



GRANDMA'S HOUSE DAY CARE CENTERS, INC

GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear families,

Thank you to all of our moms who attended our 4th Annual Mom's Night Out! It was a fun evening filled with food, drinks, and conversation. Don't worry, we didn't forget about celebrating dads! We will hold our annual Donuts with Dad breakfast on Friday June 15th from 7-9 am... watch your email for more details soon!

Although summer doesn't officially begin until June 21st, our summer program at Grandma's House starts Monday June 11th! We have a fun-filled summer planned with lots of exciting activities, new lesson plan themes, and, of course, field trips on the "bumpy bus"!

A couple of reminders for our summer program... With your permission, we can apply our all natural sunscreen and insect repellent on your child. Please send your child in closed-toe shoes and keep your child's cubby stocked with a sun hat and weather appropriate changes of clothes.

Since the children engage in lots of water play outside to keep cool, we ask that parents supply a package of Little Swimmers for those children not yet potty trained, a swimsuit, and a towel (which will be sent home every week for you to launder).

As always, please make sure to label these items with your child's name.

Kristie Potter, Director,
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Upcoming Events

June 3 ~ Family Picnic ~ 10am -2pm
Wiberg Aquatic Park

June 8 ~ CLOSING Early @ 3 pm

June 11 ~ Summer Program Begins

June 14 ~ Picture Day

June 15 ~ Donuts with Dads ~ 7-9 am

Baby Farm Animals

Thankfully, the spring weather has cooperated and has let us get out for an occasional walk. We have been learning and exploring with our senses. First, our unit was about things we can see. Our second unit was about noises we hear around us. These experiences gave us important time to interact with our environment and develop skills related to identifying ourselves and others and manipulating some fun new materials. Soon we will be growing into our summer program.

Ms. Ericka, 1st Infants

Gingerbread Friends

Thank you to all our families for remembering to pack a healthy lunch for our field trip to the farm. A special thank you to Quaid's dad and Mrs. Ryan for chaperoning and to Mr. Terry for driving us. We will be making a class book of our adventures to Green Meadows Farm. As summer approaches, please check your child's cubby for season appropriate clothing. Also, please send a towel and swim suit for water play at the center. Our summer theme is the Great Outdoors and therefore, we will be spending more time outdoors. Part of playing outdoors is getting dirty and messy. Please dress your child in clothing that can get a little messy!

Ms. Lynn & Ms. Nicole, 3's

Inside Out

We would like to welcome everyone to the two year old room! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know and get reacquainted with your little ones. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the coming summer program and having a great summer. Please feel free to explore our parent board to stay up to date on upcoming trips, outings and resources available. You can also stay current on what lesson plans we are implementing and what areas of development are being focused on week to week. This month will be all about self-help, building skills to successfully achieve everyday tasks on their own.

Ms. Zuleika & Ms. Shaparis, 2's

Tawny Scrawny Lions

Hello Families! Summer will soon be on its way with fun and field trips. If you have not done so already, please leave a water bottle labeled with your child's name in their cubby. We continue to work on identifying numbers 1-10 by playing roll and cross. During this game children roll a numbered die. Whichever number they roll, they cross off on their paper. We continue to expose the children to as many cultures as possible through creative expressions with Ms. Michele and by listening and dancing to cultural music.

Ms. Nikki & Ms. Keke, 4's

**Join
Us!**

**Grandma's House
Annual Family Picnic
Wiberg Aquatic Center
Sunday, June 3, 2018**

Poky Little Puppies

Last month the children really enjoyed our unit on opposites and the unit on things we can touch. We explored all sorts of textures from starfish to candy hearts and rocks in sealed bags. It was interesting to see the children's expressions as they manipulated the different textures of soft/hard, smooth/rough, thin/thick and big/little. It was a great lead into our unit of opposites, where the children heard lots of books on opposites such as Elmo's World of Opposites, Loud Lion Quiet Mouse, Everyone's Little and Sandra Boynton's Opposites. We even had flannel board pieces to go to one of the stories for the children to play with as they worked on sitting up with a boppy. Our upcoming units are "Things we can hear" and "April showers bring May flowers." Please remember to bring hats and coats for our walks outside.

