

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.

Cardinal & Bluebird Friendsgiving Fun!

The children in the Cardinal and Bluebird classes are going to have a yummy Friendsgiving Feast with their friends.

To celebrate friendships at the feast, the Cardinals will exchange friendship necklaces with each other and the Bluebirds will exchange bracelets.

To help make this meal more festive, we will be sending out sign ups 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 towards the school

We will be sending you a link and a code to view your child's artwork and place orders. Please keep an eye for the email which will also include due dates.

School Breaks

Teacher Convention - Please do not forget there is no school on Thursday November 5th and Friday November 6th. We are following the public-school schedules in our area.

Thanksgiving Break – We will have a1/2 day Wednesday November 25th (no aftercare on those days) and no school on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th 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 17th and 18th. 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!

