



# GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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## Happy Birthday

- 1 Claire Soik
- 1 Ms. Jenna
- 5 Noah George
- 8 Wyatt Brooks
- 10 Ms. Katie
- 11 Lilian Dahnke
- 13 Conner White
- 19 Stella McCormick
- 21 Alyssa Radtke
- 21 Ethan DeYoung
- 25 Willow Sanderson
- 25 Violet Jewell
- 28 Myles Jadro

## Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

- Ms. Tiffanie 21 Years
- Ms. Cat 14 Years
- Ms. Olivia 1 Year

## Director Notes

Dear Parents,

Can you believe the summer program is just 2 weeks away?! We are all very excited to start weekly field trips, lots of outside time and exciting activities in the classrooms. Field trip calendars and payment should have been turned in May 26th. If you have not yet turned them in, please do so as soon as possible. As always, parents are welcome to join on field trips, just let teachers know if you're interested. As a reminder, please make sure your children are wearing closed toe shoes and sandals. We have this policy to prevent injuries while playing at the playground and parks.

Grandma's House Annual Family Picnic is Sunday, June 4th at Wiberg Aquatic Center. Hopefully we have a hot sunny day for

swimming between 10 and 12 and a delicious cook-out from 12 to 2.

Also, big congratulations to our 4K group as they just had their graduation. I know they will all do well as they move on to their new school next year. It was so fun watching them grow the past five years.



Lookin' forward to field trips, water play and warm summer days!

**Jess Donohue, Director**

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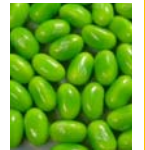
## Cotton Candy

Welcome Ms. Jessi, who is joining us in the infant classroom. We are continuing to practice rolling over on the playmat and are looking forward to spending time outside on the playmat. We are also listening closely to the babies' cries as they become differentiated to their needs. During playtime and feeding times we are encouraging the babies to reach out in front of themselves and play with their fingers. As always, we will be getting outside more frequently in the nice weather, please bring sun hats and sunscreen. ~Ms. Jessi & Ms. Holly, Young Infants



## Island Punch

We are excited that summer is right around the corner! We've had some fun, spring related units this past month. During our Farm theme, we focused on stacking blocks with both small and large sized cubes. We also worked on throwing a ball using different textured balls. For our Gardens theme, we engaged in pretend play by exploring fake flowers, watering cans and gardening gloves. We also practiced our jumping skills by jumping on chalk circles outside. We're looking forward to tackling some new goals during our next unit - Rain! ~Ms. Ashley & Ms. Amanda, Younger Toddlers



## ♥ CPR/First Aid Classes ♥

Grandma's House offers American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Saver w/AED and Medic First Aid Pediatric training through PULSES to our staff. Parents are also welcome to participate in this training. This is a great opportunity to learn how to handle emergency situations should they arise.

Our next class is **Saturday, August 5, 2017** at our Tosa Center from 8:30 -10:30 am. The cost is \$42 per person. If you are interested, please see Ms. Jess to sign up.

## Literacy Bags

Please take a moment to look at home or in your car for literacy bags you may have borrowed so that you can return them. I would like to exchange them with new titles and activities.

Thank you, Katie Pleuss  
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# Sand and Sun

# Summer Has Begun!

## Superfruit Collection

We are loving the outside time to run around, ride bikes and play. We are working on hand-eye coordination and being able to catch a ball that is bounced to or thrown to us. We are also seeing the difference in seasons outside looking at the grass finally growing, trees getting leaves and flowers blooming. We are focusing on what is different in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. We are continuing to write our first, middle, and last names comparing them to when we first wrote our names and seeing how far we have come. We are also working on cutting a zig zag line and holding scissors properly when we walk. ~Ms. Brittnee, 4's



## Tutti Frutti KINDERGARTEN

We are coming to the end of 4K and our Graduation performance went very well! It is sad to have it over already but I feel we have made so many memories and embarked on many experiences to lead us to the next phase of our lives! This last month we have learned about many bugs! We sang about the different body parts of an insect and we have reviewed the life cycle of a butterfly. We also learned a lot about farms: how they are useful and why they are important. Our letter workbook is finally completed so we have reviewed lowercase letters and the formation of numbers. Thank you to all families for a great first year as the 4K teacher here at Grandma's House! ~Ms. Holly G.



## Belly Flops

Give 3 cheers, Summer is finally here! We are very excited for the warm weather and all the fun summer time brings! We have been working very hard and having a lot of fun on our portfolio focuses. During our Flower Shop unit, we worked on recognizing shapes by matching circles, triangles, rectangles and squares to their corresponding flower. We also worked on hopping on one foot by hopping from flower to flower on the ground. During our farm unit, we were encouraged to use magnifying glasses to investigate different seeds and note the similarities and differences. We also practiced cutting on a straight or curved line, which helped the baby farm animals find their mom. ~Ms. Jenna & Ms. Emma, 3's



## Birthday Cakes

We are looking forward to our summer program and going for lots of walks, playing on the playground and even water play! In June, we will be working on two different portfolio focuses; *responding to their name being called* for younger babies and *imitating simple act such as clapping hands or shaking head* for older babies. We will also celebrate Father's Day and would like to wish all of our fathers a great day! ~Ms. Denise & Ms. Julie, Older Infants



## Strawberry Shortcakes

We've been busy learning about Dinosaurs and Nursery Rhymes. During our Dinosaur unit we got to practice gross motor skills like running, jumping on two feet and climbing objects while pretending to be dinosaurs. We also had the opportunity to match dinosaurs by shape, color and size using file folder games. During our Nursery Rhymes unit we practiced fine motor skills by doing puzzles, using our pincer grasp to create art with cotton balls, and by scribbling with markers and crayons. We also practiced counting 1-5 using animals in our flannel stories and number stickers. ~Ms. Jessie & Ms. Jennie, 2's



## Sizzling Cinnamons

Happy Spring! Thank you, Mr. Scott for the new sand in the sandbox! We really enjoy scooping, pouring and digging in the sand. In the warmer weather we are spending more time outside and developing our abilities to run, climb and jump. We learned about Bugs and are now focused on Family. Please bring in one or two family photos that we can laminate for the classroom. We look forward to the joys of summer and all the fun we will have. ~Ms. Judy & Ms. Shawn, Older Toddlers



## Lemon

### Puddle Ducks

We have been busy exploring the great outdoors! First we worked on our garden - loosening up the soil before planting some lettuce, spinach, and pumpkin seeds. For our portfolios we worked on *building and repeating an A-B pattern* using colorful foam blocks, and we also worked on snipping fringe, cutting along a line with scissors and cutting pictures from flower catalogs. Our next exploration was "Creepy Crawlies". We read lots of books about bugs and insects and learned about insect body parts. We worked on drawing people using colored pencils and paper. We used *measuring worms* to measure blocks using non-standard measurement. We are looking forward to lots of fun summer field trips!



~Ms. Cat & Ms. Trudy, 2½'s

## Picture Day

### Wednesday,

### June 14th



Save the Date!

Grandma's House Family Picnic  
Wiberg Aquatic Center  
Sunday, June 4, 2017