



The Giving Nest Preschool December Newsletter

Holiday SING Outdoor Performances

December at the Giving Nest is the best! Excitement emanates from the classrooms; joyful singing is heard throughout the day and children wait eagerly to decorate our tree with their chore ornaments. It such a magical time!

In past years the Giving Nest shared this magical time and feeling with our families by inviting them to our interactive Winter Walk. Children were able to take their families during the day and go hand in hand through the decorated walk to view all the winter art projects displayed throughout the center hall.

Even though we cannot invite you on our walk this year, we can invite you to bundle up, bring your holiday cheer/smiles and join us outside for a special Holiday Sing performance by your child and his/her class. The children will perform some of the holiday songs they have been practicing in Sing as well as showcase their individual beautiful winter projects that once filled the center hall. Please check your emails and class calendars for more information on location and times.

Similar to the Halloween parade if it is below 32 degrees, heavy rain/snow, or if there is an unforeseen church event on this day, we will have to do the show inside and will send you an email with a recording of it. Also due to spacing no more than 3 adults can attend.



Parent Teacher Conferences

The week of December 14th, you will receive a sign-up email for the Parent/Teacher Conferences in January. Specifics on dates and times will be included on the email. Conferences are 15 minutes long and will be virtual. It is especially important to be on time for your conference as we do schedule them back to back. More information on conference logistics will be sent in a separate email.

Dressing for the Cold

The children will continue to visit the playground and/or go for short walks on the property throughout the year. Please dress your children in appropriate clothing for the colder weather. We prefer mittens to gloves if possible. It takes a long time getting 150 little fingers into the finger slots. We will keep the children in only if it is raining, sleeting or the temperature drops below 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Please help us and label all their coats, hats, mittens etc.



We also suggest that you dress your children in layered clothing. We do our best to keep the indoor temperature at a healthy 69 degrees. Our heat is blown hot air and sometimes when the thermostat is trying to adjust the heat it can get a bit warm in some of the classrooms for a short while. If the children have on layers we can help them to remain comfortable throughout the day. Please check that the extra clothes you have packed in your child's backpack are also weather appropriate, and don't forget an extra mask! Thanks

Winter Weather and School Closings

If we need to close due to snow or other inclement weather, you will be informed via e-mail. please check your email by approximately 7:00 AM. If the public schools call a delayed opening, we most likely will do the same. A delayed opening day generally starts at 10:00 and ends at the normal time, but these times may be changed depending on the conditions. THERE WILL BE NO EARLY CARE ON DELAYED OPENING DAYS.

In the past we have had difficult situations when the snow started falling after school began. As you are aware the driveway is steep. On two occasions, due to cars getting stuck, we have had to walk ALL the children down the hill while the parents waited on Mountain Blvd. As you can imagine this was a dangerous situation, and one we hope never to repeat. If it is snowing hard after you have dropped off your child, please err on the side of caution and come back to get your child.

FLU SHOT – VERY IMPORTANT

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.**



HOLIDAY BREAK

We will have a 1/2 day Tuesday December 22nd and no school from December 23rd through January 1st. We will return on Monday, January 4th, 2021.