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Growing Highlights

January 2022

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All School-Age Children are required to wear face masks indoors
at Grandma's House.



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed some time off during the holidays; it's such a special time of year.

I wanted to thank all of the families that were able to help with the Giving Tree this year. It certainly put a smile on the face of all the kiddos that received your gifts.

We also want to thank you for all your generosity this holiday season to our wonderful staff and teachers. Our families provided us with gifts, lunches, game prizes, and so much more. We couldn't ask for better families, you truly spoiled us all.

We're excited to start a fresh new year. The past couple years have brought a lot of craziness upon the world of early childhood and child care centers in general. We are happy to say we are running at full capacity again. As great as that is, it may make it harder to add or switch days, but I will try to do my best to accommodate what I can. Also, a new year could mean a new classroom for your child soon! We do a lot of move ups during the beginning of the year, so keep your eyes peeled for a move up notice or more room visiting.

Also, please note our new rates have gone into effect as of January 3rd, 2022.

I look forward to see what this year brings and to watch all of the children learn and grow.

Happy New Year!

Thanks,

Jess Donohue, Director

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Year end statement requests will be emailed once they are available by the end of January.



3	Rowan S.
9	Emersen D.
11	Sawyer F.
11	Ms. Tasha
13	Isaac S.
14	Ms. Aimee
16	Della V.
17	Elliot D.
19	Rory S.
25	Connor N.
25	Aiden W.
25	Joseph L.
25	Ms. Leah
30	Dimitrios K.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Cassidy 6 Years

Glo-Worms

Our Glo-Worms hope everyone has had a “glowing” start to the new year! As always, the babies are working on meeting many developmental milestones through our Let It Snow and Winter Clothing lesson plans. We focused on hand-to-mouth coordination by placing the infant’s hands on their bottles during feeding times. We also began to explore new objects by offering hats and mittens to hold, reach for, and grasp. During our Let It Snow lesson plan, we focused on offering the infants different types of books to reach toward and explore. At

Care Bears

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays! Your children have been busy exploring different holiday and winter activities. We compared BIG vs. little jingle bells. We painted with branches from a Christmas tree and with colored ice. For the New Year, we created Firework Art with toilet paper rolls. At home, you can enjoy art with many different objects, including brushes, combs, toothbrushes, blocks, or sticks from outside. Please remember to have outdoor attire for your child as we still go

home, infants can “read” and enjoy books such as “Touch and Feel” books, board books, soft cover, and wordless books. You will also begin to notice different facial expressions while exploring books. Help them by demonstrating the different expressions during different parts of the story! While we are working hard, let’s not forget to welcome all of our new friends to the Grandma’s House Family! We look forward to helping you learn and grow!

Infants, Ms. Holly & Ms. Nikki

Beanie Babies

Feliz Ana Nuevo! From the Beanie Babies! May it be filled with happiness and joy! We want to thank all the parents for the snow pants, boots and additional winter weather clothes so we can go outside when the weather is above 20 degrees. The portfolio focuses we are working on are walking with the children as we hold their hands while taking steps around the classroom. Also, we are focusing on using gestures such as waving, or pointing to pictures of family members or other items around the classroom. Muchas Gracias!

Older Infants, Ms. Denise & Ms. Drea

Hungry Hippos

In the Hungry Hippos classroom, we learn to learn through the environment around us. We learn to explore through our

outside every day!

2's, Ms. Ashley & Ms. Rina

Pac People

Happy New Year! In December we worked on hand dexterity fine motor skills by learning how to hold and use scissors. A good way to work on this skill is by playing with Playdoh: pushing, squeezing, rolling, and pounding. Big and small has also been practiced with file folders with pictures to match by size. We have focused on self-help skills such as taking shoes off and putting shoes on. Try and set some time aside and make a game of taking shoes off and putting shoes on to practice this skill at home. Lastly, please make sure your child has the proper clothes such as snow pants, boots, jacket, hat, and mittens for the winter weather as we go outside as long as the temperature is 0 degrees and above.

