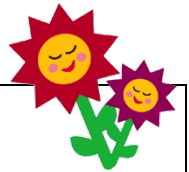


# APRIL NEWSLETTER 2024



*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...



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**April 1 – 5 – School closed for Spring Break.**

**April 8th - Mixed Up Monday-**Let’s celebrate April Fools’ Day. Wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes C, D+, D/E & H/H-3

**April 9<sup>th</sup> - Topsy Turvy Tuesday-**To Celebrate April Fools’ Day, wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes A, E/E+, D/E & I

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – Wacky Wednesday -** To Celebrate April Fools’ Day, wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes F+, F/G, J & K

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - 2nd Annual Scholastic Book Fair**

**April 22nd- School Show @ 4:30pm** Classes C, H/H-3 & J

**April 23rd – School Show @ 4:30pm** Classes A/A+, E+, D/E & I/I+

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – School Show @ 4:30pm** Classes D+, D/E, F+, F/G & K

**April 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Sundae Cast Parties**

**April 25th & 26th- Celebrate Earth Day!** Wear Blue Jeans-Planting today in our gardens. (Weather Permitting)

**April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Visit our Pottery Exhibit**



## 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 Science and 5 Senses Workshop

The children in the Bluebird class participated in the “Science and 5 Senses Workshop”. At the workshop the children had the opportunity to use their 5 senses and experience what it would be like if one of their senses did not work. For instance, the children felt Braille books, they tasted different foods (sweet, salty, sour), and they practiced sign language.

## 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!**



## **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 butterflies each class will have a Butterfly Release Day. We will keep you posted.



## **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 April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to thank you for supporting our Cookie Dough fundraiser. We know it was a lot of work for many of you who were involved. We raised enough money to rent the chickens and the chicken coop for a month. The chickens will arrive on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The children adored this project last year. The profits will also allow us to get the playground mulched again, this summer.