



The Giving Nest Preschool October Newsletter

We are excited to send our first monthly newsletter and class calendar. Please be sure to read them as they have VERY Important monthly information.

Giving Nest Sing

Sing is a special and fun time for the directors, teachers, and students at the Giving Nest. Each morning the classes meet in the center hall to sing the monthly songs and participate in fun and interactive lessons from the Directors.

During Sing in October, we will be focusing on Halloween and Fire Safety! The Directors will show the children, through lessons and stories, the steps to take if they smell smoke or see a fire. We have fun stories and skits we perform on fire safety, calling 911, and planning a meeting place.

In September we began collecting food for a local food bank. During *Sing* we explained how a food bank works. We suggested that once a month the Giving Nest students, when shopping with mom or dad, ask if they can pick out something to put in the food bank bin. Things in need are can goods, such as sauces, vegetables and tuna. Peanut butter is in big demand as well as pasta products and dry cereal. There is also a need for deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, disposable razors, hand crème, and disposable diapers. However, anything your child wishes to donate will be appreciated. There is a blue basket on the stage for donations. We will deliver the food we collect to a local food bank.

Each morning before we salute the flag we ask if anyone has food for the food bank. Those children have been invited to come up on stage, drop their gifts in the blue bucket and form a line. We then state that, "These children started their day in a special way, what did they do special?" All respond, "They thought of others."

Together we count the children on the stage and clap for them and all sing our "donate song".



Halloween Celebrations and Parades



As you check your child's calendar this month you will notice that our Halloween Celebrations are not on Friday, October 31st Halloween Day. In the past our parents experienced conflicts with attending our Halloween festivities and viewing events of siblings in the grammar schools. We've scheduled it this way for several years and it is very successful. Please pay close attention to your child's calendar for times and dates.

Parents are invited to come to enjoy the children dressed in costumes. The Ducklings will have a parade outside, weather permitting or in the center hall if it is raining. The Bluebirds and Cardinals will have a fashion show on the stage. Children should come to school dressed in costume on the day of the fashion show or parade. If the costume is uncomfortable, please have comfortable clothes underneath, or send clothes we can change them in.

The children will also have a small Halloween celebration in their classroom. We will be sending a Sign Up Genius link the week of October 13th that will send you to a Class Party Sign Up Sheet!

Back to School Night

This month all parents are invited and encouraged to come and learn what your child does all day at The Giving Nest. This special evening will begin promptly at 6:00 PM and lasts about an hour. It is for adults only so perhaps you can get a friend, relative or babysitter to watch the children at home. The director will give a short presentation regarding important information you need to know. Next you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom. You will see your child's work, write a short note to your child, try to pick out which art project is your child's. In the classroom you will also listen to the varied activities and special skills planned for your child throughout the year.

We request that you do not use this evening to ask questions regarding your individual child with the teacher or assistant. Conferences are scheduled in January for this purpose. We do however send out "fall updated" in November with individualized information on how your child is doing. If you have any concerns that need to be

addressed before, please write a note to the teacher and she will call you within the week. If you have any questions about Back to School Night, please call the office or stop by. Check your individual class calendars or our online monthly calendar for the day of your back-to-school night.

Please Get Your Flu Shot

It's a State Mandate Influenza Vaccine: Children 6 months through 59 months attending any childcare or preschool facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 & December 31 each year. It is **very important** you comply with this state mandate. The state sends a nurse to the preschools to check each child's medical paperwork and make certain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date and/or documentation not provided, the child may have to leave the school. The state nurse checks all immunizations. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask for Mrs. Kathleen



