

The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

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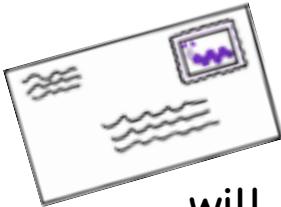


February Happenings at the Nest...

"Love Is In The Air..."

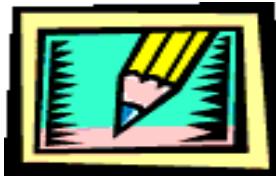
February is always a special month at the Giving Nest because we think of all the people we love! The children will be busy making frilly hearts and mailboxes to hold their many anticipated valentine cards. On the day of your child's party, please send in Valentine cards for all the children in the class. Chick-a-dee and Duckling 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 the children can take turns delivering their valentines to each classmate without the teacher's help. Bluebird, Cardinal and Wise Owls children should address envelopes with their classmates' names. These children have begun to recognize each other's names and will have fun delivering their valentines themselves. Of course, the teacher will assist any child that needs help.

Please wear pink or red on this special Valentine's Day!



The children will also be making Valentine cards and mailing them home to their families. Parents, please provide a postage stamp only. The envelope

will be provided for you. Please address the envelope to you with your child's help. Affix the stamp and return it to school. The children love knowing that their Valentine's Day card will go to the post office, and then will be delivered to their address, as they anxiously wait for its arrival.



Mark Your Calendars

Important Notices and Dates...

-It's Tax Time and you may need our tax - exempt ID number for your childcare deduction form... **# 02-0693987**. If you need proof of payment for your taxes, please let us know.

February 5th & 6th - Team Jersey Day! Wear a clothing item representing your favorite sports team.

February 11th & 12th - Valentine's Day Parties... Wear red or pink... Bring Valentine Cards for your child's classmates. Please see your child's calendar for his/her date.

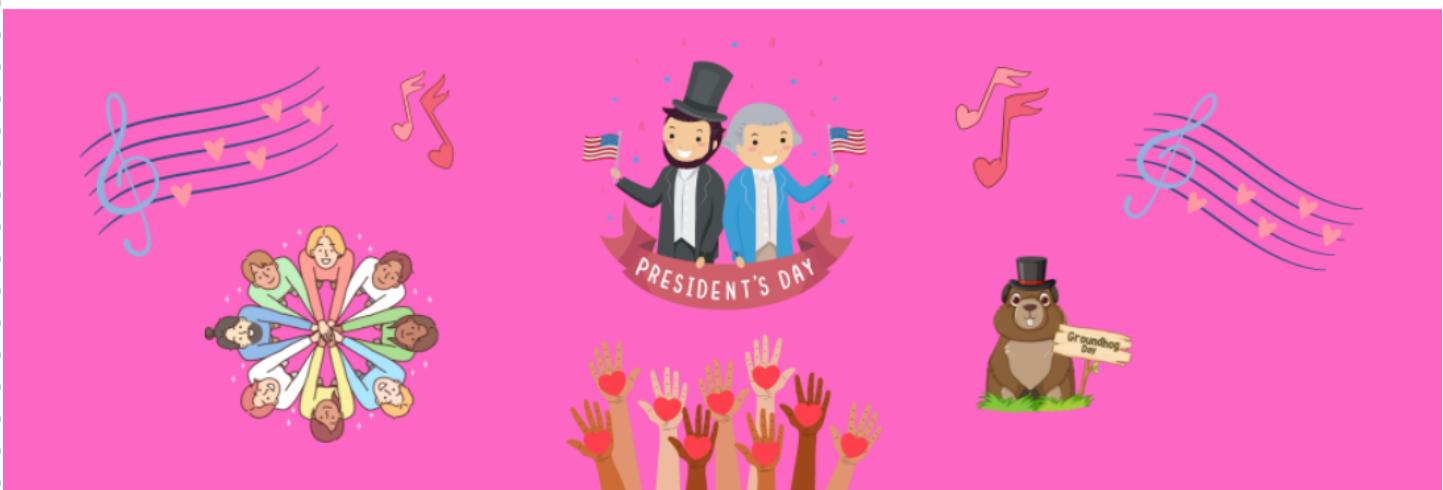
February 13th & 16th - School Closed for President's Day.

February 18th - Celebrating 100 days for Cardinals Class I/I+ and Wise Owls Class K/K-2. Wise Owls (Kindergarten 100 Day Museum.

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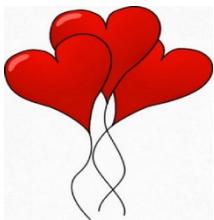
February 19th & 20th - "Catch Me if You Can Day" for the Duckling Classes only.

February 26th & 27th- Sponge Painting Art Exhibit.



Sing Time

- In February, the children will be introduced to new songs about Valentine's Day, the presidents, friendship and love. And of course, we will learn about the funny groundhog, all furry and brown!
- We will read David Adler's books about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- We will continue to talk about recognizing and expressing our feelings.
- We will work on managing our feelings using calming tools when we are sad, frustrated or angry.
- We will work on being kind and expressing empathy for others.



Grateful Hearts... In the beginning of February your child will receive a "Heart" from their teacher. This is an exercise reminding children to say, "Thank You" and what it means to be grateful. Have your child tell you about someone they are grateful for at the Giving Nest. Write down the name of the person on the heart and the reason they are being thanked. It can be a classmate, teacher, someone's mom, aftercare helpers, office staff, etc. Your child will bring their heart to school and Mrs. Max will read what is written on the heart during Sing Time and then place it on our wall in the hallway for all to share and read.

In-House Registration- In-House registration Is being held from February 9th through February 19th. On January 30th we will be calling our new families who have submitted applications to us.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION ...

⇒ Information about our summer programs that will be held in our Watchung and Warren locations will be coming out in February. Registration is on a first come-first serve basis. Look for our Save the Date email.

"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN DAY" in the DUCKLINGS CLASS
February 19th & February 20th Classes C, D/D+, E/E+, D/E & L



Please see your child's calendar for this special event.
You will receive your special invitation soon.



Weather & Health Watch...

- ◆ Thank you for being patient during these very tough winter months. We will surely embrace the coming Spring. Please call us when your child is absent.
- ◆ Weather and temperature permitting, the teachers would like to take the children outside, even if only for a walk. With this mind, please dress your children for outside play (warm jacket, hat, mittens or gloves and a scarf).
- ◆ Tis the season to spread germs...Please review our health policy in our Policy and Procedure Booklet. Carefully read the symptoms and the time frame of how long a child must be symptom free. Again, this year is even more complicated with the many viruses, Flu exposures and symptoms.



Thank you to our parents who volunteered their time at our
Teddy Bear Clinic. The children learned so much!