



The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

Director: Barbara Maxwell



Welcome to the Giving Nest

September is the time for children to buy new shoes, get haircuts and look for that perfect first day of school outfit. At the Giving Nest, it's a time to decorate classrooms, fill up lesson plan books and make name tags. We have been blessed to occupy this new, beautiful space in Pluckemin and are so eager to share it with you. As we know, this school year will be much like they were before Covid-19. Parents can again, come into our building. We can gather together for Sing Time and invite our parents in for workshops, school plays, Holiday Sing-a-longs etc. This has been well worth the wait! We will continue to keep layers of precautions in place i.e., staggered arrival & dismissal times, the use of air purifiers, deep cleaning routines and will continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and our local Board of Health. Masks are optional at this time. Our goal as always, is to provide your children with opportunities to create, explore and learn. The Giving Nest staff is looking forward to getting to know their new students. We are brimming with new ideas and anxious to fill our classrooms with smiling faces. So many beautiful faces!



Theme: Journey Around the World

Our school theme this year at the Giving Nest is "Journey Around the World!" In September we will introduce the children to our favorite songs, "The More We Get Together", "Rise and Shine" and "Skid-a-marink". We will talk about making new friends and we will learn about school safety rules. During the months of October through June we will introduce our yearly theme. We will open a suitcase each week where we will find treasures from countries around the world. We will learn to count, say "Hello" and "Good-bye" in many different languages. This year we can welcome visits from our families for their children's birthday that will be celebrated at Sing Time. If you have something to share with us for "Journey Around the World", please see Mrs. Max.



Lines of Communication



At the Giving Nest, we believe that communication between the school and the parent is vital. Any paperwork we send home will be sent in your child's "Take Home Folder." Please empty the folder when you get home and put the folder back in your child's backpack. In order, to keep you informed about what is happening in your child's class and the whole school, at the end of each month you will receive...

From your teacher through our website or Constant Contact:

A monthly calendar which highlights the specific activities the children will do on that day. We suggest you refer to the calendar before you leave for school-this may help an apprehensive child. Also, a Monthly Age Group Highlight for the upcoming month which explains the small group activities planned for each month for each age group.

From the office-Barbara Maxwell (Mrs. Max), or Sherry Paterson (Miss Sherry):

*You will receive a tuition envelope that will have your child's name, class letter & payment due. Please review the information and if anything is incorrect, contact the office. You will receive the monthly newsletter highlighting the school wide and age group events that will be taking place that month. This will be available on our **website or will be emailed to you through our Constant Contact application**. If you prefer a hard copy, please contact the office.*



New Arrival & Dismissal Procedures:

The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten is operational from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. We will be offering Permanent Early Care from 8:00 to your child's scheduled start time and After Care from your child's scheduled dismissal time until 4:30. While operating in this COVID-19 environment, drop-off times will be staggered. You were given an arrival time at 8:45, 9:00 or 9:15 and there are a variety of dismissal times that range from 12:00 to 2:45pm. Our arrivals and dismissals will be at our front and back door entrances. Upstairs classrooms will use the front door while our downstairs classrooms will use our backdoor. There will be a doorbell at both locations. All children must be dropped off by 9:30. At this time our "Sing Time" will begin. Please only come at your designated drop-off or pick-up time to keep everyone safe. If your child is in an upstairs classroom you are welcomed to drop and pick up your child at their classroom door. If your child is using a classroom downstairs, (Class H, H-3, and K) the doors are very close to the back door entrance. It will be easiest to drop off and pick up your child at the door. All Early and After Care children will use the front door to the school. Your teacher will guide you at your personally scheduled "Meet & Greet".

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!!!

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE ALL OF YOUR SMILING FACES AGAIN and WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!

