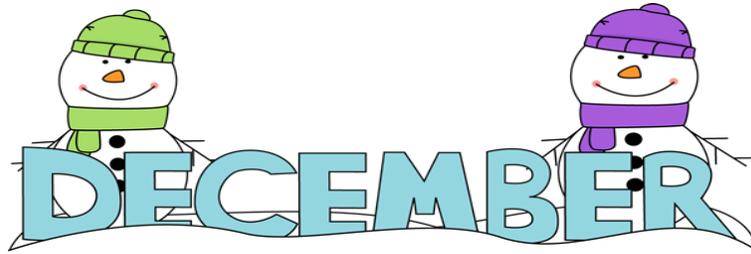


# THE GIVING NEST PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Wishing you and your families a very happy holiday season!*



December is such a magical time at The Giving Nest! The children are getting excited to explore all the holiday traditions, both at home and at school. This month our school will be transformed into a winter wonderland, filled with holiday songs and arts and crafts made by the children!

In November we introduced the "Giving Tree" program to the children. We discussed doing chores at home to earn money so we can help less fortunate families buy gifts for their children during the Holidays. The first week of December we'll talk a lot about giving to others and decorating for the holidays. We'll discuss beautiful trees, menorahs and hanging holiday decorations. While discussing these ways to decorate, the children will be shown a sample of the ornament they will create for the Giving Tree project. We'll then discuss the chores they may have done to earn money. Finally, their chore will be written on the back of the ornament; and when complete, the children will bring them home to display! We hope you reserve a special spot to display these wonderful keepsakes!



Please remember that if the temperature is above 32 degrees our classes do go outside to the playground. Our children love to get the fresh air, so please be sure they have a winter coat, hat, warm shoes and gloves to keep them warm.

***A Holiday shopping tip to consider:***

**4 Gift Rule:**

Something you **want**  
Something you **need**  
Something to **wear**  
Something to **read**

A Happy Four and Four



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAMILY SING A LONG

We hope you are able to join us for our annual Family Holiday Sing-a-Long! On the date and time scheduled for your child's class, when you arrive you will join your child in his/her classroom. We welcome you to look around your child's class to see all their beautiful artwork displays! Then, once everyone is settled on the carpet (or chairs) we will begin our Family Holiday Sing-a-long. This is a special time to sit cozy with your child on your lap surrounded by their classmates, singing holiday songs together. The December songs are on our website so you can practice ahead of time and printed song sheets will be available.

Fa-la-la-la-la!!

\*Please let your child's teacher know if you will be taking your child with you following the caroling if they normally stay full day.



**VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!**

### **REGISTRATION & IN HOUSE STATUS**

An email was recently sent giving you the opportunity to pick the location you would like your child to attend next year. Since the Warren location's oldest class is Chickadees; children will continue their preschool learning at one of our other locations. Each year, all current families are given the opportunity to register for the following school year during our IN HOUSE REGISTRATION PERIOD. In order to secure that you receive an In House pre- registration form from the school you choose for the 2022-23 school year, we must first confirm your school of choice so be sure to reply to that email 😊

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD FOR NEXT YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. TRACY @ 732-893-8222 or [wgivingnest@yahoo.com](mailto:wgivingnest@yahoo.com)**

To help you make the best choice for your family, tours of the other locations can be arranged by contacting their office.



## **In Case of Snowy or Severe Weather...**

**“How do I know if school is closed?”** ..... In case of severe weather, as soon as a decision has been made the following steps will be taken to notify you of a closing:

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:**

**First:** Watch News 12 NJ for up to date school closing or log on to: <http://www.News12.com> we are listed as The Giving Nest Preschool – Warren

### **Next:**

**Check your \*email;** you will receive an all-school email blast if we are going to close or have a delayed opening. (remember to check SPAM folders to be sure)

\*If, during the course of the morning, a delayed opening changes to a closing you will receive a second email informing you of the change.

