



GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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Happy Birthday

- 9 Norrie Lebeck
- 9 Callen Whelan
- 10 Ms. Katie
- 11 Elizabeth Weddig
- 15 Dawson Galbari
- 22 Elena Aguilera
- 22 Chloe Pollack
- 23 Ms. Amy
- 25 Eliana DelaPaz
- 27 Ms. Shannon
- 29 Bennett Holdmann

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Kristine
10 Years

Director Notes

Dear Parents,

Happy summer! Field trip calendars should be turned in already. We really need them back and signed in order to organize all the trips. Field trips are so exciting for the children, but we will not send a child on any trip without a signed calendar and payment. The signed calendar serves as a permission slip to take a child. Please remember that you are welcome to chaperone, just let us know on the calendar if you plan to attend a trip. Some trips require advance notice. Grandma's House provides sunscreen for children as long as the parent signs off on it. The brand is Rocky Mountain and the ingredients are posted on the doors of center for you to look at.

We will spend a lot of time outdoors this summer. Water play is a big hit! Please always have a swimsuit, towel, and preferably water shoes for water play on the playground. We are planting two gardens and hope to be able to harvest enough vegetables for lunch a few times this summer. Last summer we had lettuce and cucumbers several times! The children love to take care of the garden and pick the vegetables when it's time.

Thanks to all the moms that came to Mom's Night Out! It is always so nice to get together and talk (psst- without the kiddos sometimes!)

Jane Sweet, Director

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Banana Peppers

We are super excited this month! We are learning about the farm and planting both inside and outside of the classroom. We are planting and weeding the Grandma's House garden boxes and we can't wait to see everything grow! Besides working on our farming skills, we are also working on these skills:

*Catching balls bounced and throwing overhand.

*Playing games with simple rules and structure such as: Simon Says, Red Light, Green Light and Hopscotch.

*Writing and identifying letters in our name.



We are also enjoying the beautiful weather!

~Ms. Amy, 4's

SPICY JALAPEÑOS

I can't believe it's June and the year is half over. We had fun learning about ourselves and our family. We also enjoyed going to and learning about the farm. Our focuses for May were: *following simple directions in a game* and *heel to toe walk*. We played the game of Freeze and Simon Says.

The children loved freezing and giggled when they started losing their balance. For heel to toe walk, we practiced by watching Ms. Shannon demonstrate first and then the children tried. We also worked on crossing the mid-line and jumping off one foot not holding on. We tried playing Tic Tac Toe, but instead of X's we tried t's. The children love jumping so practicing jumping off one foot gets them excited.

~Ms. Shannon, 3's



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!

Wildflowers

Summer is finally here and summer means lots of outside time! Something we will be working on is learning how to pedal a bike. We have all figured out how to move ourselves with our feet on the ground, now it's just taking it to the next step and using the pedals. Last month we talked about Birds and Flowers. We attached a bird feeder to the outside of our classroom window and we put a bird feeder outside on our playground. We are on the lookout for birds! We also used our senses to explore flowers and compared/contrasted flowers.



~Ms. Kelly, 2's

Sweet Peas

June is so exciting with the beautiful weather it brings. We are looking forward to spending every moment possible outside. We will incorporate our lesson plan activities to the outdoor environment. During June we will learn about Birds and Fruit. Our child portfolio focuses will include *matches colors, sizing, explores various types of books, and points correctly to parts of the body*. We will work on these skills by exposing the children to pretend birds of each color. We will also offer small, medium, and large pretend birds to the children. The children will explore many different types of bird and fruit books. We will sing and act out *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* as a fun transition song for the children.



~Ms. Ruth, Toddlers

Little Kernels

It's that time of year when we have to say good-bye to our old friends and hello to new friends. The babies learn and do so much with us in the short time that they are with us. And now it is time for them to use those skills (crawling, pulling up, cruising along the furniture) and learn new ones with Ms. Marti. In return, we have new babies come ready to learn, grow and move. As we approach the Summer Program, just a few housekeeping tasks to take care of. With the weather becoming nicer, we will be spending more time outside on the playground and on walks. Sunscreen, either provided by you or Grandma's House, will be applied each time. Please bring a sun hat for your baby that may be worn while we are out.



Water play is an activity that is enjoyed by all in the summer. If you would like your child to wear a swimsuit during this time, please provide one in their cubby. Swim diapers are also useful, if you wish.

With the seasons changing and your baby growing, please take a moment to go through your child's cubby to make sure we have appropriate clothing. We do get messier in the summer with outside play, so a spare set of clothing is necessary. Here's to a great summer and some fun in the sun! ~Ms. Kristine & Ms. Andrea, Infants

Sweet Potatoes

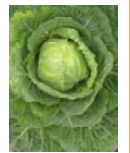


Summertime Fun and Fathers will be this month's themes. We will be spending lots of time outside enjoying the warm weather. One of our child portfolio focuses is *pointing to body parts*. Repetitive pointing and singing songs about body parts support learning about our body parts.

Another focus is *to imitate acts*. The toddlers enjoy watching me demonstrate Peek-a-boo. Many times they will hand me a scarf with the understanding that they want to play Peek-a-boo.

~Ms. Marti, Older Infants

Cabbage Patch Kids



In May we learned about Transportation and all the ways we can play with cars and trucks in our classroom. Our two portfolio focuses were on matching objects and sorting by shape. We matched types of vehicles and then by shape and color. We also sorted wheels from other shapes and made shape patterns. The two other focuses were on completing simple puzzles and being able to sit and listen to stories at group time or small group activities. When doing puzzles we worked on looking for the correct design or shape to put the correct piece in place.

~Ms. Tricia, 2 1/2's

Mighty Stalks

It is quite hard to believe that another school year has passed. I have really enjoyed my time with the school-age group this school year. As the school year winds down please take some time to go through your child's cubby. I will be emptying them out next week in preparation for summer. For those of you staying with us this summer, please be sure to check your child's cubby for a welcome letter. The letter includes some very important information regarding the summer program and summer school. Attached to the welcome letter is a calendar of events for the whole summer, including summer school days off and extra supplemental activities. For those of you who have the summer off, I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

~Ms. Donna, School Age

Join Us!

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