



The Giving Nest Preschool

March Newsletter

A Visit from the Leprechaun is possible...

Ask almost any Giving Nest Alumni to name his/her favorite day here and we bet the reply will be Leprechaun Day! Every March the classes receive a visit from this mischievous fellow. At Sing we will talk to the children about the leprechaun legend. In Ireland the people believe that there are tiny people living there who have pots of gold which they keep at the end of the rainbow. If someone catches a leprechaun, the leprechaun must give that person his pot of gold. We decide to work as a team and catch a leprechaun and use the money so all of us, with our families, can visit Disney Land together. This ignites the children's imaginations, and they begin to look for leprechauns everywhere.

Now the fun begins! The teacher will plan for the children to leave the classroom (bathroom visit, gym room etc.). Our sneaky teacher assistants will quietly remain behind. While the children are gone, the assistant will mess up the classroom – put chairs on the tables, spill puzzles etc. (We keep it a wee bit low-key with the Ducklings, so they do not get frightened). The assistant quietly rejoins the children. Everyone returns to the classroom and the teacher remarks, “It appears as though we have been visited by a mischievous little leprechaun. Just look at the mess he has made. Class, let’s get to work cleaning up this place.” During clean up the teacher’s assistant will then quietly sneak out, close the door and put little green footprints in the hallway outside the classroom leading to an empty room. The children tentatively follow the footprints in an attempt to capture the leprechaun. The teacher slowly opens the door at the end of the footprints and to everyone’s delight there is a large rainbow on the wall. At the end of the rainbow is a large black pot filled with individual bags of gold (Lucky Charms), enough for each child in the class!



Cardinal Dr. Seuss Day

Cardinals will enjoy Dr. Seuss' birthday month by coming to school and listening to and then exploring four of Dr. Seuss' famous books. Children will experience the dilemmas of Horton Hears a Who by wearing elephant ears and participating in relay races while holding a wooden egg in a nest.



After listening to the classic "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" the children will wear Dr. Seuss visors and play a game of go fish with their classmates. They will also play a life size memory game with rhyming words all while wearing "cat in the hat" hats. Should be a fun-filled day. We will send pictures of the events!

Bluebird Eric Carle Day

The **Bluebirds** will be reading many Eric Carle books this month. During this special day the children will play a memory/bingo game with 'The Hungry Caterpillar', search for 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and all his friends, learn a new song 'Today is Monday', and make a craft with 'The Tiny Seed'. What a fun day it will be. Check your child's calendar for his/her scheduled date.



Exciting Workshops & Events

Every year at the Giving Nest each class get to participate in a fun and educational workshop. The workshops are conducted in the center hall and involve 4 to 6 stations.

Our **Bluebirds** will be learning about different famous scientists. At each station the children with the help of a volunteer parent will observe or conduct a different experiment exploring the scientists invention or discovery. The **Cardinals** will be learning about all different artists for their workshop. They will enter the world of famous artists; painting under a table to stimulate the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo, painting a large picture of colorful flowers like Georgia O'Keefe and making a psychedelic painting like Peter Max to name a few. The **Ducklings** will have an Animal Workshop. They will learn about animals' habitats, and matching baby animals to their parents and many other exciting "animal" events.

Tax Time!

Our tax payer ID is: **#22-3594809**.