



Giving Nest April 2021 Newsletter

North Plainfield Location

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**'Lights - Camera - Action'
You Don't Want To Miss It!
Our 'Virtual' School Show...**

"Thinking Outside the Box"

Is Coming to Town!

Please Read On...

This year the Giving Nest has to 'Think Outside the Box' and that is just what we are doing! The children have chosen their favorite songs, dances, and/or other classroom activities and they will put on a little show just for you! The week of April 12th, Mrs. Frank will videotape each class performing their show. The teachers will send out a notice requesting what your child should wear on their 'taping' date. Once Mrs. Frank has videotaped all the classes, we will send you your child's class show via a Constant Contact. These shows will also be posted on our Facebook page. If you do not want your child to be videotaped - PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE!



We Are So Excited!

98% of our staff have had at least one COVID-19 vaccination shots! By the end of the school year our goal is to be 100%!



Important March / April Dates...

March 29th to April 5th: School will be closed for Spring Break.

Week of April 12th: Mrs. Frank will be videotaping the children for our 'Virtual School Show!' The teachers will send out a notice of what your child should wear on their videotaping day! Once all the videos are completed and uploaded, we will send them to you via a Constant Contact.

April 21st: Classes B, D, E, F, G, H, I, & J please wear **Blue** or **Green** or BOTH to celebrate Earth Day!

Classroom April 'Sing-a-Ding' In April we will do the following activities...



Earth Day Activities we will...

- Celebrate Earth Day by wearing **Green** or **Blue** to School on the day your child's class is celebrating! Please check your child's classroom calendar.
- Hear a story about caring for our earth entitled - *Earth Day is Every Day* by Kady Becker
- Play the game "Happy Earth - Sad Earth." The children will think of ways that will make the earth happy and think of ways that will make the world sad. They will also look at pictures and decide - would this make the Earth Happy or make the Earth Sad.
- Learn about the 3R's - Reduce, Recycle, Reuse.
- Learn about the Water Cycle.
- Learn how we can Save Water.
- Think of how we can make the earth a better place!



Springtime Activities we will...

- Learn and Act out the rhyme entitled - *Old McRainbow's Flower Garden!*
- After hearing the delightful story entitled - *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, the children will do a variety of fun activities related to the story!



Community Helper Activities we will...

- Guess the Community Helpers: The teacher will read clues and the children will have to guess the Community Helper.
- What does the Community Need to do his/her job? - The children will give each community helper the tools they need to do their job. For instance, the police officer will need the police car.
- The children will turn a wheel to match the top of a community helper with the bottom of the community helper. Then the children will describe what the community helper does.



STEM + Art STEAM

In April the children will participate in the following STEAM activities...

Chickadees...

Discovering Spring: The teacher will talk with children about how things begin to change in the spring, explaining that the grass turns green, flowers begin to bloom, birds begin to build nests etc. With magnifying glasses in hand the children will look for signs of spring – so many things to see and discover!

Build a Nest: The teacher will explain that some birds build nests in the spring. If possible she will bring in an actual bird's nest for the children to examine. She will talk about what birds use to build the nest. Afterwards the children will make bird's nest.

Ducklings...

Learning about Flowers, Plants and Trees:

Experiment Time—The class will conduct a series of experiments to determine what plants need to grow – water, sun and soil.

Labeling Plants—The children will dissect and label a plant noting these parts – flowers, leaves, stem and roots.

Sprouting Seeds – So that the children have the opportunity to actually witness a seed sprouting, the class will line a round glass jar with blotting paper and slip large seeds (either lima beans, pumpkin or nasturtiums) between the glass and paper and add ½ inch of water. The children will discuss their observations over the next few weeks.

Bluebirds...

Let's Make a 'Volcano' – The children will make their very own volcano with Lava Spewing Out! The teacher will send home directions so you can do it at home!

Exploring Matter – Through a variety of experiments the children will learn that matter is anything that takes up space, that there are 3 "states" of matter – solid, liquid, and gas, that solids have a shape, liquids do not have a shape but can take the shape of whatever they are poured into and most gases cannot be seen. The children will do the following experiments: Crayon Cookies and "Fan"-tastic Fun.

Cardinals...

Celebrate "Earth Day" and our Wonderful Earth!

Earth Pledge: The teachers will tell the story of how Earth Day was first celebrated in the United States on April 22, 1970 to promote preservation of the environment. Afterward the class will make a pledge to be EARTH-FRIENDLY!

Conservation: The children will brainstorm and think of ways to conserve electricity, water, and paper. The teacher will write down their thoughts and ideas and then the class will follow through on their ideas throughout the day!

Recycling or Garbage?: The children will play the "What Am I" game. The teacher will bring in several items and the children will determine if it goes in the "Recycle Bin" or the "Garbage Can".

Make an Earth-Friendly Book & Plant Flowers!

Kindergarten...

Ocean Study: Throughout the month the children will be studying the ocean! They will learn, explore, create and discover so many things about the ocean. They will end their unit by having 'Beach Day'!