

# The Giving Nest Preschool and Kindergarten -January Newsletter-



We welcome you back to school and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In January During Sing Time we begin by ringing in the new year! We will come together in the sing room and count down from 10 to 1 and yell 'Happy New Year!' We will talk about News Year's Resolutions, including our own and what each class at the Giving Nest will accomplish this year. We will start to learn about different countries around the world, we will talk about germs and how to stay healthy, and we will learn what Martin Luther King was known for. We will also learn new songs for the winter season! We are looking forward to a fun filled month!



## New Year's Resolutions at the Giving Nest

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year! The arrival of 2023 will be celebrated at the Giving Nest with noisemakers and confetti. Each class is challenged with a new skill to accomplish in 2023.

The Chickadees (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  year old's) will begin to learn how to unpack their own backpacks. Upon arrival, with guidance from the teachers, the children will learn where the backpack is hung up and where to put their folder. After a few times it's amazing to see how quickly the children learn how to do this themselves.

The Ducklings (3 to 4-year old's) will begin getting their own coats at the end of the day and putting them on without any help. They will use the preschool method of laying the coats on the ground and putting their arms in the sleeves and flipping the coats over their heads (flip-flop over the top!).

The Bluebirds and Cardinals (4 to 5-year old's) will begin zippering, buttoning and/or snapping their own coats and putting on their hats and gloves all by themselves.

The Kindergarteners (5 to 6-year old's) will begin tying their shoes all by themselves. If your child has Velcro shoes, please consider buying tie shoes next time. We will also have tying shoes books in the classroom for the children to practice.



## -- Important Dates in January:

- January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Welcome Back to School
- January 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports go home
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – No School – Celebrate Martin Luther King Day!
- January 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – Conferences - sign ups will go out on January 9<sup>th</sup>
- January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – Pajama and Slipper Day! (check your child's class calendar)
- January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – Weaving Display! Walk the hallway with your child to find his/her weaving project!

### *Pajama & Slipper Day...*



During the cozy month of January each class will have PAJAMAS & SLIPPER DAY! January 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> ... Please check your class calendars for your child's date. On PJ and Slipper Day, please have your child wear their PJ's and send a pair of slippers to school, placed in your child's backpack. During the day we will talk about cozy times in the winter. We will serve "semi" hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream. It will be fun to see what each child enjoys in his/her hot chocolate!



### FLU SHOT REMINDER FROM THE STATE NURSE...

WE MUST HAVE YOUR FLU SHOT DOCUMENTATION WHEN YOU RETURN IN JANUARY OR YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CLASS! THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS SCHEDULED TO COME AND CHECK FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION. THANK YOU!

# PRESCHOOL



## Registration

### Pre-Registration and In-House Registration Procedure

It seems a bit early to think about September 2023, but January is registration time for all preschools in our area. We have many applications on file and new parents are anxious to know if there is room for their child next year. So, we conduct an in-house pre-registration in January. We do everything possible to ensure that you, our in-house families, are able to enroll in the class of your choice. We try to be very creative with our offerings. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> you will receive an e-mail asking you to pre-register no later than January 26<sup>th</sup>. We ask you to pre-register so we can determine if we need a lottery or an adjustment to meet all our In-house students' needs. Please carefully read the information in the e-mail regarding the procedures and importance of pre-registering your child. After pre-registration we will hold in-house registration. In House Registration begins on January 30<sup>th</sup> and ends on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will begin calling the many families that we have applications on file beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding classes for next year or our pre-registration and registration procedures, please call Mrs. Amy or Mrs. Rhys at 908-754-2060 or email us at [directorsnp@givingnestpreschools.com](mailto:directorsnp@givingnestpreschools.com).

