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## Growing Highlights

January 2021

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and some downtime before the new year gets into full swing. Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Wreath and the pasta dinner. We were able to provide gifts for two families/9 children, and make a wonderful donation to the Hope Center in Waukesha.

There have been many reports on the new COVID vaccines, and as we receive guidance from the Health Department, we will pass on any information that affects the center. Right now, even if someone has the vaccine there will still be a quarantine period. We are waiting like everyone else to see how this pans out. I do thank you all that have been affected by quarantines here and for your patience. I know it is not easy and please know it is not easy to make those calls. On my end here, I try hard to limit the number of teacher changes as far breaks go, planning time, beginning and end of the night. We hold our staff to the same standards as we do our families. I know the household contact quarantine is the most difficult, as it basically two quarantine periods! I have hope for the day that quarantine, isolation, COVID, face masks, and testing are a thing of the past.

The one thing we did to help with staffing during this period is to close at 5:30 pm. That will change eventually back to 6pm, but that is helping us to stay open safely. I am asking please, though, you are here in time to get your children and depart by 5:30 pm. Thank you in advance for doing that, and my teachers appreciate that, too.

As always, I am here to answer any questions that you may have about anything. I have lots of good handouts from the Health Department that I am happy to share with you if you ever want to see the guidelines we have to follow.

My best and most sincere wishes for a better 2021!

*Jane Sweet, Director*

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## Happy Birthday

8 Elliot J.  
9 Brooks L.  
9 Eloise D.  
11 Kase J.  
18 Larzyn S.  
18 Lincoln C.  
25 Evelyn S.  
27 Amir H.  
27 Mr. Carlos  
28 Claire S.  
29 Zoe P.

## Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with  
Grandma's House!

*Ms. Chantel 3 Years*

## Executive Order - Face Coverings

Governor Evers has extended the Executive Order through January 19, 2021. Children ages 5 and over are now required to wear face coverings while inside at Grandma's House; except when eating and drinking.

\*Just a reminder....children should not come to the center if:

1. **Anyone in your household has been tested for COVID-19 and you are waiting for results.**
2. They have a fever.
3. They have taken any medications in the last 48-hours for a fever or for COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms.
4. They have ANY signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath, persistent cough, chills, body aches, loss of taste or smell, rash, vomiting, or diarrhea.
5. They have come into contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or ANY signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

\*Staff take their temperatures upon arrival at the center each day and answer the above questionnaire each time they clock in.

## Scholastic Book Orders

PLEASE HELP US EARN NEW BOOKS FOR THE BEDTIME BOOK CORNER

It's book order time. You are welcome to order as much or as little as you would like.

Orders can be placed online. Go to [scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). You will set up an account in which they will ask for our **center code: H27BF**. Books can be ordered and paid for online and will arrive at the center 1-2 weeks after the due date.

**Book orders are due by Monday, January 29th**

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.

### *Infants*

It's a new year! A year to try new things, learn new things, push ourselves, change the world, do things we have never done before! It applies to young and old; the babies, you as the parent, and us as the teachers. Your baby has done so much in the past few months. Growing longer, gaining weight, and learning how to use their bodies in a large motor capacity. Many of our friends are on the move scooting across the floor, trying to pull up, rolling from back to tummy, pushing up on forearms, reaching for toys while doing tummy time and focusing on objects that are in front of them. It is time to honor the endings and acknowledge new beginnings. Farewell 2020 and Cheers to 2021!

*Infants, Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo*

### *Older Infants*

I hope everyone had a wonderful and healthy holiday season. I am sorry I didn't get to welcome all the new families and new move-ups into our class in December. I can't wait to get to know you all. Winter is here and I love all things winter. We will still be getting outside daily and enjoying the snow when weather permits. There are so many fun activities to do with the snow like making snowballs, touching snow, and painting the snow. We will be moving the snow around a lot with our hands which will make our hands stronger. These motor skills will be used to hold spoons, cups, crayons, and eventually

### *2's*

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and stays healthy and safe! This past month we worked on Winter and Turkeys. One activity the children enjoyed in our turkey unit was painting with feathers! Another activity they LOVED was watching a balloon fly across the room on a string! This was a fun science activity for them. In the coming weeks we will continue our holiday unit and start arctic animals! Some things we are working on are using our gentle hands, saying please and thank you, and our colors! Please make sure your child has season appropriate clothes in their cubby and make sure all winter gear is labeled. As always please reach out to us if you have any questions.

*2's, Ms. Chantel & Ms. Lara*

### *2 1/2's*

Winter is here and I would like to thank all of you for doing such a great job bringing in what the children need to continue playing outside on the colder days. The children are enjoying the colder weather and playing in the snow. During our themes transportation and Christmas, the children enjoyed flying the airplanes around the room and pushing tractors and trucks through the classroom and down different ramps. This month's themes will be Winter and Artic Animals. We will explore the cold weather outside. We will be sure to have fun as we catch snowflakes, build a snowman, pretend to

pencils (years later). I am excited to see all the growth I have missed and look forward to working on new skills. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.  
*Older Infants, Ms. Andrea K.*

### ***Toddlers***

Happy New Year! We have been fortunate to spend so much time outside. Hopefully, we will have more outside days this winter because of our tarp addition. We have been working on social emotional skills with the children and they are enjoying cuddling and caring for their baby dolls. Our friends really love singing and story time. Their ability to stay engaged is increasing more and more. Since this is the month of January, we thought it would be fun to create a list of accomplishments the children have made.

*Ellie - Adjusting to her new classroom*

*Adeline - Artistic creativity*

*Henry - Walking*

*Hannah - Coming out of her shell*

*Jane - Nurturing the baby dolls*

*Kate - Using Utensils like a rock star*

*Aiden - Making air when he jumps (we practice daily)*

*Aedan - Explorer*

*Penelope - Empathetic*

*Larzyn - Climbing skills*

We look forward to seeing more exciting milestones in the upcoming months.

*Toddlers, Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly*

be penguins and large white polar bears hunting for fish. Potty training is going as expected and the children have already come a long way in helping dress themselves. Last month we could barely put on our own jackets and this month we have just about mastered it. As always, stay healthy and safe and have a wonderful year.

*2 1/2's, Ms. Andrea G.*

### ***3's***

The month of December was full of dancing with Christmas Music, talking about holidays around the world, and just having fun with new toys in our classroom. We have been working hard on tracing letters and lines to make our names. We really get excited when we recognize our name cards and then practice tracing letters to make our name. Reminder: please bring in a sheet & blanket and winter gear the first day of each week. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and was able to safely spend a little time with your families.

*3's, Ms. Tricia*

### ***4's***

We welcome 2021 with open arms! In December, we explored family and colors. In Math we are counting ornaments that reindeer are juggling and matching the number printed on a card. We are also creating our own pizza

by matching and labeling the letters on the pizza topping to the letters on the pizza crust. We painted pinecones white and blue and hung them from the ceiling. We made snow people with googly eyes; they are so cute and creative. Some look like they are melting already. We continue to do our Question of the Day, be sure to read the wall in the stairwell.

*4's, Ms. Shannon*