



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2026

The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

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April Happenings at the Nest

"April Showers Bring May Flowers,"
Springtime, Earth Day and More..."

The children and staff always welcome SPRING, and we are sure you do too! We go outside for exploration walks (looking for signs of spring), and we CAN GO TO THE PLAYGROUND on a regular basis! Please make sure your child wears "safe" shoes or sneakers for outside play. If your child insists on wearing sandals or open shoes, please put a pair of sneakers in his/her backpack. The mulch on the playground can become a nuisance. During Sing Time, the children will be practicing our show songs and then celebrate spring by learning new songs about Butterflies, Bumblebees and Flowers.



Important April Dates



April will be another busy and exciting month...mark your calendars!

-  March 30th-April 6th School Closed-Spring Break
-  April 7th - School Reopens-Welcome Back
-  April 8th - Wacky Wednesday* (Classes C, D/D+, D/E, F/F+, L/L+)
-  April 9th - Topsy Turvy Thursday* (Classes A/A+, B, E/E+, D/E, H-3, I/I+, K/K-2)
- *To celebrate April Fools' Day, wear silly or original clothing—inside out, upside down, or mismatched!
-  April 17th - Bluebird's Curds & Whey Café @ 10:00 AM
-  April 23rd & 24th - Celebrate Earth Day! Wear blue jeans and plant in our Giving Garden!  (Weather permitting.)
-  April 27th - May 1st Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair
-  April 27th - Spring School Show @ 4:30 PM (Classes C, H3, & L/L+)
-  April 28th - Spring School Show @ 4:30 PM (Classes A/A+, B, E+, D/E & I/I+)
-  April 29th - Spring School Show @ 4:30 PM (Classes D+, D/E, F/F+ & K/K-2)
-  April 30th-May 1st - Ice Cream Sundae Cast Parties 



Duckling Animal Workshop...



In March, the Duckling classes learned many things about all kinds of animals: Pets, Farm Animals, Forest Animals, and Jungle Animals. During their Animal Workshop, the Ducklings visited 5 interesting and fun stations and learned even more fun facts through games and stories.



Bluebird Scientist Workshop...

The children in the Bluebird classes learned how to think like a scientist, while learning big words like "Matter", "Hydrophobic" & "Reactions". They conducted their own experiments, used microscopes and learned about the "Scientific Method".

Cardinal's Artist Workshop



The Cardinals have been studying a different artist each month since the school year began. During the month of March, the Cardinals spent a morning in an Artist workshop, again studying the styles and techniques of artists like Georgia O'Keefe, Michelangelo, Henri Moore and The Artist in Me. Fun was had by all.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers!

The Bluebird Class will host their Curds & Whey Café this month! Each child invited two special guests for a lovely brunch, served by the children themselves. Afterward, the children will entertain their guests with nursery rhymes and songs.

 **Event Date:**

 **Friday, April 17th @ 10:00 AM**



A Little Caterpillar Turns into a Beautiful Butterfly...

To Celebrate Spring and Life we thought it would be wonderful and fun for the children to see Caterpillars turn into Butterflies. Using "Box Tops" fundraising money, we have purchased "Butterfly Houses". In late April there will be caterpillars, food and the accessories we need. The children will take care of the caterpillars by naming them and feeding them. During Sing time the children will sing songs about Butterflies. Once the caterpillars have turned into the Butterflies each class will have a Butterfly Release Day. We will keep you posted.



The Chickens at the Nest go "Cluck, Cluck, Cluck"

We will also look forward to the arrival of our chickens and chicken coop. We will help take care of the chickens for 30 days starting on April 20th. We will feed them, give them water and collect the eggs daily.



April is Sculpting Month...

In April, the children will be developing their fine & gross motor muscles and their creative abilities as they sculpt their very own clay creations. Each age group will do hand and arm exercises to get ready to use those muscles. Special gloves will be available for those children who do not like "touching" things. They will learn what a potter is, how to wedge, cut and knead clay. The children will display their clay creations in the hallway on May 4th & 5th.

Have a Safe, Healthy and Happy Spring Break!

