



The Giving Nest Preschool May Newsletter

May Day Celebrations at the Giving Nest

We begin the merry month of May by singing songs while dancing around a May Pole decorated with brightly colored streamers. We continue our May celebration by improvising on an old tradition believed to have originated in Roman Times. These ancient people welcomed the long-awaited Spring month by filling May baskets with flowers and secretly giving the baskets to neighbors. Each class will be given a flowering plant to share with another class. During the morning the classes take turns tiptoeing to another room, knocking on the door, leaving the plant, and scurrying quickly back to their room. They then peek out to see the delighted faces of the children in that class when they find the flowers outside the room.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Each teacher schedules one day in May or June for conferences. Please be on the lookout for an email with sign up information. Conferences are encouraged but not mandatory. Check for your child's teacher's conference dates on our web page in the calendar section.

Tike-a-thon



For those of you new to the school the trike-a-thon is a twofold event. First, it is a fun and unique way to raise money for a very good cause and second it is an opportunity for the children to learn bicycle safety. The money we raise will go to St. Jude's hospital. This is a very special hospital for children only.

At Sing Time, starting in May we will be reading a delightful story about a bear who is learning the rules for riding a bike. On your child's class's designated day, the parents need to bring the child's riding toy or bike to school along with his/her helmet. (Check class calendars for designated day). All riding toys and helmets must be clearly labeled with first and last name. We will send an email as to the exact location for each class to drop their bikes to. The class name and teacher will be written in chalk specifying where to leave the bike or riding toy.

After all the cars are gone the parking lot will be closed to cars and a riding course will be set up. Students will come up, five at a time, and the riders will negotiate the course using the rules that we had pointed out to them in our lessons. It really is a fun day!

St. Jude's is devoted to the treatment and research of childhood catastrophic diseases. The hospital opened its doors in 1962. Since then, children have been treated from across the United States and 60 foreign countries. St. Jude has brought overall cancer survival rates from less than 20 percent to better than 70 percent. Procedures originating at St. Jude's are now being used to treat children throughout the United States and other parts of the world.

How does all this work? Giving Nest parents give permission for their children to participate and obtain sponsors. These sponsors donate \$2.00, \$5.00 or more to the St. Jude cause in name of the trike rider. PLEASE NOTE: the children are allowed and encouraged to participate whether or not a donation is submitted! Simply sign and return the permission form.

In the past we have had several children who have just learned to ride two-wheelers bring in these bikes. The course involves turning and it was very difficult for the helpers to run after and support the children on two wheelers. Please, please bring in tricycles or riding toys if your child is not totally proficient on a two-wheeler

Caterpillars are coming the Giving Nest

Four to six caterpillars in a plastic cup will be given to each class. The children will observe these caterpillars busy eating and eating and growing and growing. The children will eagerly wait for them to spin a cocoon. The cocoons will then be placed in a butterfly house. Soon the cocoons will open and to your children's delight butterflies will emerge. At the end of the month each class will pick a special day to release their butterflies.



Admission Packets for September 2024

If your child is enrolled for the following school year you will receive this important packet the May 9th and 10th. Please open immediately, there is important time sensitive information included. If your child is enrolled and you do not receive one, please call the school immediately.

Memorial Day Weekend



Please note, the Giving Nest will be closed on Friday, May 24th and Monday, May 27th in observation of Memorial Day.

Looking ahead.....

Ducklings End of the Year Ceremonies

Parents of our Duckling classes are invited to attend a simple end of the year ceremony in your child's classroom. The parents will be able to observe the children participating in a typical morning circle time routine. Afterwards end of the year certificates will be handed out. The entire ceremony lasts about twenty minutes. We do limit attendance to two spectators per child due to lack of space. These ceremonies are celebrated throughout the month, not necessarily the last day of school. It is possible that your child will celebrate his end of the year ceremony a week or so before the last day of school. Regardless of the date of end of the year ceremonies all the children will continue to attend classes until their official last day. Check your child's calendar in June for dates and times.

Bluebird and Cardinal Graduations

Parents, friends and relatives of our Bluebird and Cardinal students are invited to attend the graduations. Graduations will be held outside. Graduation will begin promptly at 1:15 Only one class graduates at a time so there is not a limit on the number of guests attending however each family will only be allowed four seats (standing room is available for additional guests. The children will sing songs, present original art work, receive a diploma and wear a cap and gown.

Graduations are celebrated before the last days,
Classes will still be in session after graduation day.



Save the Date...

- Monday, June 10th at 1:15 PM – Class K
- Tuesday June 11th at 11:00 AM – Class I
- Wednesday June 12th at 1:15 PM – Class J
- Thursday June 13th at 1:15 PM – Class L