



## *The Giving Nest Preschool November Newsletter*

### *Fall Student Updates*

We hope you enjoyed our Back-to-School Night Presentations. We are looking forward to our Halloween Parades and Fashion Shows and can't wait to have you here. We have lots of fun things planned for November and the coming months. We hope you have been keeping up with our Monthly Newsletters as well as the Class "Tweets" and Calendars. This November we will be sending home a **Fall Student Update**. This update is to let you know how your child is adjusting to school. A more formal progress report will be sent home in January and we will be sending sign-ups for individual, conferences at this time. Any questions or concerns please email [givingnest@yahoo.com](mailto:givingnest@yahoo.com).

### *Cardinal & Bluebird Friendsgiving Fun!*

The children in the Cardinal and Bluebird classes are going to have a yummy Friendsgiving Feast with their friends. The center hall will be set up with tables, chairs and decorations made by the children!

In November, the children in these classes will be learning about the Fall Harvest and will come to the feast dressed as tiny turkeys and cute little corn on the cobs. To celebrate friendships at the feast, they will exchange friendship necklaces with each other and sing Giving Nest November songs.

To help make this meal more festive, we will be sending out sign up for parents to bring in a hearty November meal - Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn, Buttered Rolls, etc.. It would be great if your children could help you prepare what you bring in. The teachers will supply the turkey!



## *Fall Fundraisers*

The children have been hard at work in their classrooms creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces for our new “Art to Remember” fundraiser. This company offers an array of keepsake items that can be ordered which will feature your child’s original artwork. All fundraising monies raised will be going toward purchasing individual vacuums for each classroom.

We will be sending you a link and a code to view your child’s artwork and place orders. All orders must be put through by November 11<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure that the orders are delivered before we break for the Holidays. Any orders placed after November 11<sup>th</sup> will not be shipped before the Holidays.

## *Picture Day – November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>*



Smile! November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be picture day at the Giving Nest. We will be using Reflections Studios. The order forms were sent via email and can be filled out online. Please check individual class calendars on our website for when your child’s class is scheduled.

## *School Breaks*

**Teacher Convention** - Please do not forget there is no school on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are following the public-school schedules in our area.

**Thanksgiving Break** – We will have a 1/2 day Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> and no school on Thursday November 23<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Break.

## *Holiday Kids Shoppe*



The second week of December the center hallway will be transformed into a gift boutique. This is a special shop; it is not gifts for the children but gifts the children can buy for mom, dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc., each item is only \$3.00. It is a magical time at the Giving Nest when the Holiday Shoppe opens its doors. The children become little adults shopping at six specialty stores; clutching the money in their hands as they examine the items. After much thought and deliberation each child excitedly chooses the perfect gift for a special loved one. The children count out three dollars for the shopkeeper. She takes the money and gift wraps the special surprise.

The third week of November you will receive a form asking for whom your child will be buying gifts (limit 5 per child). Please fill this out and return it to the Giving Nest with payment. The chairperson will shop at the local dollar stores for gift items using the forms received so that we know how many gifts and what type of gifts to buy. We will request all forms and payment by November 20th and 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be sending information and requirements for signing up to volunteer mid-November.

## *Adopt a Family*

Tis the Season of GIVING at the Giving Nest! Initiated by the HEARTS OF WATCHUNG, the Adopt-a-Family is a wonderful program where we have the opportunity to help out a family in need during the holidays. The Hearts of Watchung, led by Cindy Homer, is a non-profit group and through their collaborative relationship with Family and Community Services of Somerset County (FCS) donates to families of need throughout the year. The Giving Nest has been adopting families for over a decade and it really makes a difference for a family experiencing hardships. We learned adopted families in years' past were overwhelmed by the generosity of our donations and called our gifts "a miracle". Hearts with our family's wish list will be on display in the center hall. Each heart will list specifically who and what is wished for. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

## *Looking Ahead*

November at The Giving Nest marks the start of our “Giving Tree”. More information on this program will be sent out on the first week in December. Please check your child’s folder on that date.

*From our nest to yours, we want to wish you a  
happy and healthy Thanksgiving!*

