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May 2-6, 2022

Celebrating our

SENSEational

Teachers and Staff

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## Growing Highlights

May 2022

Dear Families,

Happy May! Let's hope this warm weather is here to stay. With this weather hopefully will come lots of sunshine. Remember to bring in sunscreen for your child if you do not want the Grandma's House brand of sunscreen put on them. We will all be spending lots of time outdoors.

May is a special month because this month we get to celebrate our teachers! **May 2nd-6th** is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. As always, we would love for everyone to show how much we love our teachers by helping us throw our Annual Teacher Luncheon and breakfast. You should have received a link for this via the app. Also, peek at the teachers' "All About Me" sheets in the front entryway. These may help if you are unsure of their interests.

"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart." -Unknown

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**5 DAYS 5 WAYS**

to celebrate our

May 2-6, 2022



# SENSEational

Teachers and staff

**M**

Monday 5/2



**SIGHT**

Wear sunglasses to school to protect your eyes from the beauty of our teachers & staff. They shine so bright!

**T**

Tuesday 5/5



**TASTE**

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

**W**

Wednesday 5/3



**TOUCH**

Give your teacher a hug, high five, fist bump

**T**

Thursday 5/5



**SMELL**

Bring your teacher something to smell.  
Flower, candle, perfume, body lotion.

**F**

Friday 5/6



**SOUND**

Sing/Dance with your teacher  
Staff Appreciation Breakfast

## CONGRATULATIONS

*On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!*

Ms. Jess 14 Years

Ms. Alyssa 3 Years



3	Brooks M.
4	Charlotte O.
4	JJ O.
5	Ms. Beth
10	Ms. Cassidy
12	Natalie P.
14	Ms. Olivia
14	Ms. Rina
14	Ms. Sam
15	Evalyn W.
15	Logan K.
20	Franklin L.
20	Mason F.
21	Ashlyn S.
22	Mia W.
24	Hudson S.
26	Mateo T.
30	Ms. Kim
31	Claire W.
31	Ms. Ashley

## Scholastic Book Orders ~ Now Online!

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: **P6N7H**. 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, May 16th***

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.

## PICTURE DAY | Thursday, May 19th



### ***Glo-Worms***

Those dreary April showers are sure going to make the May flowers beautiful! We look forward to watching the flowers and infants grow! This month we will continue to work on many age-appropriate developmental skills. Lots of tummy time is at the top of our list as it helps develop head and neck control to assist in rolling and core strength. We are also working on sitting up with and without support. Offer your lap or boppy pillow for support. We have had several new friends join the Grandma's House family, so we will be assisting in the skill of becoming aware of self and others. We will be placing your child in front of a mirror and close to the other children. The teachers will get down on the children's

### ***Care Bears***

Spring is finally here! With the rainy weather coming, feel free to switch out winter boots with rain boots and heavy coats with raincoats or lighter coats. This past month, we have been working on matching our colors by matching colored bugs. We have also been practicing turning pages of books. We let them do it independently by having them sit down with a paper book and have them turn the pages. They may turn several at a time and that is perfectly okay. You can practice this at home by having them read independently or by reading a book with them and having them turn the pages. We look forward to see what we learn next!  
*2's, Ms. Ashley & Ms. Rina*

level and talk to them encouraging language development. As always with the changing weather, please be sure your child has season appropriate clothing and outerwear! Thank you!

*Infants, Ms. Holly & Ms. Nikki*

### **Beanie Babies**

Yay, the warmer weather is finally here! Time for lots of playground exploration. We will be working on looking at books that represent real objects and point to them with word recognition. Also, we will use small hand gestures, sign language for “more”, “all done”, and “eat” to help with communication. Remember, it’s also time for sunscreen and swim pull ups. Enjoy your stroller walks or just sitting on a blanket in the grass.

*Older Infants, Ms. Denise & Ms. Drea*

### **Hungry Hippos**

Happy Spring! We stayed busy this past month exploring our Bunnies & Eggs and Under the Sea lesson plans. During our Bunnies & Eggs unit we sorted and dumped plastic eggs in and out of baskets. We worked on numbers by counting the eggs and colors by sorting the eggs into groups by color. Our Under the Sea unit was filled with many sensory activities. We painted on aluminum foil and listened to the sound it made when we touched it. We also spread the paint

### **Pac People**

Spring has sprung! We are so happy that the warmer weather is upon us. We would like you to take home snow pants and boots. If you have rain boots at home, you are welcome to bring them in. Otherwise, we will gladly use their snow boots if necessary. This month we have worked hard on being a little bit more independent, by putting on and taking off our own shoes and coats. We have also worked on using “please” and “thank you” and waiting our turn. We have focused a lot on holding scissors properly. We are not yet cutting with the scissors, but we are working towards opening and closing the safety scissors. Lastly, we focused on our fine motor skills using an eye dropper.

