

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

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May Happenings at the Nest...

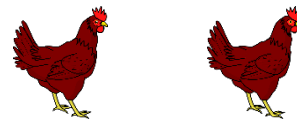


It is hard to believe that we only have one and a half months of school left! Where does the time go?! It has been a wonderful school year. If you happen to come to school feeling a little blue, it sure doesn't last long... All you need to do is look at all the adorable and lovable little faces and anything that you were sad about goes away! Children truly have a gift and we at The Giving Nest are very fortunate.

We begin the month of May by learning about "May Day" while we sing and dance around a maypole. Our maypole is a long cardboard tube that has beautiful, colorful streamers coming out of the top. Eight children at a time come up and hold onto one of the streamers while the teacher holds the pole. All the children will sing our May Day songs and the children holding the streamers will dance around the maypole. The May Pole will be sanitized between uses!

Of course, there is nobody more important than Mom. Ask your child to sing you their Mother's Day songs.

Hickety, Pickety, Our Red Hens



Adding to our very busy May, the Giving Nest has rented 2 hens and a predator proof hen coop for the month of May. The hens and coop are being rented from My Chicken Rentals in Lebanon. The hens will be living on the playground where the children can help feed them and give them water. With the staff's help we will gather any eggs that were laid. Using a lottery, the children will have the opportunity to take an egg home. This should provide us with lots of fun and exciting science learning this Spring!



The Wise Owl's ~ Author's Tea

On May 28th, at 1:15, please meet your children in the Fellowship Hall. The children are inviting their parents or 2 family members to an Author's tea. Each child will take a turn using a microphone and will read a book that they have written and illustrated. Afterwards, they will serve their parents iced tea or lemonade and cookies.



The Ducklings Learn About Transportation!

In May the Duckling classes learn about transportation- Land, Air & Water. They will make boats, hot air balloons and airplanes. To end this fun unit the children will bring in a riding toy from home and ride it on a "riding course" that will be sectioned off on our playground sidewalk. Check your class calendar for the date to bring your child's riding toy.



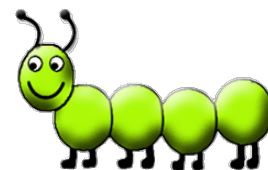
Cardinal Café

On Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th, the Cardinals with the help of the staff will transform Fellowship Hall Into a café. The children may Invite 2 guests. They will serve their guests their lunch and drink choices. After a couple of songs, they will serve their guests dessert. This Is a special day where children learn new skills and new friendships are made.



ART: May is Weaving & Sewing Month...

Throughout the year the children have been developing their fine motor skills while gluing, beading, lacing and using a wide variety of manipulatives. During May they will be working on weaving and sewing projects while learning about basic construction. Weaving is probably the oldest elemental skill used, known to man. It is commonly used in all cultures worldwide. The children will learn that their blankets, rugs and clothing are woven. Spiders weave their webs and birds build their nest using weaving techniques. Through this project they will learn to see and understand patterns, position, and design. In the meantime, they understand process, and have fun experimenting and creating.



Butterfly, Butterfly, Where are You?

The caterpillars have arrived! Each classroom has a butterfly house with caterpillars that will be busy spinning up into their cocoon. Soon the butterflies will appear in the butterfly house. They will be fed, have water and will then be set free! Each Individual class will gather in the playground to witness this amazing sight.



Chick-a-dee Butterly Festival

All Parents are Invited to our second annual Chick-a-dee Butterfly Festival. This will be a fun hour for you and your child to enjoy stories, art/ crafts activities and the release of the butterflies, together. This fun event will take place on May 20th at 9:30 for Classes A/A+ & Class B in the Fellowship Hall. Look for your Invite In your child's backpack.



Important May Events/Dates...

May 1st & 2nd - May Day Celebration in Sing Time

May 1st - Positive Image here for Graduation portraits.

May 5th - 7th - Ducklings Transportation days. Bring your riding toy to school today. See your calendar.

May 8th & 9th - Cardinal Café in the Fellowship Hall. Classes H-3/H & I+

May 11th - Happy Mother's Day

May 12th & 13th- May Admission Packets go home for 2025-2026 school year.

May 20th - Chick-a-dee Butterfly Festival @ 9:30, Classes A/A+ and Class B

May 23rd & 26th - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

May 29th & 30th - Fiber Art Exhibit.

June Events to look forward to...

- School Picnics - See your child's June calendar for these dates.

-End of the Year Ceremonies for Ducklings and Chick-a-dees. Parents of our Chick-a-dee and Duckling classes are invited to attend a simple end of the year ceremony. The children will sing a couple of their favorite songs. The ceremony will be held in Fellowship Hall on what would be their last day of school. All are Invited to attend.

Graduation Dates and Times for Bluebirds, Cardinals & Kindergarten-The Bluebirds, Cardinals and Kindergarteners will participate in a graduation ceremony with diplomas and caps and gowns. It will be a Kodak moment. They will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The graduation should last about 30- 40 minutes. All are Invited to attend.

Please see the dates below:

GRADUATIONS (This Is not the last day of school)			
Thursday, June 5th	Cardinals	Class I/I+	@ 1:30
Friday, June 6th	Bluebirds	Class J/J+	@ 11:30
	Bluebirds	Class F/F+	@ 1:30
Monday, June 9th	Cardinals	Class H/H-3	@ 1:30
Tuesday, June 10th	Wise Owls	Class K/K-2	@ 1:30

END OF THE YEAR CEREMONY (This **Is** the last day of school but children can stay through extended care if needed)

Wednesday, June 11th	Ducklings	Class C	@ 11:15
	Ducklings	Class D+ D/E	@ 1:30
Thursday, June 12th	Chick-a-dee	Class A/A+ & B	@ 11:15
	Ducklings	Class E+ D/E	@ 1:30

Children In classes D/E and or D+/E+ may attend 1 or both end of the year ceremonies.

