

[View this email in your browser](#)



Growing Highlights

May 2022

5 DAYS 5 WAYS

to celebrate our

May 2-6, 2022



SENSEational

Teachers and Staff

<p>M Monday 5/2</p> 	<p>SIGHT</p> <p>Show your positive thoughts of teachers & staff by writing them down on STARS for all to see!</p>	<p>*Visit the STAR Station during the week in the front & back entryway to write down positive thoughts for your teachers & staff.</p>
<p>T Tuesday 5/3</p> 	<p>TASTE</p> <p>Bring your teacher a tasty treat.</p>	
<p>W Wednesday 5/4</p> 	<p>TOUCH</p> <p>Give your teacher a hug, high five, fist bump.</p>	
<p>T Thursday 5/5</p> 	<p>SMELL</p> <p>Bring your teacher a flower to smell and brighten her day.</p>	
<p>F Friday 5/6</p> 	<p>SOUND</p> <p>Sing & Dance with your teacher.</p>	



- 1 Aedan G.
- 9 Nathaniel S.
- 11 Eleanor T.
- 15 Juno S.
- 15 Evia F.
- 16 Aria S.
- 20 Paige-Marie S.
- 21 Ms. Kristine
- 27 James S.
- 30 Ms. Kim

CONGRATULATIONS!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Shannon 25 Years

Ms. Donna 14 Years

Scholastic Book Orders

Orders can be placed online. Go to 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. You can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to the center with our order.

Book orders are due by Monday, May 23rd

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



Infants

During this past month Ms. Mo and I have seen tremendous growth with the babies as they pull themselves up from a sitting position, crawl, and move towards a toy and then reach for it. All wonderful developmental milestones! And a major part of all this coming together is "Letting children be children." They are born with a love of movement. Given the chance, the time, and the space to move, nature will take its course. Children need time, time, and more time to challenge themselves. It is in our nature to want to help them, but by doing so it robs them of learning how to do it for themselves and the opportunity of building trust. Physical skills like sitting, walking, and climbing are some of the first challenges for an infant to test their body movements. Babies need to learn how their body moves through trial and error. They will fall over. They will lose their balance. They will react, but through every 'trying' moment, they learn what they are capable of and that is where the trust begins for the both of you. Infants learn to trust themselves and their abilities. They also are learning that you trust in their abilities and that mutual trust is established in early infancy.

Infants, Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo

Older Infants

April definitely brought us more than just rain showers. We got snow, sleet, ice, and a cold, fast wind! Thanks to all the parents

3's

We kicked the month of April off with our Eric Carle unit. The Children loved acting out the story "*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*". We did this by laying a large sheet with leaf prints down, then setting out the food to be eaten by "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". As he traveled through each day he began to feel sick and had an upset tummy from eating too much food. To feel better, he takes a bite of a leaf then wraps himself in a cocoon, turning into a beautiful butterfly. We then made our own caterpillars and reviewed the color green as we counted how many circles we glued down to use for each letter in our names. After gluing down our green circles for each letter in our name, we said each letter out loud as we tapped on each letter. Please be sure you are checking the app for updates and/or notifications on your child's day and what they may need to bring in.

3's, Ms. Andrea G.

3's

Yay for Spring weather! We certainly are ready for it. Please make sure your child has extra clothes for those fun puddle stomping days. We were busy the last few weeks focusing on sorting objects by color and using the colors of the rainbow. We also focused on counting objects and counting in order. We really enjoy exploring all things Spring such as bugs and the weather in spring - especially

for bringing in or bringing back cold weather gear. Hopefully this month will be much warmer and consistent, but even more importantly we can get outside more often. We have been working on counting and sorting. We like counting our farm animals, eggs, and all of our friends. The class really enjoys the flannel story/song of *5 Little Ducks*. They especially like the “quack, quack, quack” part. Many of our flannel stories have a counting skill within the story/song and we get to use our math skills. The class enjoyed having egg hunts in the classroom and putting eggs into baskets. This activity works on fine and gross motor skills. I am hoping to catch up with all our parents in the coming weeks to go over portfolio updates. We are happy to be moving forward far from April and looking toward a beautiful May.
Older Infants, Ms. Andrea K., Ms. Lara & Ms. Bry