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

### **Lite-Brites**

We had a lot of fun in the month of April. During the Week of the Young Child we loved all of our extra fun activities. Our favorite was playing with worms and pajama day! Our themes in April were Spring and Pets. During our Spring unit we learned all about Spring weather and worked on making sure we know how to dress to play outside. We played a Spring BINGO game that helps us learn to follow directions and teaches us patience. We also worked on sorting. We sorted letters vs. numbers, as well as insects vs. animals. We loved seeing

around with our hands and learned about wet vs. dry. One of the portfolio focus areas we have been working on is *using our spoon*. When we have yogurt or oatmeal for snack, we encourage your child to use their spoon and we help them scoop. You can work on this at home by encouraging your child to use a spoon or fork at mealtimes. Next month we will learn about all the changes happening outside with the warmer weather coming in our Spring unit.

*Toddlers, Ms Lori & Ms. Tasha*

### **Toy Story Kids**

We had so much fun in the month of April exploring Weather and Spring. We enjoyed Week of the Young Child making pudding, crazy dress up day, and music with Mrs. Ryan. We made a rainbow fruit salad and explored nature items such as pinecones, leaves, and flowers. In May, we will be concentrating on gentle touches, using spoons, and paying attention to verbal safety warnings. Hopefully, May will bring some much-needed sunshine and warmer weather. We wish you all a Happy Mother's Day! Take some time to be pampered and enjoy some fun with your children, they are amazing!

*Older Toddlers, Ms. Julie & Ms. Amanda*

### **Puddle Ducks**

everyone's pets during our Pet unit! The children were so proud to share their pictures and tell us all about their pets. We worked with Playdoh to form simple shapes as dog prints. We also worked on sorting and matching by color. The children had to match colored puppies to their corresponding color dog house. Please take home your child's water bottle at the end of the week for washing. Also, with the changing weather keep an eye on your child's cubby to make sure they have extra clothes and socks.

*3's, Ms. Cassidy & Ms. Jenna*

### **Candyland Kids**

We are looking forward to Spring flowers and seeing more birds. We have been learning about Spring by taking our centers outside when the weather cooperates. Our new theme will be Bunnies & Chicks. We will be sorting bunnies by color and size. For science, we will explore a hardboiled egg and a fresh egg. We look forward to trying Peeps before the bunny comes. In May, we will be learning about Community Helpers and All About Pirates. A fun project you can do at home to enhance ABA patterning is to use skewers, Peeps, and cut up fruit. Take one skewer and have the children put one piece of fruit on the skewer then a Peep and repeat filling the skewer. Then enjoy eating the fun project. We are looking forward to what June will bring us.

*4's, Ms. Brittnee & Ms. Aimee*

The Puddle Ducks are having so much fun exploring their world! We love the little rainbows we find all over the classroom on sunny days. When we are outside, we see birds, airplanes, helicopters, and a little bunny. The bird sounds are so pretty, and we like to imitate them. The food, recycling, and garbage trucks are still a fascination for our Ducks – we anxiously await their arrivals each week! Our favorite books right now are *The Wheels on the Garbage Truck*, *The Wheels on the Fire Truck*, and *The Wheels on the Dump Truck*. And let's not forget *The Wheels on the Bus*! Now that we are outside more, we have been seeing a lot of school buses. Due to all the rainy weather, our rain suits have been getting a lot of use – we don't let a little rain slow us down! One of our favorite outside activities is to look for "interesting things" and collect them in a container so we can talk about them later. This is a great time to work on language, math, and science skills! We are looking forward to an absolutely splendid summer! Have a marvelous May!

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

## **4K**

May is here and 4K is almost coming to an end. Last month, we learned about how to care for pets and what makes something living or non-living. Then we blew into Spring and observed all the weather and environmental changes that were occurring. Lastly, we finished the month introducing an ant farm and caterpillars to the class. I look forward to watching the changes the children will make in the last month of school. To finish up 4K, we will be learning about Farms and The Zoo. This will give us the chance to strengthen our reading and writing skills as well as use math in many different ways. Not to mention the science of learning about so many different animals and farms around the world.

*4K, Ms. Holly L.*