



Giving Nest February 2020 Newsletter

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February Plans for Morning Sing-a-Ding!



Groundhog's Day

In February, the children will meet "Mr. Groundhog" who tells the story of Groundhog's Day! We will sing a silly song that brings lots of giggles - when we get to the part that Mr. Groundhog sees his shadow - He Yells & Zooms back in his Den!



Valentine's Day

We will focus on "Filling Our Hearts With Love!" We will talk about feelings, about all the people we love and how we can show love to one another. You will get a beautiful Valentine surprise from your adorable child!



President's Day

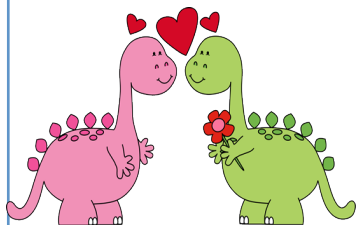
We will meet the Presidents of the United States and learn some interesting facts about many of the presidents! The children will learn a silly song about Bubble Gum that teaches money names: penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar.



**FOR INCOME TAX
PURPOSES
OUR TAX ID
NUMBER IS...
020693989**



Back by popular demand, the Giving Nest will be doing "Art To Remember" again this school year! This creative fundraiser allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art! The children will be busy in February creating colorful, fun artwork and then you will receive a personalized order form. The order form will show you what your child has created and then you can choose from 40 keepsake products - many of the products are less than \$15.00! The ordered products will be shipped to the school by April 24th - just in time for Mother's Day gifts!



- **January 28** – We begin calling families outside the school for the 2020-21 School Year!
- **January 28 & 29** - Teachers will be posting their Valentine Party Sign-Up Sheet & Cardinal Classes will post an Artist Workshop Volunteer Sheet.
- **February 4 & 5** – Cardinal Classes will attend an Artist Workshop – Check individual class calendars for the date & time.
- **February 13 & 14** - Children should wear Red, Purple or Pink to school to celebrate Valentine's Day! Children should bring in Valentine's Day Cards for their classmates – look below to see instructions!
- **February 17 & 18** - No School – President's Days & Mid-Winter Recess!
- **February 20 & 21** – School Spirit Day! Wear your Favorite School Shirt! It can be a favorite preschool, high school or college!
- **February 26 & 27** – Duckling Teachers will post an Animal Workshop Volunteer Sheet.



LOVE IS IN THE AIR – IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VALENTINES DAY...

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! You can feel the excitement in the air on the Valentine Party Days and it is adorable watching the children deliver their Valentine cards to all their classmates and teachers!

For All Classes:

- Teachers will be posting their Valentine Party Sign-Up Sheet on January 28th & 29th.
- Children should wear Red, Pink or Purple on their Valentine Party Day.
- **Party Day:** The children will be making special Valentine Cards for their families and at pick-up time on party day you will be presented with your very special Valentine made by your child.

Chick-a-dee and Duckling Classes:

- **(*) Party Day:** Children should bring in Valentine Cards for their classmates. 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 that the children can take turns delivering their valentines to each classmate without the teacher's help.

Bluebird and Cardinal Classes:

- **(*) Party Day:** The children should bring in Valentine Cards for their classmates. Your child should sign their name inside the card and on the envelope they should put their classmates' names. The children have begun recognizing each other's names and will have fun delivering the valentines by reading the name (of course the teacher will assist them when needed)

(*) This activity should be done at home!



LOVE TO READ MONTH...

February is “Love to Read Month” so at the Giving Nest we will be reading even more books and we will have our annual “Love to Read Program”. Below is a “Love to Read Program” form. Once your child has read ten books and/or has been read ten books, he/she should bring the form to school to receive a sheet of stickers and a “Love to Read Certificate”.

Child's Name: _____ **Class Letter:** _____

Please list the 10 Story Books you read to your child OR the 10 Story Books your child read to you:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Once this form is complete (all 10 books have been listed) please send it to school via your child's take home folder. Mrs. Frank will give your child a sheet of stickers and a certificate!



