

The Giving Nest Preschool and Kindergarten -January Newsletter-



We welcome you back to school and wish you a
Happy and Healthy New Year!



A Very Special Thank You to our
Wonderful Giving Nest Families who are
Always Thinking of Others

A special thank you to all our kind and wonderful children for doing a chore to earn money for our Giving Tree. We hope you proudly displayed the chore ornaments we sent home with the children. Our school raised a total of **\$285.00**. We donated all the funds locally to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Every \$1.00 donated purchased three (3) meals for needy families. Because of the kindness and hard work of our boys and girls we were able to help donate an additional 855 meals to families in need this holiday season. **THANK YOU!**



Pajama & Slipper Day...



During the cozy month of January each class will have PAJAMAS & SLIPPER DAY! January 20th or 21st... Please check your class calendars for the correct dates. On PJ's/Slipper day, please have your child wear their PJ's and send a pair of slippers to school, placed in your child's backpack. During the day we will talk about cozy times in the winter. We will serve "semi" hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream.



New Year's Resolutions at the Nest

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. The arrival of 2021 will be celebrated at the Giving Nest with noisemakers and confetti. Each class is challenged with a new skill to accomplish in 2021.

The Ducklings (3 to 4-year olds) will begin getting their own coats at the end of the day and putting them on without any help. They will use the preschool method of laying the coats on the ground and putting their arms in the sleeves and flipping the coats over their heads.

The Bluebirds and Cardinals (4 to 5-year olds) will begin zippering, buttoning and/or snapping their own coats and putting on their hats and gloves all by themselves. They also will begin tying their shoes. If your child only has Velcro shoes, please consider buying tie shoes next time.



FLU SHOT REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE...

WE MUST HAVE YOUR FLU SHOT DOCUMENTATION WHEN YOU RETURN IN JANUARY OR YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CLASS! THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS SCHEDULED TO COME AND CHECK FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION. THANK YOU!

PRESCHOOL



Registration

Pre-Registration and In-House Registration Procedure

It seems a bit early to think about September 2021, but February is registration time for all preschools in our area. We have many applications on file and new parents are anxious to know if there is room for their child next year. So, we conduct an in-house pre-registration in January. We do everything possible to ensure that you, our in-house families, are able to enroll in the class of your choice. We are limited to five classrooms and we try to be very creative with our offerings. On January 19th you will receive an e-mail asking you to pre-register no later than January 25th. We ask you to pre-register so we can determine if we need a lottery or an adjustment to meet all our In-house students' needs. Please carefully read the information in the e-mail regarding the procedures and importance of pre-registering your child. After pre-registration we will hold in-house registration. In House Registration begins on January 28th and ends on February 4th. We will begin calling the many families that we have applications on file beginning February 8th. If you have any questions regarding classes for next year or our pre-registration and registration procedures, please call Mrs. Amy or Mrs. Barbara at 732-302-1321 or email us at mgivingnest@gmail.com. If your child has a September or late summer birthday, we strongly recommend you attend "Will My Child Be Ready for Today's Kindergarten?", a virtual workshop offered by our North Plainfield location in January (see below).



JANUARY VIRTUAL PARENT WORKSHOP

"WILL MY CHILD BE READY For TODAY'S KINDERGARTEN?"

Date: Thursday, January 14th, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:00

Presenter: Mary Sue Frank- co-founder and director of the North Plainfield Giving Nest.

Topic: She will talk about the, 'Kindergarten of Today'. A questionnaire was sent to the Public schools that our students from our 5 locations will attend. Mary Sue will discuss the feedback that she received.

You Must Register to Attend the Workshop: Please Call (908)754-2060 or Email givingnestnp@gmail.com

Please provide: your first and last name, your child's first and last name, the school your child attends and your email address so Mary Sue can send you a Zoom link invitation.



-- Important Dates in January:

- January 11th - Welcome Back to School
- January 14th - Virtual Parent Workshop - "Will My Child Be Ready for Today's Kindergarten?"
- January 12th to 19th - Progress Reports and Conferences
- January 19th to 25th - Pre-Registration! Please look for email
- January 13th and 14th - Pajama and Slipper Day! (check your child's class calendar)
- January 18th - No School - Celebrate Martin Luther King Day!
- January 28th to February 4th - In-House Registration! Forms will go home
- January 27th and 28th - Pastel Tissue Paper Art Display!
- January 28th and 29th - Team Jersey Day! - Wear your favorite team clothing (check your child's class calendar)

