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Growing Highlights

January 2022

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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



Dear Parents,

I hope that you were able to enjoy some quiet, relaxing time with family over the holidays. Speaking of the holiday season, I wanted to thank all the families that helped with the Giving Tree drive. St. A was very appreciative to receive such a large donation and the foster children that they serve will greatly benefit from your generosity!

We're thankful to partner with you again in 2022 as we start a fresh, new year. The past two years have definitely brought a lot of uncertainty upon the world. Just a reminder, if your family is growing and you'd like to reserve an infant spot, please let me know

ASAP. We do have waiting lists at times, but we'd love to welcome your new addition into our "Grandma's House family"!

As a reminder, the MyKidzDay App is still the easiest and fastest way to get information to all of our families. We will notify you via the app and follow up with an email if your child was a close contact for COVID-19 at the center. Please be sure you turn on notifications within the App on your device(s).

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

Happy New Year!

Thanks,

Kristie Potter, Director

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PRICE LISTING 2022

2021 Expense Request

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



3	Gus W.
5	Reed B.
5	Annabelle B.
5	Ms. Jennifer
14	Tommy B.
14	Ms. Rebecca
15	Jacob O.
15	Ms. Sammie
15	Felix W.
19	Theodore B.
20	Jack D.

21	Jude C.
24	Johanna N.
25	Scarlett P.
26	Bennett M.
28	Teddy G.
29	Auggy V.
29	Sully V.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

<i>Ms. Shaparis</i>	<i>7 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Melissa</i>	<i>5 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Cynthia</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Justine</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Rebecca</i>	<i>1 Year</i>

Young Infants

January is here and we are so happy to start off the new year with all of you! I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by! I hope you had a wonderful break celebrating holidays with your children and family. In January, we will read books about winter and the cold, and look at pictures of what the winter looks like in all different places. The children will continue to work on their fine motor skills and will stay very busy learning how to play with friends. This month we will be learning about the different celebrations that happen around the world during wintertime, and will be busy with winter crafts. Some children will master the skills of crawling and exploring their

Almost 2's

Happy New Year! We are in our winter season. We have been bundling up and enjoying outside time in the morning and in the afternoon! We love the fresh air and enjoy running off our energy. The children enjoyed our sensory table filled with Cheerios and dump trucks. A few science projects included making playdough and filling balloons with vinegar and baking soda. It was fun to see the balloons get bigger and bigger. We worked on matching with Sesame Street characters and colors. We love reading books and doing flannel stories. This really helps and encourages our vocabulary. We love to see the children learn and grow as

surroundings. Some children will learn how to use their legs muscles and they will try new textures of rattles and teethers.

January will bring lots of fun activities in the snow and we will try to go on some quick walks outside to see and learn about the snow and the cold. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season!

Young Infants, Ms. Alex, Ms. Jamie & Ms. Kylie

Infants

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday time. We are so excited to welcome new friends into our class. This month, our lesson plans are blue themed and winter animals themed. Our portfolio focuses include learning and responding when name is called and picking up and observing objects. Please bring in winter gear (hats, coats, etc.). We will continue to take walks weather permitting. We also love seeing our little friends' families, so please bring in some current family photos. You can print them, email them to Ms. Kristie, or send them through the app. Be sure to check out our art and photo wall so you can see your child's amazing art skills and see what we do throughout the day.

Infants, Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam

Older Infants

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great 2021 and will have an even better

they play.

Toddlers, Ms. Theresa & Ms. Rosanne

2's

We are starting off the new year with some new friends that will be joining us. We will be working on self-help skills such as washing our hands, helping with dressing (flipping coats for outside) and learning the routine in our classroom. We look forward to exploring with our friends and making the environment a place to have fun and learn. We will be working on shapes, colors, and more language skills. Some things you can do at home that go along with what we are learning at school is repeating words to the child and having them say them back. Telling or asking what color their clothing is and allowing them to help with getting themselves ready to go. Just a reminder, please remember to clean out your child's cubbies and bring in warm winter clothing and socks. Please make sure your child has all of their snow gear for we will be going outside this winter.

2's, Ms. Salessa & Ms. Brittannie

2 1/2's

Our class ended the year with more advanced portfolio focuses. The focuses were cutting with scissors in a vertical line, one-to-one correspondence using large, medium and small colored bears and really cool science experiments. The experiments were mixing baking soda and

2022! To start the new year, we took a trip down Sesame Street. We listened to classic Sesame Street songs, and we experimented with cause and effect by pressing buttons on an Elmo doll to see what would happen. We looked at characters from China's version of Sesame Street, which were created by American puppet designer, Ed Christie. We also read Sesame Street in Spanish. We went "Under the Sea" as we read books like "Commotion in the Ocean" and "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed the Sea". We explored our senses by playing in water with fish shaped ice cubes and bath toys. For our process art project, we used blue and white paint with bubble wrap to make "bubbles" underwater. We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with your families.

