

**The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten in Martinsville**  
**May Newsletter**

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May 3rd : Graduation Pictures in Cap and Gown for Bluebirds & Cardinals

May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>h</sup>: Mother's Day gifts go home. Shhhh! It's a surprise, no peeking.

May 22nd and 23rd: Admission Packets go home for the 23/24 school year

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> NO AFTERCARE**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>& 30th No School - Memorial Day**

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Back to School



We began  
dancing  
ribbons.  
Each child



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May Day songs while  
h brightly colorful  
on the playground.  
as we sing and dance around  
celebrating the new season.

We continue our May celebration by improvising on an old tradition believed to have originated in Roman Times. These ancient people welcome the long-awaited spring month by filling May baskets with flowers and secretly giving the baskets to friends. Each class will be given a flowering plant to share with another class. During the morning the classes take turns tiptoeing to another classroom, knocking on the door, leaving a plant and scurrying quickly back to their room. They then see from afar the delighted faces of the children in that class when they find the flowers outside the room.

## Happy Mother's Day!

May is for Moms -  
Happy Mother's Day to all  
our wonderful Moms!

Mother's Day is a wonderful holiday! Moms, please enjoy the day. The children have been busy making you a very special gift. The gifts will be sent home with your child on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Shhhh, it's a surprise so no peeking.

We thank you all for the support this year and all that you do for your families. We wish you all a day of joy and well-deserved relaxation.

## Playground Information



Spring is here! The children have caught spring fever and are enjoying playground time. **During the spring season we encourage parents to apply sunscreen and bug repellent to the children before they come to school.** Please do not send in sunscreen or bug repellent for the teachers to apply, it would take too much class time. Most products last up to five hours, so applying these in the morning before school should work just fine.

Also remember the children love to run, jump and climb on the playground. Please do not send them to school in sandals or clothes that restrain them from play.

Speaking of Spring, this might be a good time to switch the change of clothes you have stored in the backpack. Thank you.



Our Caterpillars are here...

Each class will get four to six caterpillars in their classrooms. The caterpillars will be very busy eating and eating. The children will see that each caterpillar spins a cocoon. The cocoons are then placed in our butterfly houses. And to the children's' delight the butterflies emerge from the cocoons. During first week of May each class will pick a special day to release their butterflies.

## Graduation Pictures



This year we are again offering the Bluebird & Cardinal parents the opportunity to have individual Graduation pictures taken of their child dressed in his/her full Cap and Gown. We have scheduled this day for Wednesday May 3rd<sup>h</sup>. If your child does not attend school on Wednesday, please let us know and we can schedule a time for his/her photo to be taken. The pictures will be taken by our resident photographer Mr. Bill from Positive Image Photography and will be taken inside, one class at a time. You will have the opportunity to view the photos online before purchase. Please keep an eye out for an email with full details prior to the scheduled day.



## Tissue Paper Display

The children will be working on their final school art project - Tissue Paper Art. While creating the tissue paper project the children will use their fine motor skills to create their masterpieces. Each age group creates a different project. The results are amazing! Look for the email for when to visit for your child's tissue paper display the week of May 22nd.



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## Bluebird and Cardinal Graduations!



Parents of our Bluebird and Cardinal students are invited to attend the graduations. Graduations will be held outside in our playground, limited attendance will be followed. Only one class graduates at a time. The children will sing songs, present original artwork, receive a diploma and wear a cap and gown. More details will follow.



## END OF THE YEAR CEREMONIES for DUCKLINGS & CHICKS!

Parents of our Chicks & Duckling classes are invited to attend a simple end of the year ceremony on the playground, limited attendance will be followed. Only one ceremony is scheduled at a time.

The children will sing songs and the end of year certificates will be handed out. The entire ceremony lasts about twenty minutes. More details will follow.

All the graduations and ceremonies are celebrated throughout the month of June, not necessarily the last day of school. Please check individual class calendars. It is possible that your child will celebrate his/her end of the year ceremony a week or so before the last day of school. Regardless of the date of end of the year ceremonies all the children will continue to attend classes until their official last day. More details will follow so keep an eye on your email.