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May 2-6, 2022

Celebrating our

SENSEational

Teachers and Staff

Growing Highlights

May 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for filling up our Teacher Appreciation Week Sign-up Genius that was sent out in April. Our teachers always enjoy treats and look forward to being spoiled by our wonderful parents.

In case you missed that email, we are celebrating our teachers during **Teacher Appreciation Week**, which is the first week in May (5/2-5/6). In addition to bringing in treats each day for us to enjoy, we will have a card making station by our back door where you and your child can create a note for your teacher. Also located near the back door are All About Me posters, where you can find out more information about what your child's teacher enjoys (in case you would like to purchase something for them).

We are getting ready for our Summer Program to start, too! Our summer program officially

starts June 13th. We usually have a lot of children moving into new rooms on that day, and I will send an email out with that information as well as posting it on the office door. For those families with children over the age of 2, field trip calendars will come out sometime near the middle of May and will need to be returned to us by the end of the month. We will be going on field trips again this year, although they will either be outdoors or inside our building.

As always, my door is always open!
Christie Dapelo, Director

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- 3 Ms. Esther
 - 3 Ms. Serenitie
 - 5 Nikhila S.
 - 6 Jonathan N.
 - 8 Noah C.
 - 9 Keller O.
 - 11 Makenna J.
 - 13 Wyatt H.
 - 13 Ms. Courtney
 - 14 Claire M.
 - 15 Carter F.
 - 17 Henry G.
 - 18 Avianna R.
 - 21 Caleb R.
 - 21 Olive C.
 - 22 Fiona W.
 - 24 Parker S.
 - 27 Nora R.
 - 28 Anders K.
 - 29 Ms. Annissa
 - 30 Ms. Kim S.
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CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Jess 23 Years

Ms. Amy R. 22 Years

Ms. Joan 11 Years



Little Lunas

Last month was very exciting as we welcomed four new friends, Ayla, Orion, Rosie, and Dorothy! We know starting day care is intimidating and emotional for everyone, but we are here to make the transition smooth, comfortable and an overall positive experience. We continue to get to know one another through group play and one-on-one time. Tummy time is a must here in 001 and for older babies we are focusing on sitting and getting into a crawling position. Our small motor skills are also developing as we manipulate toys and (for some) food! The weather has allowed us more time for walks, so in addition to snowsuits, please feel free to provide light Spring sweaters and hats. We heard that some of our friends have been struggling with nighttime sleep. As a word of encouragement...It will get better before you know it so just love them while they are little!

Infants, Ms. Ana & Ms. Abbie

Pooh-N-Tots

Warmer temps are slowly coming around...Yay! We here in Pooh Tot land will be working on learning the colors blue, red, yellow, and green as well as the shapes of the circle, square, rectangle and triangle. We will venture into things that creep, crawl, and fly. When you have the opportunity, please encourage your child to see colors and shapes in their environment. Ask them plenty of questions as this will help them to develop their language skills. There will also be plenty of fun art projects to make and bring home. Please remember to check the silver bags for all their masterpieces!

3rd Toddlers, Ms. Laura & Ms. Kim

Little Monsters

Happy Spring! This month our toddlers are exploring shapes and colors, and Spring themes into our classroom. We continue

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

While picking spring flowers is fun, picking up cheerios and toys with our pincer grasp is more up our alley! Lots of focus this month on small motor skills so we can lay that foundation for eventually holding a marker/crayon for coloring, and then holding/using a spoon to eat. We also will be having them placing objects into a jug/bucket to help with "cause/effect" and having them see that they can control their bodies.

Letting the babies explore food at home for a few minutes on their own helps immensely with their confidence. They are still little so definitely help is needed but that confidence is given that they can try all by themselves and it makes them feel proud! One more thing to do at home when you're reading books with them, let them attempt to turn the pages of a book (board books are recommended for those grabby hands). At Grandma's House, we go through lots of books and doctor up lots of books since reading is our friends' favorite!

2nd Infants, Ms. Cassie & Ms. Virginia

Candy Factory

Quote of the Month: *"All behavior is communication. A few minutes of listening, observing, and understanding can save hours of miscommunication, frustration, and conflict. A need met is a problem solved."* - L.R. Knost

Our focus this month is on rainbows and

to encourage using our words, especially for conflict resolution. We are very excited to "visit" outer space this month, making our own moon sand, singing our planet's song, and trying out astronaut food. Making the moon sand will be a good sensory project for them feeling it and playing with it. Singing our planet's song will help with memory development and be a good introduction to different songs and types of music. Astronaut food will help explore new types of food and is good sensory for taste. The space unit will definitely be out of this world!

