



The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten

March Newsletter

A Visit from the Leprechaun...

March is always a FUN and MAGICAL month at the Giving Nest! Every March the classes receive a visit from this mischievous fellow.

At Sing Mrs. Amy will talk to the children about the leprechaun legend. In Ireland the people believe that there are little people living there who have pots of gold which they keep at the end of the rainbow. If someone catches a leprechaun, the leprechaun must give that person his pot of gold. We decide to work as a team and catch a leprechaun and use the money so all of us, with our families, can visit Disney Land together. This ignites the children's imaginations and they begin to look for leprechauns everywhere. Now the fun begins!

The teacher will plan for the children to leave the classroom for a potty visit. Our sneaky teacher's assistant will quietly remain behind. While the children are gone, the assistant will mess up the classroom - put chairs on the tables, spill puzzles etc. (We keep it a wee bit low-key with the Chickadees and Ducklings, so they do not get frightened). The assistant quietly rejoins the children. Everyone returns to the classroom and the teacher remarks, "It appears as though we have been visited by a mischievous little leprechaun. Just look at the mess he has made. Class, let's get to work cleaning up this place." During clean up the teacher's assistant will then quietly sneak out, close the door and put little green footprints in the hallway outside the classroom leading to an empty room. The children tentatively follow the footprints in an attempt to capture the leprechaun. The teacher slowly opens the door for the children to follow the footprints. At the end of the footprints, to everyone's delight there is a large rainbow on the wall. At the end of the rainbow is a large black pot filled with individual bags of gold (Captain Crunch golden nugget cereal.), enough for each child in the class!

Workshops at the Giving Nest are fun!



Every day at the Giving Nest your children are learning new things through stimulating, exciting and fun age-appropriate activities. Here is your chance, as a parent, to become part of the Giving Nest experience for an hour or so. The workshops are conducted in the classrooms and involve 4 to 5 stations. We hope to have enough volunteers to man each station, so check your child's March calendar and look for the email we send on March 2nd to see if you are available to help out.

This month our **Ducklings** participate in an **Animal workshop**; learning about animals' habitats, matching baby animals to their parents, listen to animal noises and play animal bingo, paint forest animals and guessing which animal by giving clues. The children have so much fun at each station.

The **Bluebirds** will be learning about the five senses and how to appreciate and accept children and adults who are differently abled. During the **Differently abled workshop** the children will decorate a sun and learn how to read the word in Braille, they taste things and determine if they are sweet, bitter, salty etc. and they play basketball in a wheelchair.

The **Cardinal Artist Workshop** gives the students the opportunity to enter the world of the artist creating their very own masterpieces: painting under a table to stimulate the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo, painting a large picture of colorful flowers like Georgia O'Keefe and making a psychedelic painting like Peter Max to name a few.



Cardinal Dr. Seuss Day

Cardinals will enjoy Dr. Seuss' birthday month by coming to school and listening to and then exploring four of Dr. Seuss' famous books. Children will experience the dilemmas of Horton Hears a Who by wearing elephant ears and participating in relay races while holding a wooden egg in a nest. After listening to the classic "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" the children will wear Dr. Seuss visors and play a game of go fish with their classmates. Our industrious students will make a Cat in the Hat face mask to take home and play a life size memory game with rhyming words all while wearing "cat in the hat" hats. Should be a fun-filled day. We will send pictures of the events!



Manner of the Month - Excuse Me!

Your children are so wonderful; their energy, excitement, and total joy of life makes our job the best ever! As you are aware, often times they want to share something exciting about their marvelous day and their exuberance overtakes them and they burst into an ongoing conversation - interrupting. We will discuss that it is not polite to interrupt unless it is an emergency. We will role play during morning sing and show that if you need to go to the bathroom it is correct to interrupt a conversation by saying "excuse me". However, if you want to tell a story you should stand there and wait until there is a pause in the conversation or wait until someone notices you are standing there and addresses you. In the past, our very observant students mentioned that sometimes they are too small and if two adults are talking they might not see a small child. We will start something new at The Giving Nest. If a child wants to tell the teacher something and the teacher is engaged in conversation with another child or adult the child gently touches the teacher and waits patiently. The teacher gently touches the child to let him know she is aware he wants to speak. The teacher will then finish her sentence and address the child waiting.