

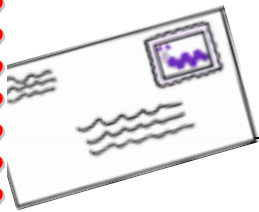
The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

February Newsletter 2020

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February Happenings at the Nest... "Love Is In The Air..."

February is always a special month at the Giving Nest because we think of all the people we love! The children will be busy making frilly hearts and mailboxes to hold their many anticipated valentine cards. On the day of your child's party, please send in Valentine cards for all the children in the class. Chick-a-dee and Duckling parents should sign their child's name on the inside of the card and leave the outside envelope blank. We do it this way so the children can take turns delivering their valentines to each classmate without the teacher's help. Bluebird & Cardinal children should address envelopes with their classmates' names. These children have begun to recognize each other's names and will have fun delivering their valentines themselves. Of course, the teacher will assist any child that needs help.



The children will also be making Valentine cards and mailing them home to their families. Parents please provide a postage stamp only. The envelope will be provided for you. Please address the envelope to you with your child's help. Affix the stamp and return it to school. The children love knowing that their Valentine's Day card will go to the post office, and then will be delivered to their address, and they anxiously wait for its arrival.

Mark Your Calendars

Important Notices and Dates...



- It's Tax Time and you may need our tax exempt ID number for your childcare deduction form... # 02-0693987.
- February 6th & 7th - Teddy Bear Clinics today. Please bring in your Teddy Bear or favorite "stuffy". Volunteers are needed.
- February 12th & 13th - Valentine's Day... Wear red or pink... Bring Valentine Cards for your child's classmate. Please see your child's calendar for his/her date.
- February 14th and 17th - School Closed for Mid-Winter Recess and President's Day.
- February 20th & 21st - Gingerbread Day for the Duckling Classes.
- February 21st- 100th Day Celebration in the Cardinal class K!
- February 27th & 28th- See our Sponge Painting Art Exhibit.



What's Up in the Sing Room



- In February we will be introduced to new songs about Valentine's Day, the presidents, friendship and love. And of

course, we will learn about the funny groundhog, all furry and brown!

- We will talk about our feelings and all of the people we love.
- We will read David Adler's books about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.



Grateful Hearts... In the beginning of February your child will receive a "Heart" from their teacher. This is an exercise reminding children to say, "Thank You" and what it means to be grateful. Have your child tell you about someone they are grateful for at the Giving Nest. Write down the name of the person on the heart and the reason they are being thanked. It can be a classmate, teacher, someone's mom, aftercare helpers, office staff, etc. Your child will bring their heart to Sing Time, Mrs. Max will read what is written on the heart and then place it on our wall in the hallway for all to share and read.

Teddy Bear Clinic...



In February, your child will have the opportunity to participate in our Teddy Bear Clinic. This program is designed to teach the children, through their Bear or favorite Stuffie, how to stay safe from germs, recognize and understand healthy foods and exercise, and what happens at the Doctor's and Dentist's office. Parent Volunteers are needed. See our sign-up genius link.



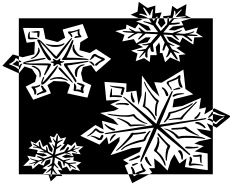
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION ...

⇒ Information about our summer programs, will be coming out in February. Registration is on a first come-first serve basis for all our locations.

GINGERBREAD DAY in the DUCKLINGS CLASS February 20th & 21st



Please see your child's calendar for this special event. Look for the invitation from your child's teacher outlining this day. This is a special day for you and your child. Please make every effort to attend.



Weather & Health Watch...

- ◆ Thank you for being patient during these very tough winter months. We will surely embrace the coming spring. If you have little babies and do not want to take them out of your car, please call Mrs. Max or the office and we will bring your preschooler to his/her classroom.
- ◆ Weather and temperature permitting, the teachers would like to take the children outside, even if only for a walk. With this mind please dress your children for outside play (warm jacket, hat, mittens or gloves and a scarf).
- ◆ Tis the season to spread germs...Please review our health policy in our Policy and Procedure Booklet. Carefully read the symptoms and the time frame of how long a child must be symptom free