Toddlers

We are officially in May! Yay! If you haven't done so already, please take your child's boots, snow pants, hat, and mittens home! Nice weather means we get to play outside way more. Please stock up your child's cubby with appropriate extra clothes for the change of season. We have been busy working on our fine motor skills in class with our big buttons, new funky blocks, and lots of coloring. Our friends love when we bring the chalk out! We have also been enjoying the bubble machine on windy days! They love seeing

snow. Hopefully, we will be able to pack away the snow pants until next year.
3's, Ms. Tricia

4's

It is May, YEA!! The warmer it gets, the more we get outside, rain permitting. In April, we explored Spring and Farm to Table. We also enjoyed the Week of the Young Child in April. The children really enjoyed the activities and art we had planned. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful class canvas painting we did. They really had fun painting their own area on the canvas. There will be more to come if your child was not in attendance the day we created it. As for messy activities, we planted 2 pots of green grass. We placed them by the front door to get as much sunlight as they could. The children have fun watching them grow and love trimming the grass. The grass grows very quickly. They also had fun making dirt cake. The class was divided into two groups, each at a table. One group had fun crushing the Oreos in a Ziploc bag. Who knew smashing a bag of cookies with a rolling pin could be so much fun. The other group happily made our Vanilla pudding. They thought it was really cool to see the white powder turn yellow as we slowly added the milk. We then layered it into an actual flower pot, added gummy worms, and put it in the refrigerator to set. They loved seeing it in an actual flower pot. Our potluck was a hit, thank you to all the families that

the bubbles go crazy when a big gust of wind comes by. Kicking the balls on the playground has been a new fun thing for us to do, too. We like to see how high we can kick the balls in the air and watch them come back down. We would also like to wish all of our Moms a Happy Mother's Day! We hope you have a fantastic day!
Toddlers, Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly

2's

This month we are going to take a pretend trip to the Farm. When we visit the farm we are going to look at all the different animals that live on the farm and the sounds they make, plant some crops both in the classroom and the center garden (hopefully the weather cooperates for the outdoor planting), and drive the pretend classroom tractors. Along with our trip to the Farm, we are going to continue working on potty training, color recognition through songs and games, completing simple puzzles consisting of 4-8 pieces, and following 2 step directions without prompts. At the end of the month and continuing into June, we are going to do another author study on Eric Carle. But this time we are going to look at his insect themed books such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Very Lonely Firefly*, *The Grouchy Ladybug*, and *The Clumsy Click Beetle* just to name a few.

Lately we have had many questions in regards to potty training. Please know that Desi and I are happy to assist in this process, but we do ask that you are doing

brought in items for it. We would say 95% of the children that tasted it loved it. We also had enough to eat the next day. The smiles on their faces was priceless when they got to eat it again. Pajama days are always a hit. Anytime the children and teachers can roll out of bed and say they are dressed for the day is always a good day. Just a reminder- please have extra clothes in your child's cubby. It is usually wet outside and we all know that children love the puddles and the sandbox on those wet days. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, we are always here.

4's, Ms. Shannon & Ms. Chantel

School Aged

Hello School Age Families, it seems as though Spring has come and gone! Please make sure that your child still has appropriate outdoor gear (jackets, hats, and gloves). I would like to get outside more in the evening, but it still gets pretty cold out there. I would like to remind parents to please bring in copies of Covid vaccination cards (if applicable) so we can put them in your child's file. As a reminder, if your child is fully vaccinated, they do NOT need to quarantine when exposed as long as they are symptom free. They will have to mask-up for 10 days, though! I have noticed more and more home toys coming in. I am okay with this as long it does not start causing problems. However, Pokémon cards are still a no go. On Good Friday, we tasted

it at home before trying it at day care. We also ask that you bring in ample spare clothing so we can change your child's clothing if they have an accident and keep them in underwear in order to be as consistent as possible. If you are thinking about switching your child from diapers to pull-ups, we ask to send in pull-ups that pull apart from the sides instead of the ones that your child needs to undress before being able to put on. This makes transitions between activities and diaper changes go so much smoother so the children do not feel like they are missing out. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask.

Please take a moment to double check all the spare clothing in your child's cubby to make sure that it is weather appropriate and still fits. Also, most messages are sent through the app especially if they need items such as spare clothing, diapers, wipes, etc..., so please make sure you continue to check it daily.

2's, Ms. Amy & Ms. Desi

tested jellybeans and peeps; which the kids really seemed to enjoy. We have also been doing more art activities including spin art, scratch art, and 3d illusion art. As the weather warms up, we will hopefully be spending our afternoons outside. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

School-Age, Ms. Donna