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DIRECTOR NOTES

Dear Parents,
As I write my MAY newsletter, I am sitting at my desk watching it SNOW.....IN APRIL!! I am very, very sad about this. But on to happier news—a HUGE Thank you to all the families who supported our Art Gallery Night—we raised over \$1,300.00 for JDRF! Every penny that was donated was sent to the local chapter, where it will be used to find a way to cure or prevent Type 1 Diabetes. Grandma's House thanks you for your generosity, as does Maggie Miller and her entire family. I would also like to say thank you for coming in outside of the normal day to talk to your child's teacher during conferences. There is so much useful information that is exchanged during these times, and we appreciate that you see the value in the partnership between teacher, parent and child.
May brings us two opportunities to celebrate important people! The first event happens the week of May 7th, where we will celebrate teachers during *Teacher Appreciation Week*. There is a sign up on Sheryl's door for the pot luck lunch that will happen on the 9th, and there will be a card making station in the back of the room off the kitchen. This is a great time to show the teachers how much you notice and appreciate all their hard work! Grandma's House would like to celebrate all the Mom's out there as well. On May 15th, we will host a *Mom's Night Out* from 6:30-8:00 at Firefly Urban Grill. I sent an invite out a few weeks ago—if you need the information again, please let me know and I will send it to you.

As always, my door is always open!

Christie Dapelo, Director

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I like having
conversations with kids.
Grownups never ask me
what my third favorite
reptile is.

@simoncholland

Little Artists

Hopefully warmer weather hits us this month! We will be focusing on Family and Flowers this month since it's all about the mommas! Some of our major goals that our older friends will be working on is sitting with support. Our younger friends will be working on raising their chest off the floor while on tummy time. We are hoping to get outside soon, so please bring in a jacket for your baby.

Ms. Cassie & Ms. Laura, 1st Infants

Scream Team

The month of May is finally here, so now we can honor all the great mothers here in our infant room. This month we will be learning about our 5 senses. We will smell different types of scents, eat different textured food, hear different cultural music and also look at and feel a variety of textures. Along with that, we will be learning a couple new nursery rhymes to sing throughout the day. We also get to celebrate some birthdays this month! With the nicer weather finally here, please make sure your little one has appropriate clothing so that we can enjoy the sunshine. Thanks for being great, understanding, respectful and kind parents, and hopefully you moms out there enjoy your day—you deserve it!

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Shantice, 2nd Infants

Dr. Seuss

April showers bring May flowers and like the new flowers that bloom in spring, we are looking forward to all the new and fun things we will be learning. We are practicing "thank you" for our new sign language word and are very excited for all our new walkers who finally took those first steps! We are on the move and can't wait to go on walks and enjoy the nice, warm spring air.

Ms. Nyomi & Ms. Sherry, 3rd Infants

Cottontails

April has finally brought some nicer weather, which has allowed us to get outside and play. Our friends have enjoyed the slide, push toys and climbers, as well as visiting with our 3 and 4 year old friends on the other side of the fence. We have been working on using our words more. For example...telling a friend "mine" or "no no" when another friend takes their toy. Also, at lunch time when asked if they would like more, we are working on "yes please" or "no thank you". These are certainly things you could practice at home, and the more practice they get, the better!

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

- 1 Agatha Zunac
- 2 Addison Kaifesh
- 2 Clark Doolittle
- 3 Ms. Esther
- 5 Logan Patten
- 6 Natalie Conroy
- 8 Caleb Knoff
- 8 Rylee Birkland
- 9 Isabelle Gitter
- 13 Jackson Falk
- 13 Ms. Courtney
- 14 Claire Munro
- 17 Ms. Bethany
- 18 Claire Fee
- 18 Blake Smolcich
- 20 Malisa Gray
- 27 Johanna Roth
- 30 Ms. Kim
- 31 Nora Makocy

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with
Grandma's House!

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| Ms. Jess | 19 Years |
| Ms. Amy R. | 18 Years |
| Ms. Joan | 7 Years |

Schnibbles

WE'VE MOVED! The Schnibbles are getting used to our new bigger room! They are not sure what to do with all the extra space – except RUN! We are learning all about artists and their art techniques. Ask your little "Schnibble" all about their favorite artists. Throughout the Month of the Young Child, we focused on the arts, so we also learned about various types of music and instruments. Thank you to everyone who donated money during our Trike-a-thon and Art Gallery Night! Also, a big thank you to everyone who came in for conferences. If you were unable to make it, please feel free to talk to us about goals for your child's development.

