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A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear Parents,

Thanks to those who purchased pajamas for our PJ and Book Drive-we were overwhelmed once again by the amount of jammies you all brought in! I love the Tosa Center for lots of reasons, but the generosity of the parents and families is on the top!

We are gearing up for the *Month of the Young Child* this April! I am in the process of meeting with my parent group to get some new ideas for activities to do during this month. If you have any fun ideas or talents you would like to share with us, please let us know-we would be happy to have your input.

Summer plans are also under way. If you haven't done so already, please return the gold sheet of paper that was in your child's cubbie. If you do not have it, an email to me is fine, or we have extra copies by both of the doors.

As always, my door is always open!

Christie Dapelo, Director, cdapelo@grandmashouse.org

Kindergarten

We read/sang *Everyone Asked About You* as it was requested by the students. We completed a writing prompt "if I was in the Olympics...". We created American flags on playdough mats using red and white playdough (there was already a blue box in the corner on the mats). We completed a 3-Dimensional shape sort and used cubes to measure how far the ski jumper jumped. We then recorded the number underneath. We discussed American symbols using our Scholastic poster. We completed our letter of the week in our workbooks. We practiced printing color words in our journal.

Ms. Nikki, 4K



Little Artists

Spring is a time for blooming and boy are our Little Artists growing and blooming! This month we will focus on gross motor activities since a lot of our friends are getting older. Rolling, sitting with support and pushing up on their arms during tummy time is what we will be focusing on this month. You can encourage rolling over by placing toys just out of reach while your child is on the floor. If your baby is just starting to sit up, sitting them between your legs gives them the closeness to you and support all around. You can add some toys in their lap and let the muscle building begin! *Ms. Cassie & Ms. Isha, 1st Infants*

Scream Team

This past month has been great! We welcomed some new friends to the room and said goodbye to a few others who have moved on up! They left us with great memories and we wish them well as they learn and grow. We have been learning about friendship and have been observing and touching our friends who are next to us. We have also discussed our 5 senses, which helps develop the children's sight, hearing, taste, smell and the feel of different textures. During the month of March, we will be learning about colors, family, home, pets and spring time flowers. The children will be exploring in water for sensory play. This helps to build social and emotional development, cognitive skills and language.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Shantice, 2nd Infants

Dr. Seuss

We are so excited that Spring is almost here! Our themes for the month will be: Celebrating Dr. Seuss, the Color Green and Hello Spring. We will be working on standing with support and self-feeding with puffs. Practice makes perfect, so the more opportunities they have to practice these skills the better! We are hoping to spend some time outside this month. Keep your fingers crossed for mild temperatures!

Ms. Nyomi & Ms. Sherry, 3rd Infants

♥ CPR/First Aid Classes ♥

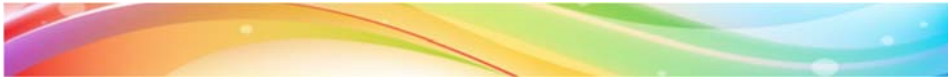
Grandma's House offers American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Saver w/AED and Medic First Aid Pediatric training through PULSES to our staff. Parents are also welcome to participate in this training.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to handle emergency situations should they arise.

Our next class is *Saturday, March 3, 2018 & Saturday, April 28, 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.

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Jungle Pals

The Jungle Pals will be celebrating March milestones this month. A Dr. Seuss unit will kick off the month and will be wrapped up with two weeks about St. Patrick's Day and the color green. The children have been working on verbalizing their wants and needs through words that are reinforced by sign language. We encourage our friends to both say and sign words like "eat", "more", "all done", and "please". We challenge you to follow through with this at home and see the results! We have also been working (as a class) on our fine motor skills such as stacking blocks and turning pages of books. Most of our friends can stack 2-3 blocks and turn 3-5 pages of a book. We also encourage you to continue this practice with your child at home.

