

THE GIVING NEST PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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 arts and crafts made by the children and lots of snowy fun! Our entrance hall will become warm and cozy with our Giving Tree and even a fireplace!

In Sing this month: 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 Mrs. Tracy will show the children our “Giving Tree”. We will notice how it is only decorated with lights and talk about how we can make it even more beautiful. While discussing the chores they are doing at home, we will show them a sample of the ornaments they will make to decorate the tree. Their chore will be written on the ornament and when complete, the children will proudly hang them on the Giving tree! During December we will spend lots of time talking about the exchanging of gifts during the holidays and how wonderful it makes us feel to *give* to others. In addition, the children will help Mrs. Tracy pack our Project Night Night bags with all of your generous donations!



Important Dates this month:

Holiday Family Sing-a-Long Dates:

Wednesday, December 11th: All M/W/F & 5 day classes: 12-12:30pm

Thursday, December 12th All T/Th & 4 day Classes: 12-12:30 pm

Class Holiday parties: Thursday 12/19 & Friday 12/20 (children only)

Friday, 12/20 Half Day- School closes at 12:30pm

Winter Break - December 23rd – January 1st

Welcome Back on January 2nd & 3rd



Please remember that as long as 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 warm coat, hat, and gloves to keep them warm.

Winter Wonderland Holiday Family Sing-a-long



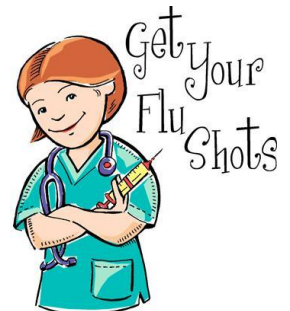
We hope you are able to join us for our annual Family Holiday Sing-a-Long! On the date and time scheduled for your child's class, when you arrive you will join your child in his/her classroom and together you will gather with the other Giving Nest students and families in Room 1. In front of "the fireplace" and Giving Tree we will have our Family Holiday Sing-a-long. This is a special time to sit cozy with your child and their classmates, singing holiday songs together. Please remember to look at our Giving Tree ornaments and read some of the helpful chores our children did in order to raise money to buy gifts for others. The December songs are on our website so you can practice ahead of time!

Fa-la-la-la-la!!

*Full day children are welcome to go home with you once our sing is over, but of course, if needed, they will be able to stay the rest of the afternoon.

Influenza Vaccine: Children 6 months through 59 months attending any childcare or preschool facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 & December 31 each year. It is very important you comply with this state mandate. The state sends a nurse to the preschools to check each child's medical paper work and ascertain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date the child may have to leave the school. **The nurse checks all immunizations.** To make certain your child's shots are up to date please go to:

http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/age_vac.pdf . If you have any questions or concerns please call the school to discuss with Mrs. Tracy.

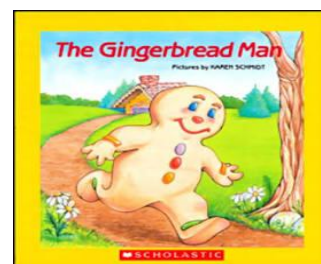


A Holiday shopping tip to consider:



December Book of the Month:

The Gingerbread Man! www.rif.org





VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!

REGISTRATION & IN HOUSE STATUS

Recently we sent home a confirmation form with your choice for the location you would like your child to attend next year. **If you haven't returned the form yet, please do so now.** In order to secure that you receive an In House pre- registration form from the school of your choice for the 2020-21 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 SEE MRS. TRACY IMMEDIATELY.

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 2020, please choose this option on the confirmation form.



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

***There will be no early care on delayed opening days.**

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



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. Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
 On a one horse open sleigh,
 Through the fields we go
 Laughing all the way! Ha ha ha!
 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!

8. 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

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