



GRANDMA'S HOUSE DAY CARE CENTERS, INC

GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to a great summer! Field trip calendars were due in May so if you have not turned one in please do so now! No child will field trip without a signed calendar and payment for trips. The signed calendar serves as a permission slip for us to take your child. Remember you are welcome to join us or meet us on a trip if you want. All children wear Grandma's House T-shirts to be easily recognized and accounted for. We also send extra staff members when we leave the center.

We will be doing a lot of water play on the playgrounds this summer. We recommend a pair of shoes that can get wet, like swimming shoes or an extra pair of closed toed sandals. Your child should have a swimsuit and towel in their cubbie for these days, please.

Tuesday, June 12th is our ice cream social from 4 - 6 pm and we will have a rock painting activity for the families to do to help build our center rock garden. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jane Sweet, Director,

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Join
Us!

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

Upcoming Events

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

June 8 ~ **CLOSING Early @ 3 pm**

June 11 ~ Summer Program Begins

June 12 ~ Family Night ~ Ice Cream Social ~ 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Happy Hippos

The month of 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 a about Water and Zoo. Our child portfolio focuses include *points to parts of body* while doing Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes, *scribbles* when offered paper and crayons, *responds to name being called* and *uses 10-20 words* including name.

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Ruth, Toddlers

Honey Bees

Welcome to the Honey Bees Classroom! We look forward to meeting new babies that will be joining us in the coming months. We have new faces joining us as we celebrate many of our friends turning one and moving on to the older baby room. We are 'buzzing' about summer and the opportunity to spend more time outside now that the weather is warming up. The babies love being outside exploring the playground, digging in the sandbox, feeling the breeze and going for buggy walks. Sunscreen is applied to the babies each time we go outside to protect their delicate skin. A sun hat would also be great for the summer to protect their heads from the sun. Please take a moment to go through your child's cubby and exchange out the spare clothing from winter to summer and size. The babies have been 'buzzing' around the classroom pulling up, cruising along furniture and using simple gestures to communicate. All exciting development and Ms. Andrea and I can't wait to see more. Here's to a Buzzing Summer!

Ms. Kristine & Ms. Andrea K., Infants

Delightful Dinos

During May we enjoyed our Bugs and Family themes. We explored playing outside with nets to catch bugs while painting with gummy worms. We also enjoyed learning about our families and how we are the same and different, what kind of houses we live in and what our families do for fun. In June, our themes are Feathered Friends and Zoo. We will meet the following portfolio focuses:

**tracing and scribbling*

**cutting*

**sorting by color, shapes and sizes*

Ms. Shannon & Ms. Andrea G., 2 1/2's

Creative Critters

We are working on building towers with different types of blocks and cubes, such as brick blocks and mini blocks. We are practicing our pincer grasp by using tongs to pick up items, molding playdoh and holding cars to drive on ramps. We are also sorting colors of shapes and objects in the classroom by using shape sorters, file folder games and felt stories. We had fun making art with a variety of tools such as rollers, brushes, foam soap and paint. Please be sure to have extra socks in your child's cubby as we tend to get a little wet outside after it rains.

Ms. Tricia & Ms. Loryn, 2's

Curious Crawlers

Summer is approaching and that means more buggy rides, more water play and sensory play outside, and enjoying snack time outside. Our themes will be Father's Day, Red-White-Blue, and our favorite, Ice Cream! One of our child portfolio focuses we will work on is to walk with assistance. Some of our friends are able to pull themselves up from sitting to standing and are anxious to become more mobile. Some friends will use furniture to assist in walking. The push toys have handles and wheels for the children to use when learning how to walk. Our nonwalkers use the push toys frequently and become excited when they are able to move across the classroom and playground. Another child portfolio focus is fitting items into a jug. The children enjoy playing with homemade toys as opposed to store bought toys. Using a plastic container with a hole cut into the lid works well for fitting items into a jug. The children figure out quickly that the opening is to be used for retrieving items and placing items into the container.

Ms. Marti & Ms. Chantel, Toddlers

Marvelous Mouseketeers

We have been enjoying the beautiful weather lately. If you can't find us running, jumping, or riding bikes on the playground, we have been walking through town enjoying the changes we see taking place in our natural environment. As a group we have been very busy talking about plants and animals as well as their life cycles. We have been looking at the parts of plants and have done tons of mini planting to get us ready for the Grandma's House Anywhere Garden. Our Anywhere Garden is based on the book "Anywhere Farm" by Phyllis Root. The book helps us look at the many ways we can plant to make the space around us that much more inviting as well as encouraging us to work together with our neighbors to make our space that much more beautiful, because it all starts with one farmer and one little seed! Our classroom is the main group in charge of caring for the garden but it will be a collaborative effort by all the children enrolled in the center. Look for classroom updates on how our garden is progressing through the summer!

This month we will continue working on our Science Benchmarks of:

- * *Exploring differences in living/nonliving object*
- * *Life cycles of plants and animals*
- * *Differentiating textures (i.e. hard, soft, smooth, bumpy)*



Ms. Amy, 4's

Merry Monkeys

We have had such a fun and busy end to our time together. We have really been having fun walking around Hartland and getting to see our community in a new way. Every adventure is a new one and the kids are really enjoying getting to choose their own way. Inside the classroom we have been busy practicing many skills such as cutting with scissors, identifying our names, and learning to solve problems by using our words. Outside we have been working on our gross motor skills such as throwing a ball overhand and galloping. We will be ending our time together with a picnic and some play time at Nixon Park on Tuesday June 5th. I have really had a wonderful time getting to know both you and your children over the past few months. Have a wonderful summer!

Ms. Donna, 3's

Happy Birthday

June

- 8 Mila Andekian
- 9 Norrie Lebeck
- 9 Callen Whelan
- 11 Elizabeth Weddig
- 12 Novalee Hillard
- 15 Dawson Galbari
- 20 Colton Mortensen
- 22 Elena Aguilera
- 22 Chloe Pollack
- 23 Ms. Amy
- 25 Eliana DelaPaz
- 26 Lucille Buechl
- 27 Ms. Shannon
- 28 Joelle Frankulin
- 29 Bennett Holdmann

July

- 1 Leyla Perez
- 5 Grayson Schwefel
- 6 Will Bates
- 6 Charlotte Schroeder
- 8 Molly Piotrowski
- 15 Ms. Ruth
- 22 Emmi Tolliver
- 22 William Knoebel
- 22 Braelyn Plesh
- 22 Maddyx Pfankuch
- 23 Maya Wuerl
- 24 Parker Jansky
- 24 Grant Jansky
- 25 Elizabeth Miller
- 27 Teddy Buckley
- 29 Marek Dubord
- 30 Ms. Selena
- 31 Azlin Zywiec

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

June

- Ms. Kristine 11 Years*
- Ms. Bree 1 Year*