Mrs. Jefferson & Ms. Judeen, 2nd Infants

Jungle Book Friends

The month of May has brought sunshine, rain and flowers that we all got to learn about. We experienced different types of flowers together and got to learn about them using our touch, smell and sight. In our upcoming lessons, we will be learning about different types of bugs. We will have the opportunity to be able to observe living creatures through play and through fun. Our portfolio focuses include increasing the use of our pincer grasp through play such as picking up our small bugs and placing them into dump and fill containers. Another portfolio focus is the increase in vocabulary. We will start out simple with listening to animal sounds. Listening, repeating and rehearsing are effective ways to build up one's vocabulary and work on phonetically sounding out more difficult words. The toddlers love learning through songs and stories and we incorporate teaching into our story time. Amazing results are seen when the children's faces light up as they hear the stories and they reenact the same hand movements that they have grown to memorize and enjoy.

Ms. Diana & Ms. Sam, 2nd Toddlers

The Tootles

This month, to end our famous children's authors units, we highlighted future famous children's authors. We had school aged children write and illustrate books that we read to the class. One book was about Dr. Whiskerpaw, who was able to bring dogs and cats together, so they could live happily alongside each other. We even read a book about a robot who ran a race along the Great Wall of China. Now we are looking forward to summer. Please remember to bring in hats, swim diapers, and your own sunscreen if you are not using what we provide. Also, please make sure that your child has summer clothes in their cubby.

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Christie, 3rd Infants

Lion Friends

This June we will be doing a lot of outdoor activities such as playing with bubbles and learning about bugs. We will take stroller rides through the park and watch to see if we can find bugs along the way. Picture day is coming on June 14th, so bring your smiles! We love to do art so we will be taking it outside. We will use things like fly swatters to paint with, sand, glue and paint to make pretty pictures for mom and dad.

Ms. Salessa & Ms. Brittannie, 3rd Toddlers

Happy Birthday

June

- 1 Karter Johnson
- 2 Ms. Claire
- 3 Sullivan Hoppenjan
- 3 Gryffin Trenholme
- 5 Levi Krohn
- 6 Kali Ambos
- 7 Luke Bower
- 7 Ms. Zuleika
- 12 Audrey Swaim
- 12 Clara Ramos
- 12 Ms. KeKe
- 15 Mary Kate Simonis
- 17 Georgia Hinton
- 20 Iris Goelzer-Holochwost
- 23 Karoline Neuberger
- 24 Robyn Messer
- 30 Jacob Kieser

July

- 1 Ethan Schilling
- 1 Audrey Schwade
- 6 Benjamin Modl
- 8 Elias Lopez
- 9 Luke Broeckling
- 13 Ian Podevels
- 13 Theodore Meuler
- 18 Aria Sims
- 21 Ms. Jessi
- 24 Jayla Ross
- 25 Penelope Gahl
- 27 Ms. Carmen
- 28 Madelyn Broeckling
- 30 Stella Hack

Congratulations

*On celebrating anniversaries
with Grandma's House!*

June

Ms. Brie 13 Years

July

Ms. Nikki 7 Years

Ms. Zuleika 2 Years

Ms. Sam L. 1 Year

♥ 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 4, 2018** at our Tosa Center from 8:30 -10:30 am. The cost is \$42 per person. If you are interested, please see Kristie to sign up.

Saggy Baggy Elephants

Cow says Moo! We had a blast going to the Brookfield Center to see and touch various farm animals. As always, the bumpy bus ride was a hit. We also had a lot of fun this month learning about the farm and our emotions. We really enjoyed the flannel stories that were a part of the emotions lesson plan. We always love flannels! One portfolio focus for the farm unit was categorizing by attributes; we recognized fruits by color. The portfolio focus for our emotions lesson plan was labeling primary colors. We used various flannels to label colors and we also were able to label colors with a slot box that Ms. Mia made. Our final lesson plan before summer will be about pets.

Ms. Mia & Ms. Ami, 2 ½'s

Animal Friends

We have been working really hard on our sign language skills; like "all done" and "more". We also introduced a new concept of "big" and "small" during our dinosaur unit. With such a wide array of large motor abilities and ages, we are working with each child in helping them reach their goals. We will be transitioning into our summer program this month. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Ms. Claire & Ms. Jessi, 1st Toddlers