



GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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Director Notes

Dear Parents,

Summer is rolling right along... the children have been having a great time on field trips and doing lots of outdoor activities here at the center. If you haven't heard from your child or noticed a dusty coating on him/her, we built our own gravel pit on the playground. It is filled with dump trucks, bulldozers, diggers, and children!

August also brings with it thoughts of school... please let me know as soon as possible if your fall plans have changed. Transportation sheets will be sent home soon for all children attending area schools. We currently transport to Hartland North, Hartland South, and St. Charles. We will transport to the PM session only at Hartland North. If your child attends a school we do not transport, but you want him/her to attend on school days off, please let me know that also. You

could submit a calendar or email me the days off that you need care for.

The summer calendar for field trips served as a vacation notice for the summer months. Beginning the week of August 28th please return to filling out vacation request forms by the tuition boxes or submitting it online on our website, www.grandmashouse.org. There is a lot of information on our website if you have not looked at it recently, including pictures of events at our center and other informational items.

Our garden is growing the best it has in many years!! The squash and peppers are coming in wonderfully. The children take care of the garden and then Ms. Ashley cooks it up for lunch. What a concrete way to show children the fruits of labor!

Jane Sweet, Director
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Cherry Colas

The child portfolio focuses we are working on are demonstrating sign language, using sign language and waving Hello & Good-bye. I usually say one word or two word phrases while demonstrating the actual hand sign. It's an effective form of communication between adult and toddler, especially for the toddler who hasn't started using their words. When toddlers begin to demonstrate waving Hello and Good-bye, they are beginning to put meaning and understanding to the waving motion and sometimes that can alleviate separation anxiety. The themes we are exploring are Picnics and Sky. We will sing songs about ants, eat watermelon and view what's in the sky while playing outside.

~Ms. Marti, Older Infants

♥ 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 Jane to sign up.

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

	July	
Ms. Sheryl		25 Years
	August	
Ms. Michele		23 Years
Ms. Kim		20 Years
Ms. Jane		19 Years
Ms. Amy		13 Years
Ms. Tricia		7 Years

Ocean Floats

We are enjoying our field trips especially in the afternoon when we don't have to take naps! Some things we have been working on are writing letters in our names and a proper grip when writing. We do this by tracing over our names on dry erase cards. Another focus we are working on is speaking in clear sentences and knowing what we are saying to help get our needs and wants met and promote effective communication between friends. In doing this I remind the children to speak clearly and slowly. We are also working on sitting and listening attentively at group time and group activities so that we can concentrate and have fun with all activities.

~Ms. Tricia, 4's

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A word of encouragement
is as refreshing as a
cold drink on a hot summer day.

Frozen Lemonades

Wow, it is hard to believe that summer is already half way done. With field trips, extra special activities, and daily centers, the Blizzards have been staying busy. As always, the favorite activities in our classroom seem to involve food. The children loved taste testing spam when we learned about Hawaii and making fruit pizza when we explored the Olympics. Homemade pickles and homemade popsicles were also a big hit (just like last summer). A new field trip this year that the children really seemed to enjoy was our trip to Cici's pizza in Brookfield. The children got a behind the scenes tour and got free rein at the pizza buffet. Country Springs and rock climbing have also been huge hits (but no surprise there!). I want to remind parents to always have a swimsuit and swim shoes in cubbies at all times. We often will do water play during our outside time and make impromptu trips to the splash pad. Unfortunately, some of the children are missing out on this fun because they do not have the proper gear. I am looking forward to the second half of summer and all of the fun activities planned. I am really excited about our end of summer "Water Wars". This will be the first time that I am doing such a thing and I have a feeling that the kids (and I) will have a blast!

~Ms. Donna, School Age

Capri Suns

Summer has been a blast. We have enjoyed learning about Fruits, Water, Woods, Transportation, Bugs and Farms. We've spent lots of time outside exploring the playground, digging in the sand, enjoying water play and going on walks. Some of the portfolio focuses we are working on include, *Responds to name being called when addressing each child* and *throwing a ball*. During mealtimes we offer each child a spoon and encourage the children to *use the spoon to feed themselves*. As a math manipulative file folder matching pieces are offered to the children for color matching.

~Ms. Ruth & Ms. Jane, Toddlers

Pineapple Coolers

We are enjoying summer so far! We are having lots of fun on our field trips. We are working on our child portfolio focuses. We are labeling colors and matching shapes when random objects are pointed out. We also labeled shapes while gluing various shapes onto paper. We also are working on following 2-3 step directions and recognizing emotions through reading books reflecting different feelings.

~Ms. Shannon, 3's

Shirley Temples

I can't believe how quick the summer is going by! Before we know it the Fall Program will start. In July, we learned about zoo animals and we played pretend ice cream shop with an ice cream party. We tried chocolate and vanilla ice cream. We've been working on sorting our colors by using toys from dramatic play or the block area. A new fun thing that we have been playing with is the gravel pit that Ms. Jane built outside on the playground. Everyone has so much fun digging with construction trucks in it.

~Ms. Kelly, Two's

Milkshakes

As August arrives, and new families with their babies come to join us, I think of the line from *I Never Knew* by Martha L. Sheridan.

*"I cannot wait to watch you grow
From your little head to your tiny toes.
While you grow, be sweet and kind,
And show all others how much you shine."*

The babies have been "Glowing" a lot over the past few months! From enjoying tummy time, sitting independently, to pulling up on furniture and taking their first steps. It is a joy to see each child grow and master milestones while becoming their own little person. In this month, we continue to learn about music, achieving mastery of our bodies while crawling and creeping on the floor and enjoying the last of our summer days outside on the blanket or cruising around town in the buggies!

~Ms. Kristine & Ms. Andrea K., Infants

Happy Birthday

July

1 Leyla Perez
4 Bella Geiger
6 Charlotte Schroeder
8 Molly Piotrowski
15 Ms. Ruth
22 Emmi Tolliver
22 Braelyn Plesh
22 Maddy Pfankuch
24 Parker Jansky
24 Grant Jansky
29 Marek Dubord
29 Desmond Tarantino
29 Maya Wuerl
30 Evan Fritz

August

6 Cameron Davis
14 Jace Jones
16 Vaydeah Pfankuch
18 Ms. Michele
19 Mr. Scott
20 Danny Ward
28 Rose Bucher
30 Henry Grevstad