### **Also:**

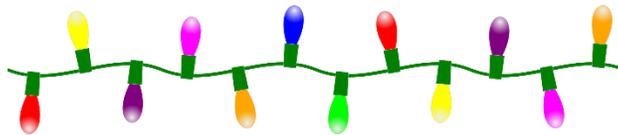
You may also **call the school phone (732-893-8222)** to listen to the recorded message.

### **Delayed opening time schedule:**

**Chickadees: Full day classes: 10:00 – 2:45, Half day classes 10:00-12:30,**

**Hummingbirds: Full day classes: 10:15-2:30, Half day classes: 10:15-12:15**

**Please remember, If school is open but you’d feel safer keeping your child home the choice is always yours!**



**Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!**

# December Songs

Fa la la la la! Please join us in singing our favorites!

## 1. Where Is Santa?

(Tune: "Are You Sleeping?")

Where is Santa? Where is Santa? Here I am!  
Here I am!  
Merry, Merry Christmas!  
Merry, Merry Christmas!  
Ho! Ho! Ho!, Ho! Ho! Ho!



## 2. Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolf the red nosed reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose!  
And if you ever saw it  
You would even say it glowed.  
All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names.  
They never let poor Rudolf, join in any  
reindeer games.  
Then one foggy Christmas Eve,  
Santa came to say...  
"Rudolf with your nose so bright;  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"  
Then how the reindeer loved him!  
And they shouted out with glee.  
"Rudolf the red nosed reindeer, you'll go  
down in history"!



## 3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town!  
He's making a list  
And checking it twice  
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!  
OH! You better watch out!  
You better not cry,  
Better not pout, I'm telling you why,  
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



## 5. I'M A FRIENDLY SNOWMAN

(tune of: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a friendly snowman  
Big and Fat  
Here is my tummy, here is my hat  
I'm a happy fellow, Here's my nose  
I'm all snow from my head to my toes!  
I have two bright eyes so I can see  
All the snow falling down on me.  
When the weathers cold I'm strong and tall  
When it's warm, I get very small.



## 4. Hanukkah Happiness

Clap, clap, clap your hands,  
Sing so merrily, Hanukkah is here today-  
We're happy as can be!  
Stamp, Stamp, Stamp your feet,  
Sing so merrily, Hanukkah is here today-  
We're happy as can be!  
Jump, jump, jump real high  
Sing so merrily, Hanukkah is here today-  
We're happy as can be!



## 6. SNOWBALL

I made myself a snowball as perfect as can be  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me  
I made it some pajamas with a pillow for its head;  
Then last night it ran away – but first it wet the bed!





## 8. Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
On a one-horse open sleigh,  
Through the fields we go  
Laughing all the way!  
Bells on bob-tail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight!  
Oh!  
Jingle Bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!

## 9. MUST BE SANTA!

Who's got a beard that's long and white  
Santa's got a beard that's long and white  
Who comes around on a special night  
Santa comes around on a special night  
Special Night, beard that's white

Must be Santa  
Must be Santa  
Must be Santa, Santa Clause

Who wears boots and a suit of red  
Santa wears boots and a suit of red  
Who wears a long cap on his head  
Santa wears a long cap on his head  
Cap on head, suit that's red  
Special night, beard that's white

Must be Santa  
Must be Santa  
Must be Santa, Santa Clause

Who's got a big red cherry nose  
Santa's got a big red cherry nose  
Who laughs this way HO HO HO  
Santa laughs this way HO HO HO  
HO HO HO, cherry nose  
Cap on head, suit that's red  
Special night, beard that's white

Must be Santa  
Must be Santa  
Must be Santa, Santa Clause

Who very soon will come our way  
Santa very soon will come our way  
Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh  
Santa's little reindeer pull his sleigh  
Reindeer sleigh, come our way  
HO HO HO, cherry nose  
Cap on head, suit that's red  
Special night, beard that's white

Must be Santa  
Must be Santa  
Must be Santa, Santa Clause!

Must be Santa  
Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Clause!

