



# January 2026 Newsletter

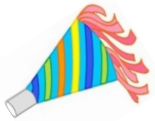
January Happenings at the Nest..

The Staff at the Giving Nest would like to wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year!!!



## Pajama & Slipper Day..

During the cozy month of January each class will have **PAJAMAS & SLIPPER DAY!** January 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>... Please check your class calendars for the correct dates. On PJ's/Slipper Day, please have your child wear their PJ's and send a pair of slippers to school, placed in your child's backpack. During the day we will talk about cozy times in the winter. We will serve "semi" hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream.



## GIVING NEST NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. The arrival for 2026 will be celebrated at the Giving Nest with noisemakers and confetti. Each class will be challenged with a new skill to accomplish in 2026.

**The Chickadees** (2 1/2 – 3 years old) will now place their backpacks on the hooks by their symbols, then remove the folders and place them in the folder box and remove the lunch boxes and place them in the lunch box bin. A big independent three step task for our little ones.

**The Ducklings** (3 - 4 years old) will begin getting their own coats at the end of the day and putting them on without any help. They will use the preschool method of laying the coats on the ground and putting their arms in the sleeves and flipping the coats over their heads.

**The Bluebirds and Cardinals** (4 - 5 years old) will begin zipping, buttoning and/or snapping their own coats and putting on their hats and gloves all by themselves.

**The Wise Owls** (5-6 years old) will begin learning how to tie their own shoes or sneakers.

## Teddy Bear Clinic..



In January, your child will have the opportunity to participate in our Teddy Bear Clinic. This program is designed to teach the children, through their Bear or favorite Stuffy, how to stay safe from germs, recognize and understand healthy foods and exercise, and what happens at the Doctor's and Dentist's office. Volunteers are needed. Please look for our sign-up genius that will be emailed to you in January.



## FLU SHOT REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE..

WE MUST HAVE YOUR FLU SHOT DOCUMENTATION WHEN YOU RETURN IN JANUARY OR YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CLASS! THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS SCHEDULED TO COME AND CHECK FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION. THANK YOU!



## Pre-Registration and In-House Registration Procedure...



Please read this important information. Pre-Registration information will be emailed to you and Progress reports for the Chick-a-dee, Duckling, Bluebird and Cardinal classes will be going home the week of January 12th. Pre-registration is January 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an In-House lottery if necessary. You will be called if this should pertain to you. In-House registration information will be emailed to you on February 9<sup>th</sup> and is due by February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive this information, please contact the office ASAP. We will be calling Alumni and outside families starting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. (Dates are also listed at the bottom of this Newsletter).



## A Special Thank You to...

~Chore Donations -Thank you to the wonderful Boys and Girls at the Giving Nest! From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for all the hard work you did at home and your generous \$2.00 donation. We are so proud of you! We were able to make a financial donation to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County for over \$300.00.

## Celebrating Half Birthdays...

Instead of celebrating a child's summer "un-birthday" we can celebrate a child's HALF Birthday. So, if you have a child who has a summer birthday, please figure out the half birthday and let your child's teacher know when you would like to celebrate it. We invite you to come to Sing Time on that special day as well.



## Important Dates in January...



- ~ January 5th, 2026 ~ Welcome Back!
- ~ January 8th & 9th ~ Pajamas, Slippers and Hot Chocolate Day!
- ~ January 13th – 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Progress Reports & Conferences
- ~ January 19th – No School ~ Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ~ January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Teddy Bear Clinics. Please see your child's calendar for his/her date. Parent volunteers are welcome!
- ~ January 20th ~ Pre-Registration. Please look for our email.
- ~ January 22nd ~ Pre-Registration ends.
- ~ January 29th & 30th ~ Pastel/Tissue Paper Art Gallery.
- ~ February 9th ~ In House Registration begins.
- ~ February 20<sup>th</sup> ~ In-House Registration ends.

*Happy New Year!*

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