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## Growing Highlights

June 2021

**FRIDAY, 6/11: CLOSING EARLY**  
for Staff Development & Classroom Changeover  
6:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all of the handwritten cards and yummy treats you brought in during Teacher Appreciation week last month. Grandma's House is so lucky to have such a wonderful group of dedicated staff and our teachers are truly grateful for the love and support that you showed them!

Looking ahead to June, our Summer Program begins the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> and will run 11 weeks this year. We have many outdoor field trips to parks and pools planned for our children over the age of two! Additionally, our infants and toddlers will get plenty of fresh air when they enjoy water play on the playground and stroller walks!

Please make sure to leave a spare swimsuit/Little Swimmers and towel in your child's cubby. We have water play several times throughout the week to cool off! Grandma's House provides an all-natural sunscreen and bug spray for all children, which we can apply with your permission, but feel free to bring in a sun hat also! Finally, a reusable water bottle helps your child cool off on a warm summer day! As always, please label everything with

your child' name and take items home to wash as needed.

Thanks,  
*Kristie Potter*, Director  
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## Let's Bounce Back Together

Visit our updated  
[COVID-19 Protocols](#)

\*Face coverings are required at Grandma's House.

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## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

### JUNE

- 1 Karter J.
- 2 Liyah M.
- 2 Ms. Claire
- 3 Sully H.
- 5 Olivia B.
- 6 Kali A.
- 8 Asher S.
- 10 Ms. Katie
- 12 Clara R.
- 12 Audrey S.
- 12 Linnea N.
- 14 Vivian P.
- 18 Scarlett M.

19 Ryan C.  
20 Ms. Justine  
23 Karoline N.  
27 Lyla B.  
29 Theodora V.  
30 Thalia T.  
30 Jacob K.  
30 Ms. Hannah

## JULY

3 Thomas C.  
9 Ainsley G.  
10 Skye J.  
12 Luna I.  
13 Ian P.  
17 Gus W.  
18 Graham M.  
18 Gianluca R.  
19 Naomi T.  
19 Amiya W.  
19 Ms. Theresa  
22 Vera C.  
23 Franklin W.  
24 Jayla R.  
25 Raymond B.  
26 Talon R.  
26 Nixon R.  
27 Symirra W.  
30 Stella H.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

*On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!*

JULY

*Ms. Sheryl*

*29 Years*

<i>Mr. Terry</i>	<i>4 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Sam</i>	<i>4 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Aleksandra</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Destiny</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Maddy</i>	<i>1 Year</i>

### *Young Infants*

We are so excited to start the summer program with your babies this year. We have some fun activities and projects planned for this month. Last month, we had a ton of different art projects and we read books about vegetables and fruits. It will be a very busy month; all the children will learn and reach new milestones. Soon some will sit up on their own, some will crawl. The children really enjoy all the stories, songs, and interactions that they receive from the teachers each day. In June, we will read: *Whose Nose and Toes?* By John Butler, *Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?* By Eric Carle, and *Good Night Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann. Children enjoy being outside after a long winter, so we will walk outside and watch animals moving around. We will name these different animals for the babies (birds, squirrels, ducks, dogs, cats, rabbits.) Children will also learn how to make their hands and eyes work together in order to reach objects. It's very important for babies to search for a voice. This skill will help them learn how to locate the source of a sound. Please take a look at our boards to see projects and pictures of what we have been up to. I am always

### *Almost 2's*

We had so much fun developing our skills during our circus themed unit! We practiced our motor skills through ring toss and bean bag toss activities. We have also been working on our self-help skills such as putting on our own jackets, throwing our garbage away, and drinking from a cup. In June, we will have an "All About Balls" theme. We will be increasing our vocabulary by learning about different types of balls. We will also use our problem-solving skills to figure out how to put scarves into an o-ball and then pull it back out. Just a quick reminder to start bringing in sun hats, sunscreen, water bottles or whatever your child may need for the warm weather. We hope everyone has a great start to their summer.

*Almost 2's, Ms. Pakou & Ms. Brittannie*

### *2's*

This month we are exploring animals. We are experimenting with animal stamping. We will focus on our fine motor skills by gluing and sticking paper. We are also exploring science concepts, using a magnetic wand to make bottle caps move

happy to answer any questions you may have. Have a wonderful summer.

*Young Infants, Ms. Alex*

### ***Infants***

The weather is finally starting to show signs of spring and summer! With the warmer weather, we ask that you bring your own sunscreen or you are welcome to use the sunscreen that Grandma's House provides. Also, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the warmer weather in their cubbies. This month we will be continuing our bug theme and exploring and playing with found objects in the environment. We will be reading books about bugs and singing songs like *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *The Ants Go Marching*. Babies will be given the opportunity to touch and manipulate big plastic bugs. They will have the opportunity to play with found objects. Infants and toddlers want to know and learn. One of the ways that they learn is by examining and manipulating objects. Two of the portfolio focuses that we have been working on are; holds own bottle and holds object in both hands at the same time. Giving your infant the opportunity to practice both of these focuses helps with hand/eye coordination. It helps infants learn to self-feed. It is important to always have objects in their reach that they can grab with both hands and hold on to. One activity that the babies have been enjoying is going for walks to the park and through

and predict color changing when mixing colors. Ms. Claire has a special surprise for us as she brought in xylophone bells so we can hear what sounds a percussion instrument makes.

