



The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten October Newsletter

Giving Nest Morning 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 large meeting room 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.

Also, in October we will begin collecting food for a local food bank. During Sing Time we will explain how a food bank works. We suggest 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 bin we use for the donations. We will deliver the food we collect to a local food bank.

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



Halloween is always a fun and festive time at the Giving Nest. As you check your child's class calendars this month you will notice that our Halloween Celebration are not on Monday, October 31st, Halloween Day. In the past our parents have 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 the dates. We will also send an email reminder with parade specifics, days and times, in the beginning of October.

Parents are invited to come to enjoy the children dressed in costumes. The Ducklings will have a parade outside, weather permitting or in the large meeting room if it is raining. The Kindergarteners, Cardinals and Bluebirds will have a fashion show and sing Halloween songs. Children should come to school dressed in costume on the day of the fashion show or parade. If the costume is uncomfortable, please have clothes underneath or send in a change of clothes he/she can change into.

The children will also have a small Halloween celebration in their classroom. If you would like to contribute to the festivities, we will be emailing sign-ups in October, using Sign-Up Genius, for Halloween goodies to share with the class. Please note, parties are for the children only.



Learning about Fire Safety

During morning Sing Time and Circle Time, we will talk about fire safety through lessons and stories. We will learn the steps to take if the children smell smoke or see a fire, calling 911, stop-drop-roll and cover your faces and planning a meeting place. We are looking forward to a visit from the North Plainfield fire Department, the children in each class will each get a turn to walk outside and tour the fire truck and ask questions to the Firefighters. The firefighters will also describe the equipment a firefighter wears, explaining each piece of apparatus. How exciting it will be for the children to learn about these especially important lifesaving skills.



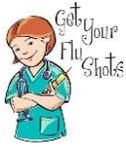
Back to School Night

This month all parents are invited and encouraged to come and learn what your child does all day at The Giving Nest. This year this special evening will begin promptly at 7:00pm and lasts about one hour. It is for adults only so perhaps you can get a friend, relative or babysitter to watch the children at home. Your evening will include both a short presentation given by Mrs. Amy and Miss Rhys with your children as the cast of characters in a wonderful slide show! You will also have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom. You will see your child's work, write a short note to your child, and 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 school year. We will be sending an email with your schedule for the evening.

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 home "Fall Updates" 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 calendar for the day of your back-to-school night.

In Service Day - No School

Please do not forget there is no school on Monday, October 10th. This day is reserved for an in-service training day for all of our staff. We try to follow the public-school schedule in our area, and many of the schools are also closed for an in-service day.



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 the 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 Giving Nest and all preschools to check each child's medical paperwork and make certain all shots have been administered. If immunizations are not up to date and/or documentation is not provided, the child may have to leave the school until all records are received and updated. The state nurse checks all immunizations. To make certain your child's immunizations are up to date please go to: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/cc_preschool_requirements_parents.pdf. If you have any questions, please call the school at 908-754-2060.



'Art To Remember' Fundraiser

The children are very busy working on special art projects. These projects will be sent to 'Art To Remember' to be scanned and used for our first fundraiser. You will have the opportunity to view your child's artwork placed on custom printed keepsakes with the option to purchase these special items. The keepsakes will be completed just in time for the holidays. If you are looking for a special gift, this is a wonderful option! More details will follow for viewing and ordering these items.