



# GROWING HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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## DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear Parents,  
Summer is my most favorite season of the year-how can you not love the sunshine, the smell of sunscreen, dinners outside and flip flops?!? Summer is also the busiest time of the year here at Grandma's House. To help keep everyone organized, I thought I would write down some important reminders. Summer calendars should already be turned in, but if you need another copy, please visit our website at [www.grandmashouse.org](http://www.grandmashouse.org) and print one off. Class lists are posted on the office door and will stay up through June. Grandma's House provides sunscreen and bug spray. If you would like us to use something you provide, please see the teachers to update that information. Please go through your child's cubbie and clean everything out and replace it with weather appropriate clothing (and sizes!). And probably the most important reminder-we will be closing early on June 8th to get ready for our summer program! Everyone needs to be picked up by 3:00 that day, and because of that, there will be no afternoon pick up from school.

As always, my door is always open!

*Christie Dapelo, Director, [cdapelo@grandmashouse.org](mailto:cdapelo@grandmashouse.org)*

"I'm NOT going to ask you again."

That's not true. Yes, I will. Probably 50 more times.

My children have turned me into a serial liar.

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## Hitchhikers

Thank you to all the families who participated in our end of the year concert. We had so much fun learning and "hitch-hiking" our way through the year! At the start of fall, we could barely write our names and now we can write all the words we can see! It is nice to know that even as we are growing bigger and moving up to Ms. Nikki's room for the summer, Ms. Jennifer will be right next door with the school-agers.

*Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Hannah, 4's*

## Upcoming Events

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

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

**June 11** ~ Summer Program Begins

**June 15** ~ Picture Day



## Little Artists

Ruff, Ruff, Ruff...loosely translated is Happy Summer! Summer fun is about to begin and our new class name will be the Poky Little Puppies. This month we will be learning about the primary colors and the 3 main shapes (circle, square and triangle). Enforcing what your little puppy is learning at school is easy. Give them a soft block to manipulate. Looking for a challenge? Place the block further away from your child so that they have to reach for it. They may get a little frustrated in the beginning but will be all smiles when they reach their goal!

*Ms. Katie & Ms. Laura, 1st Infants*

## Scream Team

The summer program is about to begin and we will now be known as the Hollywood Babies room. We will be working on a lot of tummy time as well as other developmental milestones. There will also be a lot of outside exploring and water play so please send your child with extra clothing or clothes that are okay to get a little dirty. During the month of June we will be learning and talking about our 5 senses, Fathers and Bugs. Happy Father's Day to all of the wonderful fathers! Please feel free to join the class or stop by at anytime!

*Ms. Amanda & Ms. Shantice, 2nd Infants*

## Dr. Seuss

As the weather gets warmer, we are looking forward to taking walks and playing in our front yard. We have been practicing our signs and are getting really good at them. Our new summer classroom name will be the Sea Monkeys. We are going to enjoy learning about the ocean and all of the colorful life that lives there. We also practice counting with our cheerios every morning. Counting and eating is so much fun! Please remember to switch out your child's cubby clothing for more weather appropriate items.

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

## Schnibbles

The Schnibbles are having a lot of fun learning about Italy and all the foods we can find there. "Pizza" by Gemini is our friends' favorite song and what inspired the lesson. We have also had lots of fun digging in the dirt for our gardening theme. The Schnibbles were great gardeners when we planted all of our new plants. They are good at watering the plants as well. We are learning about types of gardens (herb, flower, vegie and fruit.) Please remember NO open-toed shoes are allowed at school as a safety precaution, so please remind your child that open-toe shoes are "home shoes". Thank you for your cooperation!

*Ms. Amy R. & Ms. Brianna, 2 1/2's*

**Join  
Us!**

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

### Jungle Pals

This month we are focusing on the beautiful weather we are having as we transition into our summer months. To begin, we will spend 3 weeks all about fun in the sun. We will finish up with a camping unit. With so much time being spent outside, our friends are focusing on cleanliness and washing their hands every time we re-enter our classroom. When we are inside, our friends really enjoy puzzles and fitting pieces into holes. We talk about the shapes and colors of the puzzle pieces as we work through them. This can be easily done at home with your child. Our friends also really enjoy building towers with blocks. A way we have found to expand this activity is to cut up pool noodles into disks and use those as the stacking blocks. Feel free to explore this idea with your child.

*Ms. Virginia & Ms. Bethany, 1st Toddlers*

### RUGRATS

We all hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather. As for us, we have been loving it. We are able to go on walks every day and spend more time outside enjoying nature. These outside opportunities allow the children to see how the weather changes. It also teaches them to use their creative side and imagination. More so, it provides different stimulation for them. The stimulation in this case is their senses. Besides playing outside, we talked about nursery rhymes. During this unit we learned numbers and lots of rhyming. The children really loved singing to the different songs and reading different books. During the next few weeks we will be learning about summer fun and transportation. Lastly, please start taking home winter gear and switching out clothes for short sleeves, shorts and light jackets. We will also need you to update information regarding the use of sunscreen and bug spray.

*Ms. Mai Lee and Ms. Delvina, 2nd Toddlers*

### Sundance Kids

Welcome to summer in the Sundance Kid room. We have been busy working on our developmental goals. We worked on our size and color matching and we have been drinking from open cups. Most of us have mastered this, but you can still practice at home. During mealtimes, give your child an open cup to drink from and see how they do! Just a reminder to please label your child's swim suit and swim diapers. We plan on having a lot of fun splashing in the pools!

*Ms. Esther & Ms. Dola, Young Two's*

### Disney Diehards

Summer is finally here! Our new name for the summer program will be the Dino-Two's and we are going to have a great time. We will have a field trip once a week to different parks and splash pads. As for lesson plans, our first one will be summer activities from camping to the beach. Then, we will explore all things water, from playing in the sensory table to using spray bottles. In this classroom, we work on self-help skills. For example, cleaning up after meals and getting our own diapers. At home you can model putting the plates in the sink as well as "tap, tap" any food into the garbage. When changing a diaper, you can have your child grab their own diaper and practice pulling down their pants. This is the beginning of potty training. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

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

## Happy Birthday

### June

1	Ellison Lambert
2	Cecilia Koval
3	Kalissa Makinen
4	Joshua Arneson
6	Zachary Reich
7	Ms. Christie
7	Ms. Virginia
10	Jaxson Fox-Key
10	Braden Player
10	Ms. Katie
12	Vanessa Luke
12	Ms. Nyomi
13	Amelia Vick
13	Marigold Hess
15	Jacob Demos
16	Graham Lepley
21	Grant Fulfer
22	Ms. Liz
23	Maceo Gill
24	Henry Paradis
27	Remy Butler
28	Colin Joachim
29	Ms. Jess

### July

1	Kyle Czervionke
2	Tommy Kaifesh
5	Adele Blanchette
5	Maggie Miller
5	Avery Huitt
7	Will Makocy
10	Miley McGrath
13	Priscilla Weiss
13	Leila Miles
17	Dominick Fuchs
19	Landon Beyer
28	Willa Whitehaus
29	Lucy Jermstad
29	James Pirlot
29	Aidan Miller

## Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with  
Grandma's House!

### June

Ms. Amy E.	5 Years
Ms. Mai Lee	3 Years
Ms. Liz	2 Years
Ms. Bethany	1 Year

### July

Ms. Kayleigh	4 Years
Ms. Shantice	1 Year