



The Giving Nest Preschool in Pluckemin

Director: Barbara Maxwell



Welcome to the Giving Nest

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 have been blessed to occupy this beautiful space in Pluckemin and are so eager to share it with you. 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!

School Wide Theme: The Community Helper



In September we will introduce the children to our favorite songs, "The More We Get Together", "Rise and Shine" and "Skid-a-marink". 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. Through stories, hands on experiences and visitors we will learn about the community around us. We will have visitors from the fire department, the police department and our local farmers. We invite you to join us. We'd love to have chefs, carpenters and pilots etc. Please see Mrs. Max during the year if you'd like to introduce the children to your profession and how it contributes to their well-being.



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.

Lines of 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." Please empty the folder when you get home and put the folder back in your child's backpack. In order, to keep you 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. We suggest you refer to the calendar before you leave for school-this may help an apprehensive child. 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-Barbara Maxwell (Mrs. Max), Sherry Paterson (Miss Sherry) or Chrissy Miller (Miss Chrissy):

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. You will 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 application**. If you prefer a hard copy, please contact the office.



New Arrival & Dismissal Procedures:

The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten is operational from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. We will be offering Permanent Early Care from 8:00 to your child's scheduled start time and After Care from your child's scheduled dismissal time until 4:30. The arrival time is 8:45 for our Wise Owls and 9:00 for all our other classes. Dismissal times are 12:15 for half day classes and 2:15 for full day classes. The Wise Owls will be dismissed at 2:45. Arrivals and dismissals will be at our front and back door entrances. Upstairs classrooms will use the front door while our downstairs classrooms will use our back door. There is a doorbell at both entrances. Please drop your child off on time. The doors will be unlocked at 8:57. They will be locked again as soon as it is possible. All Early and After Care children will use the front door to the school. Your teacher will guide you while at your child's "Meet & Greet".

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!!!

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE ALL OF YOUR SMILING FACES AGAIN and WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!

