



GRANDMA'S HOUSE DAY CARE CENTERS, INC

# GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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## DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear Parents,  
Thanks to all who brought in food for our food drive- there were so many bags of food! The children really enjoyed delivering it to Tosa Cares and finding out more about the program-THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU.

We also have a little time left for our Giving Tree, which is located in between our back doors. All you need to do is grab a name, purchase the gift, and return the item unwrapped (please attach the tag). We will have blue buckets near the door for you to put the gift into.

Make sure to mark your calendars-we are closed the 25th of December. It is never too early to submit your vacation notice if you are going to be gone during the holidays-you can do it online at [www.grandmashouse.org/vacation-notice.html](http://www.grandmashouse.org/vacation-notice.html) or by paper copy, which are located by the tuition boxes. In order to receive credit, we need the notice 7 days in advance. If your child is under 2 or over the age of 2 but comes 3 days a week, they would need to take 5 consecutive days off. Children attending 4-5 days a week and over the age of 2 can take single day vacations. As always, please see me with questions.

As always, my door is always open!

*Christie Dapelo, Director*

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## Little Artists

Baby it's cold outside! With the temps dropping it will be less likely that we can get outside. If the temperature should happen to get above 20 degrees, we will try our best to go out. So, please bring in a snowsuit and warmer clothing. We want the infants to be able to still experience the outside even if they can't go outside, so we bring the outside in! We will let the infants experience snow in a bin or have them try to paint with ice cubes. This month is going to focus on sensory since the babies spend most of the time safe and bundled during the winter.

*Ms. Cassie & Ms. Shantice, 1st Infants*

## Upcoming Events

**December 5 ~ Unwrapped Gifts due back for Giving Tree**



## Grandma's House

will be **CLOSED** the following days:



**Monday, December 25, 2017**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

## Cottontails

The Cottontails have been working hard and playing hard. All of our friends have celebrated their 1st Birthday, so we are the unofficial "one-year old room." Most of our friends are walking or beginning to take steps. You can help your child with their walking skills at home by providing lots of opportunities to practice. Using push toys is a great way to practice! They are not only fun to use, but they also help develop balance and allow your child to go through the motions of walking. We have also been working on signing "more" and "all done" during snack time and lunch. If you are not sure how to do those signs or have questions about other signs, please see one of us and we would be happy to show you. We are very excited that some of our friends are also starting to say more new words.

*Ms. Shannon & Ms. Amy E., 4th Infants*

## RUGRATS

First off, we want to say thank you for the lovely meal we had. Also, thank you for bringing in something to help out. It was nice to see everyone as well. Moving on we will be talking about families. We like to go over to the family board and talk about our families. This is a great way that your child "recognizes and responds to a photo of a family", which is one of their milestones. Some other milestones that we are working on are using words and pointing to different body parts. While at home you can help your child say more words by having them repeat after you. For body parts, just start asking where each of the parts are. If they get it wrong, take their finger and show or point to the right part. After a few times, they are sure to catch on! Our upcoming themes are baking and holidays. So, we can look forward to more yummy treats and holiday art. Lastly, our young learners love to read. We would be happy to take donations of any lightly used books that you no longer want.

*Ms. Mailee and Ms. Delvina, 1st Toddlers*

## Price Listing Effective January 1, 2018

	Age	Under 2	2 Year Olds	3-5 Year Olds	6+
<b>Youngest/Single Child Pay First Child Rate * Older Child(ren) Pay Second Child Rate</b>					
<b>Full Day</b>					
First Child		68	64	61	57
Second Child		58	54	52	49
<b>Half Day (5 hours or less)</b>					
First Child		--	54	52	49
Second Child		--	48	47	44



### Disney Diehards

'Tis the Season, the holidays are upon us. During the month of December our themes will be family winter activities and Holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's.) With the family winter activities, we will talk about ice skating, building a snowman and going sledding. Hopefully those activities will be able to be completed, depending on snow. As for the holidays we will talk about different traditions and listen to different holiday music. During Hanukkah, we might have a guest to help celebrate. We know that during the holidays we can all get easily distracted but if the time is taken your child can work on small things. For example, while decorating you and your child can sort objects by 1 or 2 attributes. Also, look at the different shapes around the house.

*Ms. Courtney & Ms. Kim, 2's*

### Park Rangers

"Feliz Navidad", "Joyeux Noel", "Buon Natale", "Milad Mubarak"... No matter the language you speak or the country you hail from, Merry Christmas is the greeting most are met with this time of year. The Park Rangers have been busy learning not only how other cultures celebrate the season but why.

