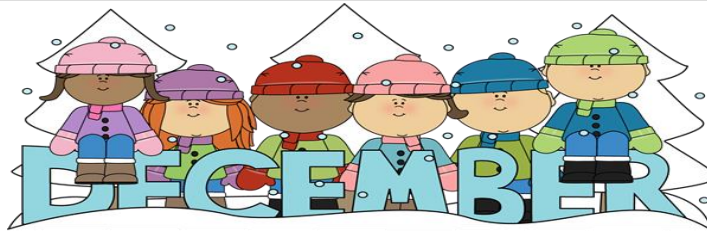


# THE GIVING NEST PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Wishing you and your families a very happy holiday season!*



December is such a magical time at The Giving Nest! The children are getting excited to explore all the holiday traditions, both at home and at school. This month our school will be transformed into a winter wonderland, filled with holiday songs and arts and crafts made by the children!

In November we introduced the "Giving Tree" program to the children. We discussed doing chores at home to earn money so we can help less fortunate families buy gifts for their children during the Holidays. The first week of December we'll talk a lot about giving to others and decorating for the holidays. We'll discuss beautiful trees, menorahs and hanging holiday decorations. While discussing these ways to decorate, the children will be shown a sample of the ornament they will create for the Giving Tree project. We'll then discuss the chores they may do to earn money. Finally, their chore will be written on the back of the ornament; and when complete, the children will bring them home to display! We hope you reserve a perfect spot to display these wonderful keepsakes!



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

## ***A Holiday shopping tip to consider:***



## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAMILY SING A LONG**

Each year we LOVE to host our Family Sing a long for the holidays! This is a time when we gather to sing and dance to all our favorite holiday songs. Sadly, this year, we are unable to be together while keeping a social distance. So, the teachers will do their absolute best to video the children singing on the day of their party! (Check your child's calendar for party date). Children can wear their holiday best!

The list of songs can be found at the end of this newsletter, we hope you have fun singing with your children at home! Thank you & Happy Holidays!







## **VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!**

### **REGISTRATION & IN HOUSE STATUS**

Recently we sent an email giving you the opportunity to pick the location you would like your child to attend next year. **If you haven't replied yet, please do so now.** In order to secure that you receive an In House pre- registration form from the school you choose for the 2021-22 school year, we must first confirm your school of choice.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CHOSEN AN IN HOUSE SCHOOL, OR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD FOR NEXT YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. TRACY IMMEDIATELY. 732-893-8222 or wgivingnest@yahoo.com**

After hour tours of the other locations can be arranged to help you make the best choice for your family.

\*If your child is a Hummingbird this year and will remain in Warren as a Chickadee for 2021, please choose this option on the confirmation form.



**\*\*IF WE ARE IN SCHOOL AND THE WEATHER IS VERY WET OR COLD, DROP OFF WILL BE AT THE MAIN DOOR WHERE WE WILL DO TEMPERATURE CHECKS IN THE ENTRANCE HALL TO GET CHILDREN INSIDE MORE QUICKLY.**



### **In Case of Snowy or Severe Weather...**

**"How do I know if school is closed?"**..... In case of severe weather, as soon as a decision has been made the following steps will be taken to notify you of the decision:

#### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:**

**First:** Watch News 12 NJ for up to date school closing or log on to: <http://www.News12.com> we are listed as The Giving Nest Preschool – Warren

#### **Next:**

**Check your \*email;** you will receive an all-school email blast if we are going to close or have a delayed opening.

\*If, during the course of the morning, a delayed opening changes to a closing you will receive a second email informing you of the change.

#### **Also:**

You may also **call the school phone (732-893-8222)** to listen to the recorded message.

#### **Delayed opening time schedule:**

**Chickadees:** Full day classes: 10:00 – 3:00, Half day classes 10:00-12:30,

**Hummingbirds:** Full day classes: 10:15-2:45, Half day classes: 10:15-12:15



# December Songs

Fa la la la la! Please join us in singing our favorites!



## 1. Gifts for Mom and Dad

(Melody: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)

I want to buy lots of nice presents  
To give to my mom and my dad  
But I'll have to wait 'til I'm older  
I'll show that I love them instead!

(Refrain) Holiday Presents

Things that I do for my Mom and Dad

They'll be happy

I'll do things to make them real glad.

I'm going to be Dad's special helper

I'll help him to take out the trash

I'll help my mom wash and dry dishes

She'll like that much better than cash!

(Refrain)

## 2. Where Is Santa?

(Tune: "Are You Sleeping?")

Where is Santa? Where is Santa? Here I am!

Here I am!

Merry, Merry Christmas!

Merry, Merry Christmas!

Ho! Ho! Ho!, Ho! Ho! Ho!



## 4. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

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!



## 3. Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolf the red nosed reindeer

Had a very shiny nose!

And if you ever saw it

You would even say it glowed.

All of the other reindeer

Used to laugh and call him names.

They never let poor Rudolf, join in any

reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,

Santa came to say...

"Rudolf with your nose so bright;

Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him!

And they shouted out with glee.

"Rudolf the red nosed reindeer, you'll go

down in history!"



## 5. Hanukkah Happiness

Clap, clap, clap your hands,  
Sing so merrily, Hanukkah is here today-  
We're happy as can be!

Stamp, Stamp, Stamp your feet,  
Sing so merrily, Hanukkah is here today-  
We're happy as can be!

Jump, jump, jump real high  
Sing so merrily, Hanukkah is here today-  
We're happy as can be!



## 6. I'M A FRIENDLY SNOWMAN

(tune of: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a friendly snowman

Big and Fat

Here is my tummy, here is my hat

I'm a happy fellow, Here's my nose

I'm all snow from my head to my toes!

I have two bright eyes so I can see

All the snow falling down on me.

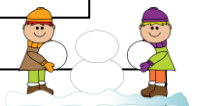
When the weathers cold I'm strong and tall

When it's warm, I get very small.



## 7. SNOWBALL

I made myself a snowball as perfect as can be  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me  
I made it some pajamas with a pillow for its head;  
Then last night it ran away – but first it wet the bed!







## 8. Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
On a one horse open sleigh,  
Through the fields we go  
Laughing all the way!  
Bells on bob-tail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight!  
Oh!  
Jingle Bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!

## 9. 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 Clause

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 Clause

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 Clause

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 Clause!

Must be Santa  
Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Clause!

