practiced potty training over break remember to tell their teacher so we can assist with their progress and cheer them on!

January Book of the Month:

www.rif.org



In Case of Snowy Weather...



Please remember to watch News 12NJ, or visit www.news12.com and check your email for snow day or delayed opening announcements.

Our decisions are made based on the local police department and public schools. In some cases, we may decide to open. Where this is helpful to the working parent; if at any time you feel that it is best for your family to remain at home, we absolutely want you to do so!

Delayed opening time schedule: Plus classes: 10:00 – 3:00, Daily classes 10:00-12:30
(There is typically no early care if there is a delayed opening but decisions will be made depending on severity of roads).

Chore Money from your hard working, kind children!

A special THANK YOU to all of our wonderful, kind children for doing a chore to earn money for our Giving Tree. Our school raised **over \$300.00!** We proudly handed the money over to Mary Sue Frank (co-owner & Director of NP Giving Nest). She told me that in total, the participating Giving Nest schools raised over \$1600.00! Because of the kindness and hard work of our boys and girls she was able to help two local families who were saddened with loss this Holiday Season. **THANK YOU!**



JANUARY SONGS

Cheer the Year

(Row Your Boat)

Cheer, cheer the year
A new one's just begun
Celebrate with all your friends,
Let's go and have some fun
Clap, clap. Clap your hands
A brand new year is here.
Learning, laughing, singing. Clapping
Through another year!

Martin Luther King

(He's got the whole world in his hands)

He was a great man, an American

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He was a great man, an American

And his name was Martin Luther King

- He dreamed of freedom for everyone
- He believed that people could all be friends
- He won the peace prize for all his work
- He wanted peace for the whole wide world

It's a New Year

(Frere Jacques)

It's a new year, It's a new year
January first, January first
Out with the old,
In with the new.
Happy new year! Happy new year!
Horns are tooting,
Horns are tooting,
January first, January first
Throw some confetti
Throw some confetti
Happy new year! Happy new year!

Chilly Winter!

(Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Wintertime brings lots of snow.
Chilly winds just blow and blow.
Snowflakes swirling through the air,
Twirling, whirling here and there.
Wintertime brings lots of snow.
Chilly winds just blow and blow.

Cover Your Mouth

(Hickory Dickory, Dock)

Cover your mouth when you cough,
Cover your mouth when you sneeze,
If you cough or if you sneeze
Cover your mouth if you please;
ACHOO!