As you may well know, most of the children who come into our room turn 2 before they move into the 2-year-old room. To accommodate the age difference, we have decided to combine the various skill assessments found in the 18-24 month and 2-year-old portfolios. For example, during free play we encourage the children to build a block tower with 4 or more blocks high (18-24 month portfolio) and point out the colors (red, yellow & blue) and shapes (square, triangle & circle), a focus found on the 2 year old portfolio. *Ms. Laura & Ms. Hannah, 3rd Toddlers*

### Schnibbles

The Schnibbles have been working hard these past months. We have been learning about helping others and kindness. Our Superhero unit was lots of fun and the children really enjoyed all the super powers. The Schnibbles did a great job showing kindness during our buckets-filling unit. We learned all about families and how to help others by being kind to them. We will be having lots of fun learning about baking too. And just in time for the holidays we will be having a unit on containers. Have a great holiday! Any questions? Please don't hesitate to ask!

*Ms. Amy, 2 1/2's*

### Hitchhikers

Last month we had a blast delivering all sorts of food for other families to enjoy over the holidays. It made us feel really nice to help others along the "road" this time. We have been doing a lot of number and letter recognition (our names) recently. One of our favorite activities to do is play dough. We like to make it into all sorts of different things by pinching it, rolling it, ripping it and even cutting it with a scissors. Our goal is to be able to cut on a curve. You can help us by putting matching stickers on a scissors thumb hole and my thumb nail. Or, paint my thumb nail a different color...even a smiley face! Then remind me to keep the smiley face up so I can see it. Of course, we are looking forward to a trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum. Hopefully a nice driver will pick us up as we hitchhike, otherwise we might get really, really cold! Save the date... Friday, December 15th from 10:30-12:30 is our Hitchhiker holiday party.

*Ms. Jennifer, Big 3's*

## Happy Birthday

- 3 Elijah Tyler
- 4 Paige Brodzeller
- 6 David Phelps
- 8 Adalynn Butler
- 9 Stella Washburn
- 9 Bridget Fee
- 10 Lydia Talen
- 10 Evelyn Talen
- 15 Enza Fuchs
- 15 Ms. Kayleigh
- 17 Henry LaViolette
- 17 Mr. Roosevelt
- 18 James Kaiser
- 18 Ayla Birkland
- 22 Annika Tucker
- 31 Colin Dugan
- 31 Connor Hahn

## Congratulations

*On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!*

*Ms. Laura 7 Years*

*Ms. Liz G. 4 Years*

## Dr. Seuss

Ready or not, winter is finally here. Please check your child's cubby for warm clothes. Weather permitting, we try to venture outside in the winter, so it is nice to be comfortable and warm. We would like to welcome all of our new friends and parents to our classroom. Our themes for this month are "Tis the Season" and "Mr. Grinch". We will be working on signing "more" and "all done". Wishing you all a Happy Holiday and New Year!

*Ms. Taylor & Ms. Sherry, 3rd Infants*



## Jungle Pals

This past month we explored the themes of Arctic Animals and Hibernation. These themes are definitely appropriate for the cold weather the children are feeling now. We have been working really hard at using our words in different areas. Our toddlers are being asked yes and no questions throughout the day. We also ask them to describe things they are holding or playing with (color, shape etc.) The children like to listen to and sing songs aloud. Some of our favorites are "Bumble Bee" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider", which are fun finger plays. You can try this at home as well to practice and promote vocabulary. Enjoy singing with your toddler!

*Ms. Virginia & Ms. Bethany, 5th Infants*

## Sundance Kids

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. We have been busy baking muffins and cookies. Our math focus was on measuring ingredients and we have become excellent bakers. We love to stack blocks to see how high we can build them. We have been using our feet to move our bikes and cars outside on the playground. We are getting better at using our spoons at meal times. Keep practicing!

*Ms. Esther & Ms. Lori, 2nd Toddlers*

## Deep Sea Divers

The holiday season is upon us. We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. In December, the 3-year olds will be learning about music and doing a unit about Gingerbread. We will hopefully go to Tosa East High School to listen to their band rehearsal. A great way to integrate our learning objectives this month is to have your child assist with your holiday baking and cooking. We practice cutting with plastic knives in our room, so allowing your child to help prepare veggie and fruit plates would work to improve fine motor control. If you find yourself doing a lot of baking, have your child help measure and dump ingredients to work on pre-math skills.

*Ms. Jess & Ms. Amanda, 3's*



## ♥ 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, January 6, 2018** at our Tosa Center from 8:30 -10:30 am.

The cost is \$42 per person. If you are interested, please see Christie to sign up.