*2's, Ms. Claire & Ms. Salessa*

### ***2 1/2's***

June is upon us and we hope it bring fun in the sun! Our room had so much fun exploring and improving our small motor skills and look forward to using them in the future. Please continue to encourage your child to help spread their own toast toppings and safely chop fruits and veggies. Into June, we explore sports, and oceans with their inhabitants, focusing on portfolio skills like potty training and personal information. Encourage your child to say their first and last names, even parent's and sibling's names to continue learning at home. Finally, let's give a warm welcome to Ms. Claire in 007 as Ms. Johnetta moves to the 3's.

*2 1/2's, Ms. Johnetta & Ms. Kate*

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

Can you believe it is already June? This year has been flying by! Throughout the past month, we have been practicing a number of different skills, like scissor holding and use, 1 to 1 correspondence, and letter and number recognition, all while learning about bugs, worms, and dinosaurs! Over the next few weeks and

the neighborhood. They see lots of birds, squirrels, and doggies!

*Infants, Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam*

### ***Older Infants***

Boing, Boing, Boing! We will be learning about different types of sports and balls used. We will play a fine motor game called Rainbow Ball. It is an O-Ball filled with colorful music scarves and the children use their pincer grasp to try and pull the scarves out. We read the books *Ball and Balloon* and *Spot Plays Soccer*. Later in the month, we started our summer off early and went camping. We made a tent using a blanket draped over chairs that we crawled in and out of (working out those gross motor muscles.) We filled up sandwich bags with marshmallows for a sensory experience, painted with ketchup and mustard and banged on a large drum while listening to Native American drumming. We also sang lots of songs like *The Campfire Pokey*, *5 Green and Speckled Frogs*, and *5 Little Hotdogs*. As summer does approach, please check your child's cubby to make sure they have summer clothes. We also hope it is safe to say that you can take home the snowsuits!

*Older Infants, Ms. Christie & Ms. Melissa*

### ***Younger Toddlers***

The children in our classroom are so busy learning and growing. It is awesome to see

into the summer program, we will be continuing to focus on letter recognition while learning all about the alphabet and different sports as our summer theme is "Summer Olympics". Speaking of summer, we are asking that you bring in a water bottle for your child to keep here (if desired). Also, if you want your child to use specific sunscreen, please bring it in labeled with your child's name. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

*3's, Ms. Samantha & Ms. Michele*

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

I am always so amazed at how much the children want to learn. We did a unit on the pond. The children got so excited by a dragonfly song with a puppet that we constructed dragonfly puppets for each of them on a drinking straw. We flew our dragonflies out on the playground (I have a video of it if you would like to see). We even did a dragonfly parade down the block to our friend Luna's house. As we move into summer, we are doing a unit on "At the Beach" complete with blow up inner tubes, swimming goggles, a swimming backdrop (shower curtain of ocean life), picnic baskets, play food, and a grill. Beach bingo, matching numbers and colors, sand castles and fishing games are just some of the fun we will be having.

*Older 3's, Ms. Rosie*

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

their eyes light up when they realize they have just learned a new sign language sign. The children have been learning the signs for the words: stop, mine, please, more, milk, and all done. We think their favorite new sign is for the word "all done". Sign language skills are often considered to be helpful, and a child doesn't verbalize but did you know it also helps build verbal skills at the same time? Signing will help your child reduce their frustration and help you get to know your child on a level that wouldn't be possible otherwise.

*Younger Toddlers, Ms. Diana & Ms. Jennifer*

### ***Toddlers***

Wow! Where has the time gone? Our Spring season is almost over, but we managed to enjoy a few warmer days outside...with no jackets! To help increase our vocabulary, we will be listening to stories from Dr. Seuss. We love our science experiments. The children enjoyed the outcome of mixing 2 cups of flour, 2 cups of oil and different food coloring. We will use our fine motor skills to put together our green eggs and ham train. After that, we will be tasting green eggs and ham! We love to teach and watch how our class grows and learns.

*Toddlers, Ms. Theresa & Ms. Cynthia*

We have been learning all about ponds and growing things. We explored the parts, life cycle, and characteristics of growing things and pond animals/insects. In dramatic play, we added a pond and sorted animals that make a pond their habitat. We became scientists by investigating, observing, and collecting data of the various seeds we planted in soil and water. At home, look in your refrigerator to see what plants you eat. What part of the plant is it (root, stem, leaf, flower?) Have a taste test and try some new foods. In closing, thank you for your participation in teacher appreciation week. Your sweet treats, luncheon, gifts, and notes were truly appreciated.

*4's, Ms. Lynn*