Happy "Spring"!

Ms. Amy R. & Ms. Brianna, 2 ½'s

RSVP
by
Monday,
May, 21st!

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

Jungle Pals

Hi Jungle Pal Families! The month of May is all about celebrating our toddler's current interests. We will begin with a unit on Pets and wrap up with a unit on transportation. During this month we will be continuing our social emotional development by introducing our friends to new games and having them take turns. A way to follow through with this at home is by introducing blocks to your child. Take turns stacking the blocks one by one, seeing how tall of a tower you can build. Our friends really enjoy counting "one, two" as they go. In preparation of our pet's unit, we are asking each family to bring in pictures of their pets to help our friends with recognition. It is also a great opportunity to practice our animal sounds. We can't wait to explore these new lessons with the class.

Ms. Virginia & Ms. Bethany, 1st Toddlers

RUGRATS

We would like to start by thanking everyone who attended Art Gallery Night. It was really nice to spend time with families outside of daycare hours. All donations were greatly appreciated. As you all know, the month of April focused on the young child. Our friends and families participate in special days like crazy hair day and pajama day. This month our focus will be on "All About Me". We always love learning more about our friends and their families. This unit typically focuses on the language objective; being able to name and locate objects in our pictures and being able to recognize our friends and call them by name. This unit is always a great way for the children to become closer to one another as well as give them a greater sense of self.

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

Sundance Kids

In the Sundance Kids room, we have been working on our developing milestones. We are practicing taking our shoes off and getting our outside gear on. So far, 3 children have accomplished this task! We have been working on following simple directions. This is a work in progress so offer lots of reminders. One way to do this at home is to have your child help with putting their toys away. We are all excited about going on the potty! Leaving the onesies at home is a good idea if your child is showing an interest in potty training!

Ms. Esther & Ms. Dola, 1st Two's

Disney Diehards

Say it with me "NO MORE SNOW!" The next month we will be talking about classic Disney movies from 1937-1980. We will be focusing on Cinderella (1950), Sleeping Beauty (1959), 101 Dalmations (1961), Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (1977) and the mouse that started it all...Mickey Mouse. Sleeping Beauty teaches us that even when things are hard we can succeed. 101 Dalmations say family sticks together, Winnie the Pooh learns that friends are great to have and Cinderella shows us that we should treat others as we want to be treated by sharing, being kind and helpful (which is also the Golden Rule of Grandma's House). Please help reinforce these lessons at home. We will also spend a day on the farm learning about cows, horses, pigs, goats, sheep and chickens. We will hear the sounds they make and a little about the food they eat. We will also do some taste tests to see what they like better...cheese made with cow's milk or goats milk, yogurt or ice cream and we will make chocolate milk.

Ms. Courtney & Ms. Kim, 2nd Two's

Hitchhikers

Last month we picked up a few extra Hitchhikers along the way! We all had a blast at the MPM Butterfly class. Did you know that butterfly wings are "waterproof"? While we still have a few adventures ahead of us, we are looking forward to reflecting on the past several months with a class concert on Friday, May 25th at 4:00 pm. Spring and summer days are great for getting out and working on some gross motor skills! What do you do on a rainy day though? Use some masking (painters) tape to create a web to crawl through or even a web to throw paper balls at. Take those return envelopes from your bills and write a letter to a friend. Tape, yarn, a hanger, and a stuffed animal are all you need to create a zip line (for the stuffed animal!)

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Hannah, 4's

Upcoming Events

May 7-11 ~ Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9 ~ Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck Lunch

May 15 ~ Mom's Night Out ~ 6:30 - 8:00 pm



TOSA CENTER

Deep Sea Divers

We have been spending a lot of time outside! We have also been enjoying more center time outside. We are really excited about our garden outside getting bigger. We have already started planting our vegetables. They are in our room waiting to be transplanted. Please take a minute to talk about it with your child. We will be focusing on next, before and after. You can strengthen these sequence skills at home by asking your child about familiar routines. An example would be: What do you do after you brush your teeth? Or, What do you do before bed?

Ms. Jess & Ms. Dizaray, 3's

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