

The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten

May Newsletter



Important Dates:

April 30th and May 1st: Celebrating May Day during Morning Sing time!

May 2nd: Graduation pictures in cap and gown with Mr. Bill for the Bluebird, Cardinal, and Kindergarten classes.

May 7th: Bluebird Science Workshop-class H/H4

May 8th and 9th: Mother's Day gifts go home. Shhhh! It's a surprise, no peeking.

May 8th and 9th: Planting our Mother's Day flowers!

May 12th and 13th: Admission Packets go home for the 24/25 school year.

May 13th and 14th: Cardinal Café-check your child's class calendar

May 15th and 16th: Bake Sale after school at 12:45, 2:45 and 3:15

May 20th and 21st: Chickadee Butterfly Workshop-check your child's calendar

May 21st and 22nd: Progress Reports Go Home

May 22nd: Kindergarten Author's Workshop

May 23rd and 26th: No School - Memorial Day

May 29th and 30th: Tissue Paper art display in the hallway.

June 3rd: Admission Packet forms due today.

May Day at the Giving Nest

We begin the month of May by singing our May Day song during Morning Sing time while dancing around our May Pole decorated with brightly colorful ribbons to celebrate the new season.

As we welcome the long-awaited spring month, we will be singing about friendship, caterpillars, the sun and our Mommies.

We will learn about spring flowers, the water cycle and butterflies.



Our Caterpillars are here...

Each class has received 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 the week of May 19th each class will pick a special day to release their butterflies. Be sure to watch for an email with pictures of the butterflies' release.



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 8th or Friday, May 9th. 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 and on the grass. 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!



Graduation Pictures

The Bluebird, Cardinal, and Kindergarten students will have individual Graduation pictures taken dressed in his/her full Cap and Gown. We have scheduled this day for Friday, May 2nd. The pictures will be taken by our resident photographer Mr. Bill from Positive Image Photography. You will have the opportunity to view the photos online before purchase. Make sure you have received the email with details prior to the scheduled day.



Bluebird Science Workshop

The Bluebirds have been studying a scientist a month, learning about each scientist, and doing science experiments. To conclude this unit of study, during this workshop the children will turn into scientists and will be conducting four science experiments with the help from our volunteers: learning about Density, Dissolving, Reactions and Binding. Each scientific term will be proven throughout each experiment. The children will be sure to wear the proper scientific gear all while conducting the experiments and we will be sure to send pictures.

Cardinal Cafe

The Cardinals will be learning the proper techniques for serving a meal; including taking drink orders, presenting the meal, using good manners, and presenting you with the cheque. We will invite two (2) family members per child to attend this event. Look for the invitation in your child's folder and be sure to return your response card by the required date. Throughout the lunch the children will entertain their guests by singing fun May songs that they have learned in school.

Please check your child's class calendar for his/her day.

Tissue Paper Display



The children will be working on their final all 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 on May 29th and May 30th.



Kindergarten Author's Workshop

As part of the kindergarten writing program, the children learn the steps of writing a book. Our Kindergarten class has been working on writing their very own stories. When completed, we will celebrate their accomplishment with a Kindergarten Author's Workshop. We will invite two (2) guests per student to attend. Each student will have the opportunity to read his/her story to the class and guests. We will offer light refreshments for our guests while the children are reading. The children will celebrate at the end with a special ice pop snack. Please check your child's folder for the invitation and response card. The Kindergarten Author's Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd!

Looking Ahead...




Kindergarten Graduation!

Parents and families of our Kindergarten students are invited to attend the graduation. The children will wear a cap and gown, sing songs, present, and read "Next year I can't wait to?", and receive a diploma. More details will follow. Please check the school calendar on our website for graduation dates!



Bluebird and Cardinal Graduations!



Parents of our Bluebird and Cardinal students are invited to attend the graduations. 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. Please check the school calendar on our website for graduation dates!



END OF THE YEAR CEREMONIES for DUCKLINGS and CHICKADEES!



Parents of our Duckling and Chickadee classes are invited to attend a simple end of the year ceremony in the classroom, 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. Please check the school calendar on our website for ceremony dates!

All of the graduations and ceremonies are celebrated throughout the month, 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 or graduation a week or so before the last day of school. Regardless of the date of end of the year ceremonies all the children will still continue to attend classes until their official last day of school.