Teddy Bear Day Was a Big Hit!

The children and staff had so much fun on two COLD winter days wearing bedroom slippers, snuggling with bears and sipping yummy “Hot” chocolate! Throughout the day the children and staff danced, played, listened to stories, and learned with our bears right beside us! The bears especially had fun as they were put on a giant parachute and went flying in the air!! Giggles could be heard throughout the school!! Photos can be found on our Facebook page!

February Songs...

Here's a Little Groundhog

Sung to: "I'm a little teapot"

Here's a little groundhog, furry and brown,
He's popping up to look around.
If he sees his shadow, down he'll go.
Then six more weeks of winter - Oh No!!

Wake Up Song

Sung to: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Wake up, Groundhog. Time to see What the weather's Going to be.
Time to stretch, Time to think, Time to eat, And time to drink.
Wake up Groundhog, Time to see What the weather's Going to be!

If you Love me and you know it

Sung to: "If your happy and you know it"

If you love me and you know it, Clap your hands. If you love me and you know it, Clap your hands. If you love me and you know it, Then your face will surely show it. If you love me and you know it, Clap your hands.

Other Verses: Say "I Love you" Blow me a kiss Give me a hug

Mail Myself to You

I'm a-gonna wrap myself in paper, I'm gonna daub myself with glue,
Stick some stamps on top of my head; I'm gonna mail myself to you.
I'm a gonna tie me up in a red string, I'm gonna add blue ribbons too,
I'm a-gonna climb up in my mailbox; I'm gonna mail myself to you.
When you see me in your mailbox, Cut the string and let me out;
Wash the glue off my fingers, Stick some bubble gum in my mouth.
Take me out of my wrapping paper, Wash the stamps off my head;
Pour me full of ice cream sodies, Put me in my nice warm bed.

Do You Know the President?

Tune: "The Muffin Man"

Do you know the president, The president, the president?

Do you know the president, Who's face is on the penny?

Yes, we know the president, The president, the president.

Yes, we know the president, His name is Abraham Lincoln!

(Continue with a verse about George Washington, who's face is on the nickel.)

Bubblegum Song

My mom gave me a penny to go and see Jack Benny but I didn't see Jack Benny instead I bought bubblegum. (Chorus)
My mom gave me a nickel to go and buy a pickle but I didn't buy a pickle instead I bought bubblegum. My mom gave me a dime to go and buy a lime but I didn't buy a lime instead I bought bubblegum. (Chorus) My mom gave me a quarter to go and buy water but I didn't buy some water instead I bought bubblegum. (Chorus) My mom gave me a dollar to go and buy a collar but I didn't buy a collar instead I bought bubblegum. (Chorus)

February Valentine STEAM Activities...

All the Classes...



"Grow A Candy Heart"

The children will grow a candy heart using a plate, red M&Ms and water!

Chickadee & Duckling Classes...

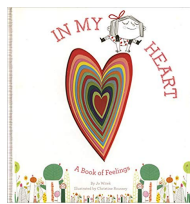


How tall can you build a Valentine Tower using pink cups?

Bluebird, Cardinal & Kindergarten Classes...



The children will create structures using heart shape marshmallows and toothpicks!



February Storybook of the Month is...

In My Heart – A Book of Feelings

By Jo Witek

Mrs. Presley and I will be using this beautiful story about feelings for the month of February! I would highly recommend that you purchase this book for your child for Valentine's Day.

A little about the book: "Happiness, sadness, bravery, anger, shyness . . . our hearts can feel so many feelings! Some make us feel as light as a balloon, others as heavy as an elephant. *In My Heart* explores a full range of emotions, describing how they feel physically, inside. With language that is lyrical but also direct, children will be empowered by this new vocabulary and able to practice articulating and identifying their own emotions. With whimsical illustrations and an irresistible die-cut heart that extends through each spread, this unique feelings book is gorgeously packaged."