Ms. Virginia & Ms. Bethany, 1st Toddlers

RUGRATS

First off, we want to say thank you for partaking in our Valentine's Day party. The fruit salad was yummy and the children really enjoyed it. During the month of February, we did many art activities using lots of different shades of paint. We also used many different paint brushes and materials. This allowed the children to use their pincer grasp and expand their imagination. We also did a lot of cooking and baking. One of our favorites was the chocolate bark. Each child had the chance to make their own bark by scooping up some chocolate and placing it in a cup. The children then added sprinkles to their bark. At the end, they were able to taste their creation. They loved it! Cooking is a great way to learn about numbers, eye/hand coordination and the pincer grasp. More so, they use their senses to explore. In the small cooking activity, they were able to use all 5 senses. Our upcoming themes are: Shapes, St. Patty's Day and Community Helpers. We look forward to more fun and learning experiences.

Ms. Mai lee and Ms. Delvina, 2nd Toddlers

Sundance Kids

In the Sundance Kid's room, we have been working on our size matching and we all have mastered this skill. We are getting good at saying our colors and some of us have started to recognize them. We are building big towers with our blocks and some of us have even made it to 9 high! We also have been working on our self-help skills such as; taking our shoes off and putting our winter gear on. Most of the children have mastered the shoes, but the snow gear still needs some work!

Ms. Esther & Ms. Dola, 3rd Toddlers

Park Rangers

Greetings Park Rangers! Last month went by so fast with the memories of love, friendship and sugary sweets. This month, the Park Rangers are lifting off into space to learn about the solar system and more. Then, they will return back to earth just in time for St. Patrick's Day to learn about Ireland. We will be focusing on identifying colors, especially green, white and orange due to the colors on the flag of Ireland. We will also be focusing on feeding ourselves with an open cup since many of the Park Rangers have turned 2! You can do this at home by providing exposure and practice. Filling the cup with water helps especially if the drink spills. We wish you happy trails and an Irish blessing... "May your trouble be less, your blessing be more, and nothing but happiness come to your door."

Ms. Laura & Ms. Hannah, Almost Two's

Hitchhikers

Don't Panic! Our adventures have taken us all over! We have done so much exploring and there is still more to come! We recently hitchhiked our way through different atmospheres and discussed which we liked the most at Mitchell Park Domes. In preparation for Dr. Seuss' birthday, we will be engaging our imaginations and perhaps finding out about the places we'll go! Are you experiencing some friend or sibling rivalry? Keep in mind that we really enjoy being rewarded for our good choices (verbal praise, a high five, and extra cookie or sticker). Still challenging? Invent a game to play (who can walk backwards to the kitchen and back while counting to twenty?) It's not a race, just a challenge that will get us moving and perhaps give you a much needed (20 second) breather. We all have unlimited potential...let's put it to use!

Ms. Jennifer, 4's

Happy Birthday

2	Jack Schneider
2	Gus Jermstad
3	Ms. Shannon
6	Theodore Harrison
10	Jack Krautkramer
11	Ms. Shantice
14	Ms. Dola
15	William Booth
17	Ms. Delvina
20	Aarav Manjunath
22	Ms. Ana
23	Isabelle Yamdagni
23	Ms. Kari
26	Callie McFadden
26	Ms. leisha
27	Elliot Dworak

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Nancy 5 Years

Ms. Virginia 3 Years

Ms. Ana 2 Years

Ms. Lauren 1 Year

Disney Diehards

Winter is coming to a close and spring is right around the corner. For the next couple of weeks we will learn about St. Patrick's Day and spring things. Keep working on the self-help skills! These include taking off and putting on snow-pants, boots, jackets, hats and mittens. Don't forget about the dinner table skills such as: please and thank you and using utensils.

Ms. Courtney & Ms. Kim, 2's

Schmibbles

We are marching into spring! Well, hopefully it will feel like spring soon! Our friends have been working hard on potty training. We have 10 friends who wear underwear! If you would like to go "cold turkey" with your child, just let us know when you want to start. We are also working hard on our gross motor skills like hopping on one foot, galloping and pedaling a tricycle.

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