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A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear Parents,

Spring is just around the corner as days are getting longer and the sun is shining. We have lots of fun things that are coming our way! With warmer weather comes more field trips and MORE outside time. Please remember to keep your child's cubby stocked with extra clothing as the children love jumping in puddles while outside.

I just want to mention that every month there is a list that is posted by the front door on the community board about family fun events that are taking place for that month in our community. Also, located in the front entrance, we have our community resource binder with helpful phone numbers such as, Birth to 3 services, local schools and Waukesha WIC.

As March is on its way we will start planning our events for the Week of the Young Child which happens in April. If you would like to volunteer or help plan events please see me for ideas.

Happy early days of Spring!

Jess Donohue, Director

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Poky Little Puppies

Spring is right around the corner and we can't wait! It's time for some fresh air and gentle breezes. In March, we will be working on pulling up and standing briefly. We will help children pull up on low shelves so they can stand briefly with support. Let's hope for an early, warm spring.

Spring showers

Playful

Rainbows

Intoxicating

Nature renewing

Green Grass

Ms. Julie & Ms. Denise, Older Infants

Do you or someone you know have a special musical talent? Our 4K class will be learning about different instruments and musical concepts starting March 12th -March 22nd and would love to have special guests share their talent with them.

Please contact Ms. Holly G. (Assistant Director/4k Teacher) in person or via email at holly@grandmashouse.org or sign up on the 4K doors with your information.



Little Hay Bales

Spring is on its way! We have been staying busy on those cold winter days. We enjoy seeing all of the miles and hearing babbles from our little friends. A great portfolio focus we are working on is to respond when being talked to, as well as demonstrating excitement. We focus on this by singing, dancing, talking, repeatedly using the child's name during one on one time, and playing peek-a-boo. Not only do we love this time, the babies do too! Another focus we are working on is sitting with and without support. The babies are offered a boppy pillow, bumbo seat or lap to sit in. These opportunities are offered daily. We are all working hard.

Ms. Holly S. & Ms. Diane, Infants

Little Piggies

During February, we focused on learning basic sign language and using a spoon or fork at snacks/lunch. We focused on signing more, all done, and please. During our 5 Senses theme, we painted with coffee and helped to make Kool-Aid Playdoh. Then we turned our attention to our Red theme. We viewed red hearts and created marble painting with red paint. We really enjoyed the few days exploring the snow outside as well. Next we will begin learning about Animals, focusing on our pincer grasp and small motor activities.

Ms. Ashley & Ms. Jessi, Toddlers

Honey Bees

This month has been a very exciting month for us! We welcomed new friends, had a Valentines Party and learned about the Circus and Valentines/Hearts. Within this month, we learned about following directions which was done by going for a walk on the rope and making sure we are holding on and following Ms. Jennie while on a walk. We also worked on matching colors and shapes. We did this by searching for colored Valentines in colored rice in our sensory table. Along with all of these focuses we also worked on making sure we are gentle and kind to our friends. We are looking forward to our Children's Play Gallery field trip.

Ms. Jennie & Ms. Janell, 2's

♥ 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 classes are **Saturday, March 3, 2018 & Saturday, April 28, 2018** at our Tosa Center from 8:30 -10:30 am. The cost is \$42 per person.

If you are interested, please see Jess to sign up.

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Llama Llamas

We've had so much fun playing in the snow for the month of February. In February, we learned about the Winter Olympics and Friendship. During our Winter Olympics unit we learned about sink and float; what items float and what items sank. We also learned how to cut on a straight line with scissors. The children had fun pretending to be Olympic Ice Skaters using paper plates. During our Friendship unit we had fun role playing and recognizing our feelings. In Dramatic Play we had fun playing Post Office. We are learning to share and make sure our friends feel good.

Ms. Emma & Ms. Aimee, 3's

Puddle Ducks

Ms. Katie was a great substitute Puddle Duck teacher while I was gone! During the Llama Llama theme we worked on sorting by 1 or 2 attributes by color and/or shape. We also worked on hopping on one foot while holding onto something. Sometimes we did it to music and sometimes as we moved around the classroom. Our next theme was the Winter Olympics. We continued working on hopping on one foot while pretending to be at the Olympics. We also practiced 1-1 correspondence 1-10 while we worked on some Provocations. Two were set up: one had people, cardboard pieces and tree pieces. The other had ping pong balls, spoons, tongs and pom poms.

Ms. Cat, 2 1/2's



Chirpy Chicks

We are anxiously awaiting the spring weather now after, what feels like, a long winter. But throughout this long winter, we have had many learning opportunities and experiences. In our Chicka Chicka Boom Boom unit, we practiced matching colors with foam ABC letters and colored construction paper by placing the colored foam ABC letter on the same colored piece of paper. We also engaged in pretend play by playing with dolls and doll houses. The children loved it! Then we moved onto our Disney unit practicing our puzzles skills by completing different puzzles. We also worked on enhancing our pincer grasp by placing and balancing pom poms on pieces of foam pool noodles. We are enjoying our Rainforest unit and are excited to learn new things.

Ms. Amanda C. & Ms. Cassidy, Toddlers

The Kids

It's almost spring! We're so happy the weather is heading in a better direction and we can spend more time outside. We were very busy last month with our Friendship unit and our unit on Shapes. We worked hard recognizing numbers 1-10 and graphing colored hearts. We also talked about and worked on sharing with others and respecting one another. During our shape unit we worked on recognizing our shapes as well as practicing making simple shapes using pencils and paint. Ask us to identify squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, ovals and trapezoids! With the wet weather I would recommend taking snowpants, hats and mittens home to be washed soon!

Ms. Jenna, 4's

Old McHolly's Farm

What a busy month February was for 4K, we started out talking about pets, then celebrated Friendship, and Chinese New Year and lastly the 1st of March will be our 100th day of kindergarten. We also have been focusing on a few different developmental skills. We reviewed drawing a person while keeping in mind to add details with all the different parts we have. This was done in our journals, through songs and using Ms. Holly as an example. Another portfolio focus for this group is, contributing in a group discussion. The class contributed by retelling stories after they were read, and using their own ideas in their journals started with a sentence prompt. Lastly each student had their ideas written down when making a list for what kind of special lunch we wanted for our friendship party and then everyone voted on their favorite idea. I am proud of each student for being such a big part of each other's learning! One more developmental focus that was worked on was measuring with nonstandard units of measurements. We had a lot of fun using mini dog treats to see how long our friends were, the students worked as a team and helped each other during this fun lesson. It is so exciting to see this group of students grow and develop with each other.

Ms. Holly G., 4K

Happy Birthday

- 3 Emmett Pichler
- 3 Lincoln Pichler
- 6 Wilson Kieckbusch
- 8 Ms. Claudia
- 10 Mila Markovic
- 10 Taylur Snow
- 20 Ms. Jess
- 22 Emily Jing
- 22 Charlie Snow
- 22 Ethan Zoltan
- 22 Maximus Schuppener
- 24 Ms. Andrea
- 27 Anabelle Bobinski
- 28 Owen Siebenaller
- 31 Sawyer Watkins

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Mr. Robert 18 Years

Ms. Jennie 3 Years

Little John Deeres

We are hoping this nicer weather sticks around so we can continue to play and explore outside. We are practicing using a spoon to scoop meals and working on using our words more to communicate what we need. Then we will be focusing on engaging more in pretend play by bringing in tools, dishes, babies and more. We will be practicing puzzle skills by placing pieces in the correct spot. We will also be looking at various types of books; with words and without words.

Ms. Brittnee & Ms. Olivia O., Toddlers

