



**MARCH NEWSLETTER 2023**  
**The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin**  
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***March Happenings at the Nest...***

**“St. Patrick’s Day, Leprechauns, Pots of Gold, Rainbows and More...”**



March is always a FUN and MAGICAL month at The Giving Nest, especially because of St. Patrick’s Day. On March 16th or 17th (check class calendars), the children will come to school wearing green and they will be busy all day long looking for that silly Leprechaun! He likes to cause a little trouble when the children are not in the classroom (like playing with the toys and not putting them away and turning things upside down, etc...) He really is quite harmless, and he even leaves his footprints for the children to follow to his “Pot of Gold!” Each child will get a baggie filled with Lucky Charms as a remembrance of this fun-filled day.

**Giving Nest’s Summer Program**

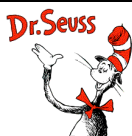


On Thursday, February 16th an email blast was sent to you regarding summer camp registration which will be held at our Watchung School and for our younger friends (2 - 3’s) at our Warren School... If you did not receive the information and are interested, please see the office.

**“Art to Remember” Fundraiser**

*A memorable Keepsake made by your Child’s own Hands*

Back by popular demand is a fundraiser entitled **Art to Remember**. During the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the children used their talent to create a piece of artwork. It will be sent to the **Art to Remember** company and they will send you an order form and sample of this artwork reproduced on a wonderful keepsake of your choosing. These will arrive at the end of April- before Mother’s Day.



**The Giving Nest Celebrates Dr. Seuss’s birthday with “Read Across the Giving Nest”**

*On March 2nd, the National Education Association calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd the children at the Giving Nest will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with "Read Across the Giving Nest". The children should bring in their favorite picture or reading book. Please see your child's calendar for this date. During Sing Time the children will share their favorite book. The children will take a pledge that says they will read, look at or have an adult read them at least one book each day. They will learn that reading is fun, reading allows their mind to have new ideas, knowledge, and dreams. Reading teaches them about the world and themselves. Reading teaches them to be a good listener, an explorer, a motivator, and a role model. Reading will continue to influence them long after the book has been read.*



### ***The Cardinals Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday***

*On March 9th, the Cardinal classes H & I will participate in a Dr. Seuss Funday! They will enjoy many activities like a "Horton Hatches an Egg" obstacle course, "Hop on Pop" rhyming memory game, "1 Fish, 2 Fish, RED Fish" card game and a "Cat in the Hat" craft.*



### ***Cardinal's Artist Workshop***

*On March 20th, the Cardinals will enjoy a workshop that will introduce them to 4 artists. As most of you know the children were introduced to a famous artist each month throughout the school year. To end our artist unit the children will visit 4 stations that allow them to learn the techniques of those artists. They will "meet" Georgia O'Keefe, Henri Moore, Michelangelo, and the Artist within the child. The children will draw and paint while lying on their backs like Michelangelo. They will sculpt with clay, color and paint large flowers like Georgia O'Keefe and create a sculpture. Parent Volunteers are needed and welcome this year.*

### ***Bluebird's 5 Senses Workshop...***



*On March 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup>, the children in the Bluebird classes will participate in the "5 Senses Workshop". At the workshop the children will visit five hands-on stations. At each station the children will have the opportunity to use their 5 senses and experience what it would be like if one of their senses did not work. For instance, the children will see and feel Braille, they will paint pictures holding a paint brush in their mouths and will practice sign language. Please see your child's calendar for dates and times. Volunteers are needed.*

## Ducklings Animal Workshop



On March 30<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Duckling children will enjoy the transformation of our Fellowship Hall into an animal kingdom. Your children will see displays of animals in their own habitat, jungle, forest, farm, and pets. At each station the children will do a craft or activity pertaining to the animals displayed. Parent volunteers are welcome and needed.



### SAVE THE DATE - IT'S SHOW TIME!!!

**Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - Classes C, H/H-3, & K @ 4:30 in Fellowship Hall**  
**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Classes A, E/E+ & G/G+ @ 4:30 in Fellowship Hall**  
**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - Classes D/D+, F/F+ & I @ 4:30 in Fellowship Hall**  
**Children in Classes D/D+ & E/E+ or F/F+ & G/G+ may attend 1 or both shows.**

**Show Donations: There will be a collection box for cans or dried food for the Somerset County Foodbank.**

### Important Dates....



**March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>- READ ACROSS THE GIVING NEST- please bring in your favorite book to read and show and tell. (Check the teacher's calendar for your day.)**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - Cardinals celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>- Celebrate St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green(Check the teacher's calendar for your day.)**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – Cardinal Artists Workshop**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Bluebird 5 Senses Workshop**

**March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> – Duckling Animal Workshop**

***Tax Season is upon us. For those who need it,  
our tax - exempt I.D. # is 02-0693987***