2 1/2's, Ms. Jennie, Ms. Diane & Ms. Janell

Lite-Brites

Happy New Year! Hopefully you all had some time to relax and enjoy family time over the days off. Throughout December, we had our Holidays unit as well as Our Favorites unit. During our Holidays unit we continued to practice our counting. The children had to count the number of dots on each stocking and place that many candy canes into the stockings. We also practiced some gross

senses, such as exploring pom poms and feathers with scoops giving us a cause-and-effect activity. We learn to develop gross motor skills by climbing up and down the play structure, pushing push toys, and cruising along furniture. Hope you have a healthy beginning of your new year!

Toddlers, Ms Lori & Ms. Tasha

Toy Story Kids

Happy New Year! We are so excited to begin a new year back at Grandma's House! We had so many fun moments to remember from December and look forward to what this year has in store for the toddlers. We worked a lot on gross motor last month to gain some strength in our arms and legs. We encouraged problem solving skills and continue to do so. We also worked on engaging in pretend play by offering kitchen utensils, grocery carts, purses/bags, and babies (we saw many of the children patting babies' backs!!). We have really seen improvement in words! Now that most of the class has at least 5 words, we would like to work on combining words and continue expanding our vocabulary. Aside from that we will also be working on understanding which objects go together. Let's hope for an amazing start to the year!

Older Toddlers, Ms. Julie & Ms. Amanda

Puddle Ducks

motor skills such as standing on one foot for a few seconds. Children jumped from one snowflake on the ground to another while balancing on one foot on each snowflake. At home, have your child count how many items you brought home from the grocery store. Counting everything and anything helps! During Our Favorites unit, we picked things we did in the past that we loved while also still working on portfolio focuses. We practiced sorting mini holiday erasers and using tweezers to place them into ice cube trays. We also practiced recognizing shapes by using dabbers to outline each shape on paper. At home, have your child go on a shape scavenger hunt around the house and have them find objects that are the shape of a square, circle, etc. Let's continue to learn and grow. Have a wonderful 2022!

3's, Ms. Cassidy & Ms. Jenna

Candyland Kids

We are so excited for the New Year! We have welcomed many new friends into the four-year-old classroom. We are super excited to learn and grow together. One activity we really enjoy doing in the classroom is learning new silly songs; so, we have been singing about Santa, Elves, and even some silly snowmen. Another thing we have been working on and getting much better at is our self-help skills. We are trying to do things on our own first and then asking for help if we still cannot get it. We are really enjoying

Happy New Year! We ended 2021 reading lots of books and doing lots of painting. We even started acting out a story – Little White Duck. We read it almost every day – each child picks a prop to hold and move when their part comes up. It's really starting to click, so we will be trying this with another story – The Napping House. When we paint, we like to have the children's input. They choose color, tool, and paper – color and orientation (horizontal or vertical). Lately their favorite colors to choose have been black, blue, and green. They also change their perspective – they start standing up and end up on their knees. We learned a little bit more about Duckie – he likes to sleep with his head uncovered and eats grass. He even wore a little reindeer suit for the holidays.

Almost Two's, Ms. Cat & Ms. Ezzy

all the new pop-its and fidget toys we have gotten. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a relaxing time at home. I cannot wait to see what this new year will bring us!

4's, Ms. Brittnee

4K

Wow, December was done in a flash! Happy New Year, 2022! The 4K class had a good time watching Jimmy, the classroom elf, surprise them with where he would be hiding each day. The students have been learning about different reading techniques so they can become strong readers. We started with repeating stories. The child must point to each word on the page and on the last word they must use different skills to figure it out. For example, if the story says "I see the ..." they can use the picture clues to figure out the last word, but they are subconsciously learning the sight words (high efficiency words) like /I/ /see/ and /the/. Not to mention how proud they feel to be a reader. They are also noticing words that have similar endings like "see" and "bee". We use the saying, "If I can spell see, I can spell fee and I can spell tree..." It doesn't matter if it's a real word or not, they verbalize the different rhyming words and notice the letters to make them. These are the first steps to reading. 4K is so excited to start the New Year, we have talked about all the different fun we will be having as we get older. We will be celebrating our 100th day of school, we

look forward to our Friendship Party, and we will continue our learning with new "big kid" lessons. 2022 will be the best year ever!

4K, Ms. Holly L.