



The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten

March 2024 Newsletter

Important dates:

March 1st - Read Across America during Morning Sing Time!

March 4th - Cardinal Dr. Seuss Day!

March 11th - Cardinal Artist Workshop!

March 11th to March 14th - Scholastic Book Fair

March 14th and 15th - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! - The Leprechaun Visits

March 20th - Bluebird Eric Carle Day!

March 26th and 27th - Duckling Animal Workshop - check your child's calendar.

March 27th and 28th - Clay display

Looking Ahead - March 29th to April 5th - Spring Break!



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

In March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday!
On this silly and fun-filled day
we will read many favorite Dr.
Seuss books at morning sing and during class time!



A Visit from the Leprechaun...

March is always a FUN and MAGICAL month at The Giving Nest, especially because of St. Patrick's Day. On March 14th or 15th (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 in order for the children to find his "Pot of Gold!" Each child will get a special treat to take home as a remembrance of this fun-filled day.

Duckling Animal Workshop...

This month our **Ducklings** participate in an **Animal workshop**; learning about animals' habitats: jungle, forest, farm and pets, matching baby animals to their parents, listen to animal noises and play animal bingo, paint forest animals and guessing which animal by giving clues. The children have so much fun at each station. We are looking for parent volunteers to help at each station. If you are interested in volunteering, please look for the email with the sign-up option. Check your child's calendar for his/her scheduled date. We will be sure to send home lots of pictures.





Bluebird Eric Carle Day!

The **Bluebirds** will be reading many Eric Carle books this month. During this special day the children will play a memory/bingo game with 'The Hungry Caterpillar', search for 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and all his friends, learn a new song 'Today is Monday', and make a craft with 'The Tiny Seed'. What a fun day it will be. If you are interested in volunteering, please look for the email with the sign-up option. Check your child's calendar for his/her scheduled date. We will be sure to send home lots of pictures.



Cardinal Dr. Seuss Day

On Monday April 4th the Cardinals will enjoy Dr. Seuss' birthday month by coming to school and listening to and then exploring four of Dr. Seuss' famous books. After listening to the classic "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" the children will wear Dr. Seuss hats and play a game of go fish with their classmates. Our industrious students will make a Cat in the Hat face mask to take home and play a life size memory game with rhyming words all while wearing "cat in the hat" hats. If you are interested in volunteering, please look for the email with the sign-up option. It will be a fun-filled day. We will send pictures of the events!

Cardinal Artist Workshop-

The children at the Giving Nest learn new things through stimulating, exciting and fun age-appropriate activities. Here is your chance as a parent to become part of the Giving Nest experience for an hour or so. On March 11th, the workshop will be held in the Large Meeting Room and involves 4 to 6 stations. Check your child's class calendar for the scheduled day. We hope to have enough volunteers to cover each station. If you would like to volunteer, please look for the volunteer sign up email.



The Cardinals will don art smocks and enter the world of famous artists; painting under a table to simulate the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo, painting a large picture of colorful flowers like Georgia O'Keefe and making a psychedelic painting like Peter Max to name a few.

Learning about Manners - Excuse Me!



Your children are so wonderful; their energy, excitement, and total joy of life makes our job the best ever! As you are aware, often times they want to share something exciting about their marvelous day and their exuberance overtakes them and they burst into an ongoing conversation - interrupting. We will discuss that it is not polite to interrupt unless it is an emergency. We will explain that if you need to go to the bathroom it is correct to interrupt a conversation by saying "excuse me". However, if you want to tell a story you should stand there and wait until there is a pause in the conversation or wait until someone notices you are standing there and addresses you. In the past, our very observant students mentioned that sometimes they are too small and if two adults are talking they might not see a small child. We will start something new at The Giving Nest. If a child wants to tell the teacher something and the teacher is engaged in conversation with another child or adult the child gently touches the teacher and waits patiently. The teacher gently touches the child to let him know she is aware he wants to speak. The teacher will then finish her sentence and address the child waiting.

'Interrupting is very disrupting,

Don't start squawking,

When someone else is talking!'



Scholastic Book Fair!

This year we are excited to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair will be held the week of March 11th to 15th and will be set up in the Large Meeting Room during the day. The children will have the opportunity to browse and look at the books and will be able to make a 'wish list'. These lists will go home for you to review and decide if you would like your child to purchase any items. The wish lists should be returned no later than Thursday March 14th. If you would like to shop the book fair with your child we welcome you to join us after school on Wednesday, March 13th or Thursday, March 14th from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. We are looking forward to a successful book fair!



Pottery Display

The children will be working on their very own clay creations. While creating their own pottery sculpture the children use their fine and gross motor skills to sculpt their masterpieces. Each age group sculpts a different creation: Chickadees create a birds nest with eggs, Ducklings choose an animal, Bluebirds create a pinch pot, Cardinals create a coil pot, and the Kindergarteners sculpt Dinosaurs. The creativity is wonderful! Look for the email with the date to visit for your child's class.