



GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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Director Notes

Dear Parents,

Our summer program is in full swing and the children are enjoying stroller walks, sandboxes, water play, and, of course, field trips!

With summer comes a lot of vacations and time off. Please remember in order to receive credit for a vacation you need to let us know seven days in advance. You can submit either online

www.grandmashouse.org or on a Vacation Form located by our tuition

boxes. If you have any questions feel free to email me.

Summer will come to end shortly. If your schedule is going to change for fall please let me know. Our fall program will start August 28th with the class lists posted in mid-August.



Have a great summer!

Jess Donohue, Director

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Jellyfish

We are learning how to play games with simple rules and structure, like freeze tag or toss the water balloon without it hitting the ground. We are also focusing on building ABA and ABC patterns with outside materials. We are also learning about living and non-living things by exploring outside and collecting items. Last, but not least, we are focusing on following classroom guidelines and safety rules for our classroom and on field trips.

~ Ms. Brittnee, 4's

Sand Castles

We are off to a great start this summer! We have been very busy with many field trips. During our Zoo trip we all took pictures of animals that each child has been editing on the computer. Adventure Rock, a rock climbing wall and Topper's Pizza both visited us. Everyone was able to try and climb the rock wall. Some even raced Ms. Holly to the top. During Topper's Pizza we made pizza to enjoy for our snack and tried forming our own pizza dough. In addition to our field trips, our afternoons have been filled with water play and Brain Work. Brain Work tickets are handed out for a chance to win a prize, such as teacher's helper, class DJ or using a special chair.

~Ms. Holly G., SA

SUNRAYS

The Sunrays are having a wonderful summer! We are enjoying water play, fun art activities and reading all our favorite books. We are learning our colors and shapes as well as comparing big things to smaller things. We love climbing on our indoor climber, crawling through tunnels and riding bikes! We also love to eat! Lunch time and snack time are favorites, thank you Ms. Erin! We keep working on taking turns, sharing and saying please and thank you. The most important thing is we're having fun while we learn!

~Ms. Jenna & Ms. Judy, 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 Jess to sign up.

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

July

Ms. Susan 29 Years

Ms. Holly S. 3 Years

August

Ms. Michele 23 Years

Ms. Kim 20 Years

Ms. Amanda C. 8 Years

Ms. Denise 8 Years

Ms. Aimee 6 Years

Ms. Jenna 5 Years

Ms. Claudia 5 Years

Ms. Judy 3 Years

Flip Flops

Babies, Babies everywhere! Welcome to Grandma's House! In August, we are working on lots of tummy time for head/neck control. Also, we are offering rattles and plush toys for the infants to grab and hold. For our older infants, we place their hands on their bottles during feeding time to encourage hand to mouth coordination. We love to get out for buggy rides!

~Ms. Holly S. & Ms. Jessi, Young Infants



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Lil Surfers

Summer has been flying by! We have been enjoying fun in the sun, water play and stroller rides. The children love to splash in the water table outside. In August we will be focusing on simple language and stacking. We look forward to lots more fun in the sun. Let's hope August brings us some drier days.

~Ms. Denise & Ms. Julie, Older Infants

Tiny Turtles

Happy Summer, Tiny Turtle families! We have been staying busy with outdoor water play and enjoying the beautiful weather. We just finished our Beach unit where we focused on throwing a ball and using sign language. The children participated in pretend play by wearing leis and grass skirts. They also got to explore new textures by painting with shells. Now we have started our camping unit where we will focus on understanding names of toys and people. We will explore new objects such as marshmallows, pine cones, flashlights and twigs. Next we will be figuring out more about ourselves in an All About Me unit.

~Ms. Amanda C. & Ms. Ashley, Younger Toddlers

Starfish

We are keeping busy this summer learning about the beach. We practiced our gross motor skills by running, jumping, and throwing and kicking a beach ball. We practiced our math skills by counting shells, matching sand castles by color and identifying sea shells by size big vs. small. During our 4th of July unit, we practiced our fine motor skills by making sticker collages and using our pincer grasp to make stars using tweezers. We also practiced our self-help skills by dressing up in summer gear in dramatic play center. We are looking forward to learning about ice cream and camping.

~Ms. Jessie, Older Toddlers

Beach Balls

We have been enjoying our summer so far! We made a list of our top 5 favorite things about summer.

#1 Water Play!

#2 Eating Popsicles

#3 Field Trips

#4 Playing Ring Around the Rosie

#5 More Water Play!

Along with all these fun things we've been doing, we have also been keeping very busy with our portfolio focuses. During our ice cream theme, we focused on our AB and ABA patterning by creating different patterns using colored ice cream cones and candy. We also practiced copying simple shapes including a square, circle, and triangle. During our shapes and colors lesson, we worked on shape recognition by completing tangram piece puzzles. We also learned about simple technology by exploring light and color with the light table.

~Ms. Emma & Ms. Cassidy, 3's

Seashells

We are busy with all our fun and exciting field trips and our favorites are the Zoo and Kids in Motion. We are focusing on verbalizing our wants when trying to talk to Ms. Jennie. We are also working on matching colors such as blue, red and yellow. During our Farm theme the children matched the colored farm animals together. We also practiced our color skills while creating corn masterpieces with different colored pieces of corn. Next, our theme is Beach where we are focusing on gentle touches with our friends and expanding our puzzle skills. The children do this by adding more pieces to the puzzles.

~Ms. Jennie, 2's

Happy Birthday

July

1	Ms. Jennie
2	Luke Lathara
2	Declan Okonkwor
2	Isaac Johnson
5	Mia Cleveland
7	Ms. Judy
8	Sophie James
8	Rohan Segon
9	Connor Pigeon
14	Liam Lancaster
14	Olivia Piotrowski
14	Ms. Amanda C.
15	Naya Busse
20	Avery Heding
22	Greyson Headd
24	Indi Green
25	Simone Hergott
27	Connor Austin
30	Nolan Hallquist
30	Prisha Gupta

August

1	Victoria Sanderson
3	Wesley Meilahn
5	Ronan James
7	Ava Hallquist
7	Ms. Jessie
9	Kara McFarland
9	Ian Milsch
11	Adam Lopatkiewicz
12	Myra Kilari
15	Greta Glick-Johnson
18	Ms. Michele
19	Grayson Riehl
19	Mr. Scott
24	Noah Peterson
29	Olivia Lopatkiewicz



Puddle Ducks

Amazing things happen in our classroom! We worked on hopping on one foot around the playground and sat and listened to all kinds of stories - rhymes, song stories, poetry, flannel stories, and so on. We also worked on problem solving with puzzles, blocks, and tricycles. Colors and shapes surfaced as interests, so we looked all over inside and outside for shapes and colors. Since puddles and water have been popular with the Puddle Ducks, we will be exploring water and how it moves. Independence has been the name of the game, too - not only do the children take off their sheets and blankets on Fridays, they can stack and unstack their cots.

~Ms. Cat, 2½'s