Older Infants, Ms. Christie & Ms. Melissa

Young Toddlers

Happy New Year and we would like to welcome our new friends to the classroom! Last month we used our senses to explore paint, sand, cinnamon sticks, and coffee beans. We also worked on learning body parts by singing songs. As we start the new year, we will continue to work on strengthening our motor skills. The many ways we do this are using push toys, walkers, throwing balls and other soft objects, crawling through the tunnel, and using our fingers to take pictures off the flannel board. Some fun activities we will be doing include painting

vinegar, creating Gooblick, and understanding density (float, sink, empty, full etc). We want to start the year out fresh with basic development skills. Identifying our primary colors, basic shapes, and full names. We would encourage parents to be a part of these developmental milestones by asking or showing these basic skills in their child's daily routines. Find ways in the day to ask your child what color shirt or shoes they have on. Also, identifying shapes and colors before bed or on their way to school will aid in these focuses. We practice each child's full name and age during circle time to prepare for identifying self and peers in our classroom. Lastly, winter is here so please bring in appropriate gear for the weather. As we all know, it is a challenge keeping up with toddlers' daily schedules and personal items. Please make sure you label your child's belongings. Also, if you have any questions or concerns about child's development feel free to ask us!

2 1/2's, Ms. Johnnetta & Ms. Samantha

3's

Happy New Year families! With the start of a new year, we would like to welcome our new classmates. We are continuing our work of counting to 10 and beyond with our Frozen theme. Our class has also been busy identifying letters. When in the car, have them look to find letters in their name. We love to do science and enjoy experimenting with ice and water phase

on foil with white and blue paint, dump and fill with soft snowballs, and exploring ice. We can't wait to see and share all the growth that will be happening while your child is in our classroom!

Toddlers, Ms. Pakou & Ms. Maddy

Toddlers

We would like to welcome all our new friends to the classroom! We want to thank all of our parents for bringing in their child's winter gear! We are looking forward to having some fun in the snow! We will also experiment with snow by bringing it inside. We continue to work on our names, hand washing, and learning more sign language. Happy New Year!

Younger Toddlers, Ms. Diana & Ms. Justine

Toddlers

Welcome to the New Year and welcome to the new batch of friends that made their way from 004. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as it is that time of year again. Please remember to wash your hands and your child's hands upon arrival into their classroom. During the month of January, we will be working on cognitive skills by matching objects like shapes, numbers, colors, animals, etc. to their matching pictures. We will be working on fine motor skills, too. We will be practicing stacking different toys and objects; our goal is to be able to stack 10 blocks on top of each other. As always, we

change. The class makes predictions on which will melt the ice faster: salt or warm water??

3's, Ms. Claire & Ms. Shaparis

4's

What a busy month we have had. Thank you to all our families who decorated their very own gingerbread person to decorate our bakery. We enjoyed pretending to make and eat many yummy treats in our bakery. We also used stick puppets to act out different versions of this classic story. Next, we enjoyed our unit on celebrations around the world by discussing the Hindu holiday of Diwali-the festival of lights. Did you see the Regoli artwork we created on the bulletin board? Next, we explored Hanukkah-a Jewish celebration. We tasted latkes (potato pancakes); discussed the significance of the menorah along with spinning dreidels to music. This was followed by making and eating cinnamon rolls for St. Lucia's celebration in Sweden, Norway, and Finland to name a few places. Ms. Michele then came in and discussed Los Posadas (a Mexican holiday). Our favorite activity with her was making our own interpretation of a poinsettia plant using colored paper and glue. Finally, we discussed Christmas by dancing the Rudolph hokey pokey; making magic reindeer food; dictating letters to Santa, and sorting candles by size, shape, and scent to name a few of our favorite activities. After our unit on nocturnal

will be working on our language development skills; using encouragement to use simple words to have simple needs met. We will be using lots of sign language and trying to put 2 words together, for example, "more milk". And last but not least, just a reminder to keep checking and updating your child's cubby with weather appropriate clothes. Thank you.

Toddlers, Ms. Jennifer

animals in the fall the children have been asking for more animal activities. Therefore, our units for January will be arctic animals and the season of winter. In closing, I would like to thank you all for your generosity this holiday season and for sharing your child with me.

4's, Ms. Lynn