



The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten in North Plainfield September Newsletter

September is finally here! September is the time for children to buy new shoes, get haircuts and look for that perfect first day of school outfit. At the Giving Nest, it's a time to decorate classrooms, fill up lesson plan books and make name tags. We will start our day gathering for Sing Time. We will enjoy a day of fun, learning activities. We will invite our parents in for workshops, school plays, Holiday Sing-a-longs etc. Our goal is to provide your children with opportunities to create, explore and learn. The Giving Nest staff is looking forward to getting to know their new students. We are brimming with new ideas and anxious to fill our classrooms with smiling faces. So many beautiful faces!

"Thinking of Others" by Donating to the Food Bank Our curriculum is set up to encourage your children to love school and experience all the joy that comes with learning new things. We also offer opportunities to experience the true pleasure that comes with helping those in need and putting others first. This year we will continue our program entitled: 'Gertie Gives' (this will run throughout the school year). Starting in September we will collect food donations, on a daily basis, for a local food bank. During Morning Sing Time, Mrs. Amy and Miss Rhys will explain how a food bank works. They will suggest that the Giving Nest students, when shopping with their families, ask if they can pick out something to put in the food bank. Things in need are canned 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, hand crème, and disposable diapers. However, anything your child wishes to donate will be appreciated. We will deliver the items we collect each week to The North Plainfield Food Bank. Each morning Mrs. Amy and Miss Rhys will ask if anyone has food for the food bank. Those children will be invited to come up to the front of Community Sing, put their donation in the donation bin, and to form a line. The children will all sing our donation song together, and they will clap and say "Thank You" to the donators of the day.



School Wide Theme: Read Me A Story

In September we will introduce the children to our favorite songs, "Rise and Shine", "The Donate Song" and "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah". We will talk about making new friends and we will learn about school safety rules.



During the months of October through June we will introduce our yearly theme. We will read, play act wonderful stories, watch puppet shows and learn about authors and illustrators. If it is your child's birthday, your child will hold the flag while we say the Pledge of Allegiance. You are welcome to come to Sing Time on your child's scheduled day.

Communication at the Giving Nest: We believe that communication between the school and the parent is vital. Any paperwork we send home will be sent in your child's "Take Home Folder." You will receive this at your Meet the Teacher visit. Each day your child attends school, please empty the folder when you get home and put the folder back in your child's backpack in order to stay informed about what is happening in your child's class and the whole school.



At the end of each month, you will receive:

From your teacher through our website or Constant Contact: A monthly calendar which highlights the specific activities the children will do on that day. Also, a Monthly Age Group Highlight for the upcoming month which explains the small group activities planned for each month for each age group.

From the office: you will receive a tuition envelope that will have your child's name, class letter & payment due. Please review the information and if anything is incorrect, contact the office: Mrs. Amy or Miss Rhys. You will also receive the monthly newsletter highlighting the school wide and age group events that will be taking place that month. This will be available on our website or will be emailed to you through our Constant Contact email application. If you prefer a hard copy, please contact the office.



LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DISMISSALS -

State Mandates Children arriving late (after 10:00) may not enter the classroom until mom, dad or caretaker sign in at the front main entrance (by the orange cones). Please ring the main entrance doorbell to drop off your child. When you arrive, please sign in with your child in the Late Arrival/Early Dismissal binder located inside the main door. Mrs. Amy, Miss Rhys or a staff member will bring your child to his/her classroom. This is required by the State, and we cannot make any exceptions. Another state rule requires that if you are picking up your child early, before going to the classroom, you must sign out at the front main entrance. Please notify the school by calling the office of the early dismissal request. Upon arrival, please ring the main entrance doorbell and we will greet you with your child. If you have any questions regarding this, please see Mrs. Amy or Miss Rhys.

Picture Day



Smile! Our professional photographer, Mr. Bill, will be here this month to take class and individual photos on 9/26 and 09/27. You may purchase these pictures if you like. Once all pictures are completed, you will receive an email with the link to the photos. You can order your photos directly through the email link. Please check individual class calendars on our website,

<https://www.givingnestpreschools.com/north-plainfield-parents> for the date of your child's photos.

Welcome Back to School!

We can't wait to see everyone!

