

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

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October Events at the Giving Nest...

Many wonderful things happen in October. Beginning with a little chill in the air, October starts its magic – the leaves begin to change colors and the children start planning their Halloween costumes. This is a wonderful month for the children and the teachers make a special effort to keep the excitement alive with their innovative lessons and creative art projects.

*****Please see important Parking Information below.**

What's Up in the Sing Room...

Our school theme this year is “Celebrate with a Story”. During sing time the children will find something fun in Mrs. Max’s “Backpack”. It will be a special book, a character puppet or something that will lead us into our new story. We will also learn about fire prevention, Halloween and Fall. We will talk about staying away from hot things, using smoke detectors and practicing a fire drill. We will be learning our Halloween songs and in October we will share these songs with you during our Halloween parade.



Smile! Picture Day is this Month!

If you have been a member of our Giving Nest Family and have had your child’s picture taken by Bill from Positive Image in New Providence, you know what a beautiful job he does. Somehow, each year, we have a 100% of our faces

smiling. We have never seen a “bad” picture. Bill will be here on October 8th and 9th for individual and class pictures. Look for the envelope in your child’s backpack. See below for your child’s date.

<i>Important Dates</i>

<i><u>Please mark your calendar!</u></i>

Please check your email for our Constant Contact messages which will update you on all the exciting and fun things your children are learning and doing on a daily basis. Please check your child’s folder daily so that you may admire their classroom fun.

- October 1- Cookie dough orders go out. Due on Oct. 18th

-October 8th - Picture Day with Positive Image Studios.

Classes A, E (F), H (I) & J

-October 9th- Picture Day with Positive Image Studios.

Classes B, C, D, G & K

- October 14th- No school for Columbus Day & Teacher’s In-Service Day.

Oct. 15th- Farmer Brown brings in the Chick eggs – sing time may change accordingly.

-October 21st - Back to School Night at 7:00pm, Classes B/B+, C, D/D+ (F/F+), G/G+ (I/I+) & J/J-3.

-October 23rd -Back to School Night at 7:00pm, Classes A/A+, E/E+, (F/F+), H/H+, (I/I+) & K.

-Tuesday, October 29th – Halloween Parade 9:30 am promptly in the playground. Classes A/A+, E/E+, (F/F+), H/H+, (I/I+) & J/J-3.

-Wednesday, October 30th- Halloween Parade 9:30 am promptly in the playground. Classes B/B+, C, D/D+, (F/F+), G/G+, (I/I+) & K.

The Nest Network...

The Giving Nest in Martinsville enjoys the support of a “Nest Network” of parents during the school year. The Giving Nest is growing every year and the support of the Nest

Network helps us become even more successful. Many parents are already supporting us in so many, different ways. Thank you! You have been wonderful coming to see us at the door or in the office, offering your help and support. The Giving Nest parents are the greatest!



***** *Parking and the Children's Safety***

Please drive into the parking lot slowly. Park in the designated parking spaces! Please hold your child's hand in the Parking Lot!!! How lucky for us that we have such ample parking. It is just a short walk. Please inform your spouse, babysitters and grandparents of these safety rules.

Thank you for your patience at the door during arrival and dismissal. Thank you for being prompt and I know your children thank you as well. You have been kind and understanding regarding our tight hallways.



Back to School Night...

On October 21st & 23^d we are inviting the parents to come to school. The time is between 7-8:00 pm. The program will be split into 2 sessions. A time to meet the teacher and experience the classroom and a time to meet the office staff for an overview, questions and answers and a video presentation. We love our children, but this is for parents only!



Fire Safety Month...

October is known as “Fire Safety Month”. During Sing time we will talk to your child about dialing 9-1-1 and fire safety. The Bedminster Fire Dept. will be spending 2 mornings with us this month. They will talk to us about fire safety during Sing Time and will bring the truck for the children to enjoy. This is a perfect time to talk to your children about a planned family meeting place, changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and the importance of fire drills. We conduct fire drills twice a month.



Halloween Parties and Parades...

Halloween is such an exciting and fun time at the Giving Nest! On the day of your child’s parade and party, please bring your children in their costumes and drop them off at their classrooms as usual.

At parade time, promptly at 9:30 am, we will parade the children out with their class and walk them up and down the playground walkway a couple of times so that the children can show you their costumes. The children will then entertain you with our Halloween songs. If the weather does not cooperate, we will hold our parades inside your child’s classroom or the Fellowship Hall.

Please check your child’s classroom calendar to see when your child’s Halloween Party and Parade is scheduled. A week prior to this date you will receive a link to our Sign-Up Genius. This gives you an opportunity to bring in something for the party. If you don’t get an opportunity to sign up for this party, please don’t worry, there will be many other opportunities during the year! While the party is for the children and teachers only, all are invited to the Parades. We hope you can join us. If your child is in 2 classes, you are welcome to attend both parades or just choose one.



Tuition Envelopes...

At the end of each month, you will receive a tuition payment envelope with your child's name, class letter and the tuition amount due on the front. Tuition is due the 1st of each month (any payment received after the 15th will be charged a \$10 late fee). Please check the information very carefully and contact the office (908-685-9665) if any of the information is incorrect. If you are using as needed extended care, you will be charged separately at the end of the month. If you are using permanent extended care this cost has already been added to your monthly tuition. Please place your payment envelope in the tuition box in the center of the front hall or mail your payment to: The Giving Nest Preschool, PO Box 94, Pluckemin, N.J. 07978-0094.



Attention: All Parents - Coughs, Sniffles & Runny Noses...

Cough and cold season is already upon us! Please re-read the Giving Nest Policy and Procedure Book regarding the policy for sick children as the policy has changed from past years. A doctor's note is now necessary, in some circumstances and for some illnesses, for your child to be readmitted to school following an illness. Please call the school office if your child is sick or will be away and will be absent from school. Remember, Flu shots are required by December 31st! Please provide a receipt to the office. Thank you.



Parents- Please take note of this toy safety information...

The State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families has a website with a list of unsafe children's toys and products. This list is available on

www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/recall/recalls.htm

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS!!!

Check out our web site!

Our web address is: <http://www.givingnestpreschools.com>

"It's Time to Clean Up!!"

Playing is so much fun but the words "Clean Up" are not always met with cooperation. Try some of these ideas that we use in the classroom...

- 1. Always give a "5" minutes warning when it is time to clean up.**
- 2. "Can You Beat the Clock or Song": Set a timer or play a favorite song and ask your child "Can you beat the clock/song and clean up before the bell rings or the song is over?"**
- 3. "Grocery Bag Clean Up" Give your child grocery bags from the store and tell him/her they are going shopping just like a big person. Tell your child to put all the items on the floor in their bags and once everything has been cleaned up they have to put their "Grocery's" away.**
- 4. Label-Label-Label: This is great for reading readiness, sorting, and organizing. Put toys in specific bins (For instance: Put blocks in one bin, put Lego's in another bin, etc.). Label each bin with a photo or hand drawn picture of the toy and write the name of the toy on a white index card. Adhere both the photo and the word on the outside of the bin. When it is time to clean up your child will know which toys go into which bin.**
- 5. Hula-Hoops: If your child has a difficult time cleaning up take small steps. Put a hula-hoop over a group of toys and tell your child this is what they need to clean up. When they can do that with success, put more and more toys in the hoop until you can finally stop using the hoop.**

Happy Halloween!