Older Toddlers, Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Emma

Wittle Wizards

Herbivicus! (a spell for rapidly growing plants). We start the month by finishing our 80's and 90's themes, which were a walk down memory lane for us as teachers! After that, we dive into colors where we will focus on lacing colored beads and matching 3 to 4 colors. At home you could lace fruit loops and match the fruit loop colors. Also, make a game while cleaning up. For example, who can pick up all the red toys. Following colors, we end the Fall program with "healthy eating and baking".

"Despite the forecast, live like it is spring" - Lily Pulitzer

2's, Ms. Courtney & Ms. Esther

Gnome Schoolers

the Very Hungry Caterpillar! Our babies are developing well by cruising around the room, walking with walking toys, mimicking their peers and teachers, and drinking out of sippy cups. We are also learning new signs so the babies can communicate their wants and needs. Please bring appropriate clothing for outside play and walks. This includes a jacket, shoes, extra clothes for water play, etc. Thank you for being such great, kind, and understanding parents!

3rd Infants, Ms. Sherry & Ms. Shantice

Unaccompanied Minors

Welcome new families to toddler land; we hope the transition wasn't too crazy. It's been fantastic for us to get to know the new classmates thus far. We can't wait to see their growth as each child continues to learn and explore.

Talking about exploring, we've been doing a lot more exploring outside. We're super excited for the warmer weather and finally getting rid of winter gear. Yay! We get to work on our gross motor skills and build muscles when we are outside. More so, we interact with the older children and build on our verbal communications.

We work on fine motor skills by coloring, stacking, and doing sensory play during classroom time. However, these are not the only things that happen during classroom time. We also learn to share, do art projects, work on milestone goals, and do activities dealing with our themes.

We will be working on transitions this

The Hulk isn't the only one with a "green thumb" these days. Come THIS May, the little gnomies will be exploring the wonders, joys, and surprises of Mother Nature with dirt and soil up to their knees, as they plant, harvest, eat, and learn about...GARDENING!

So, dust off those crocs and get ready for some messy learning and let's "dig in" to the Earth.

Captain America is counting on you to do your part by creating a team of Gardening Avengers to keep the Earth healthy, clean, and bountiful, in the event of a Litter Bug "Snap."

Get out there and plant. That's an order.

Gardening Avengers...assemble!

2.5's, Ms. Amy R. & Mr. Randy

Picture Perfect 3's

We are excited for our farm field trip this month! In the block area there are times when the children set up a farm using the blocks and animals. They will love seeing a real farm in action! A lot of our friends take a big interest in fine motor activities during free play. The activities that they enjoy are playdough, cutting out shapes, bingo dabbers, and tracing pages. These are all great activities to do with your child and it will keep their interest for a long time! Have a good month!

3's, Ms. Jess & Ms. Melissa

PK Masks

month, which means moving from one activity to another (e.g., going from snack to outside). A great transition helps make things flow more smoothly. Also, it avoids making the children wait too long for their next activity. We find that having songs with lots of action works best with transitioning. It keeps the children moving and engaged. We cannot wait to see how everything turns out.

Lastly, we will take any gently used board books, toddler clothes/shoes that you don't need anymore. We can always use them as back up in the classroom. As always, thank you for bearing with us as we get everyone acclimated to their schedules. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Toddlers, Ms. Mai Lee & Ms. Taylor

The Rolling Scones

Greetings to all! Welcome to our new families who have joined the Rolling Scones room. We are so happy to see what is in store for us all this Spring. Last month, we focused on sensory play. In particular, the toddlers enjoyed moon sand, jello, and flower petals. Often these projects are great for experiencing the senses: touch, sight, smell, taste (all were homemade) and sound. If you would like any ideas or recipes, please feel free to ask us! Another skill we have been working on is eating with plates and utensils. These skills are fun for the toddlers and they encourage fine motor skills. They get so excited to eat with a spoon and

My how the year has gone by so fast, and we've been having so much fun in the preschool room. We wrapped up our Dr. Seuss unit which was lots of fun and have begun to learn about space; which is a class favorite. We talked about the different planets in the solar system and different facts about them. We got to watch how an astronaut washes her hair in space and why things float in their space station. Things got messy and fun during Week of the Young Child. We planted marigolds with Ms. Nikki's class and are having fun watching them grow in our classroom. After space, we decided to celebrate the season we are in and hopefully it'll bring long lasting warm weather with it. We learned why certain animals come out in the Spring and where they are in the Winter. We talked about what kinds of flowers and vegetables might be growing in our own gardens at home. As preschoolers, we are always busy and learning in so many different ways. Ask us about the all of the different things we learn.

4's, Ms. Kayleigh

cup/plate. With this in mind, we will be updating portfolios as we see the children reach their milestones. We look forward to seeing them bloom!

2nd Toddlers, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Emily