



The Giving Nest Preschool October Newsletter

We are excited to send our first monthly newsletter and class calendar. Please be sure to read them as they have VERY Important monthly information.

Giving Nest Sing

Sing is a special and fun time for the directors, teachers, and students at the Giving Nest. Each morning the classes meet in the center hall to sing the monthly songs and participate in fun and interactive lessons from the Directors.

During Sing in October, we will be focusing on Halloween and Fire Safety! The Directors will show the children, through lessons and stories, the steps to take if they smell smoke or see a fire. We have fun stories and skits we perform on fire safety, calling 911, and planning a meeting place.

Also, we have begun collecting food for a local food bank. During ***Sing*** we explained how a food bank works. We suggest that once a month the Giving Nest students, when shopping with mom or dad, ask if they can pick out something to put in the food bank bin. Things in need are can goods, such as sauces, vegetables, and tuna. Peanut butter is in big demand as well as pasta products and dry cereal. There is also a need for deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, disposable razors, hand crème, and disposable diapers. However, anything your child wishes to donate will be appreciated. There is a blue basket on the stage for donations. We will deliver the food we collect to a local food bank.

Each morning before we salute the flag we will ask if anyone has food for the food bank. Those children will be invited to come up on stage, drop their gifts in the blue bucket and form a line. We will state that, "These children started their day in a special way, what did they do special?" All will respond, "They thought of others."

Together we count the children on the stage and clap for them and all sing our "donate song".



Halloween Celebrations and Parades



As you check your child's calendar this month you will notice that our Halloween Celebrations are not on Tuesday, October 31st Halloween Day. In the past our parents experienced conflicts with attending our Halloween festivities and viewing events of siblings in the grammar schools. We've scheduled it this way for several years and it is very successful. Please pay close attention to your child's calendar for times and dates.

Parents are invited to come to enjoy the children dressed in costumes. The Ducklings will have a parade outside, weather permitting or in the center hall if it is raining. The Bluebirds and Cardinals will have a fashion show on the stage. Children should come to school dressed in costume on the day of the fashion show or parade. If the costume is uncomfortable, please have comfortable clothes underneath, or send clothes we can change them in.

The children will also have a small Halloween celebration in their classroom. We will be sending a Sign Up Genius link the week of October 16th that will send you to a Class Party Sign Up Sheet!

Back to School Night

This month all parents are invited and encouraged to come and learn what your child does all day at The Giving Nest. Back to school Night will be broken out into two parts this year. At **6:00pm** the directors will give a short presentation regarding all school information such as policies, procedures, and FAQ's. We encourage all new parents to attend this portion and invite returning parents to join for an optional refresher. At **6:30pm** Back to School Night in your child's classroom will begin. You will see your child's work, write a short note to your child, try to pick out which art project is your child's. In the classroom you will also listen to the varied activities and special skills planned for your child throughout the year.

We request that you do not use this evening to ask questions regarding your individual child with the teacher or assistant. Conferences are scheduled in January for this purpose. We do however send out a "fall update" in November with individualized information on how your child is doing. If you have any concerns that need to be

addressed before, please write a note to the teacher and she will call you within the week. If you have any questions about Back to School Night, please call the office or stop by. Check your individual class calendars or our online monthly calendar for the day of your back-to-school night. **Please remember this is an adult only event and will conclude by 7pm!**

Teacher In Service Day - No School

Please do not forget there is no school on Monday, October 9th. On that day we will have an in-service training day for all our staff. We try to follow the public-school schedules in our area, and many of the schools are also closed for an in-service day as well.

Please Get Your Flu Shot

It's a State Mandate 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 paperwork and make certain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date and/or documentation not provided, the child may have to leave the school. The state nurse checks all immunizations. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask for Mrs. Kathleen



