



The Giving Nest Preschool and
Kindergarten
-January Newsletter-

*Our Students say good-bye to
2019, it was a wonderful year.
Hello to 2020, may it be filled
with good friends and fun
adventures.*

A Very Special Thank You to our Wonderful Giving Nest Families who are Always Thinking of Others

A special thank you to all our kind and wonderful children for doing a chore to earn money for our Giving Tree. Our school raised a total of **\$362.00**. We purchased two chickens and a goat from the World Vision Organization to help families in struggling countries. With the extra chore money raised we proudly handed the money over to Mary Sue Frank (co-founder and Director of the NP Giving Nest). In total, the five Giving Nest schools raised **\$1,627.00**. We adopted two (2) families from the local area. Because of the kindness and hard work of our boys and girls, she was able to purchase these many wonderful gifts for the family's. **THANK YOU!**



A Big Thank You to the Holiday Cookie and Baking Committee: to all who baked the delicious cookies and treats for the staff, to those who wrapped them so beautifully in the pretty tied boxes and to those who delivered them before the holidays for us to all enjoy. We appreciate your time and generosity and we thank you for thinking of us.



New Year's Resolutions at the Nest

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. The arrival of 2019 was celebrated at the Giving Nest with noisemakers and confetti. Each class is challenged with a new skill to accomplish in 2020.

The Chickadees (2 1/2 to 3-year olds) will now begin practicing unpacking their backpacks by their symbols, then remove the folders and place them in the folder box and remove the lunch boxes and water bottles and place them in the lunch box bin. A BIG independent three step task for our little ones.

The Ducklings (3 to 4-year olds) will begin getting their own coats at the end of the day and putting them on without any help. They will use the preschool method of laying the coats on the ground and putting their arms in the sleeves and flipping the coats over their heads.

The Cardinals (4 to 5-year olds) will begin zippering, buttoning and/or snapping their own coats and putting on their hats and gloves all by themselves. They also will begin tying their shoes. If your child only has Velcro shoes please consider buying tie shoes next time.

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 the teacher.

Our New Year's resolution, as a school, will be to encourage each child (Ducklings to Cardinals) to learn his/her address. We will also have certificates for those students that master this important skill so please practice at home.

It is time to register for September 2019

It seems a bit early to think about September 2019, but February is registration time for all preschools in our area. We have many applications on file and new parents are anxious to know if there is room for their child next year. So we conduct an in-house pre-registration in January. We do everything possible to ensure that you, our in-house families, are able to enroll in the class of your choice. We are limited to five classrooms and we try to be very creative with our offerings. You will receive an e-mail asking you to pre-register. We ask you to pre-register so we can determine if we need a lottery or an adjustment to meet all our In-house students' needs. Please carefully read the information in the e-mail regarding the procedures and importance of pre-registering your child. After pre-registration we will hold in-house registration. Then we will call the many families that have applications on file. If you have any questions regarding classes for next year or our pre-registration and registration procedures please call Amy 732-302-1321 or email us at mgivingnest@gmail.com. Also, if your child has a September or late summer birthday, we strongly recommend you attend "Will your child be ready for elementary school?" workshop offered at our North Plainfield location in January.

In Sing this month: When we return to school, we will say goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020 with confetti and noise makers! We will learn and sing all of our new January songs. In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. our focus will be on sharing and being kind to others. We will remind each other about ways to stay healthy during this cold and flu season, frequent hand washing, eating healthy and getting a good night sleep. And as we continue with our theme 'Celebrate With A Story", we will add many new books and incorporate them into our daily sing lessons.