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Growing Highlights

JUNE 2022

Calendar Reminder

**We will be CLOSING EARLY for
Staff Development & Classroom Changeover
Friday, June 10th
Hours 6:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Dear Families,

Can you believe the summer program is just 2 weeks away?! We are all very excited to start weekly field trips, lots of outside time, and exciting activities in the classrooms. Field trip calendars and payment should have been turned in May 25th. If you have not yet turned them in, please do so as soon as possible. As always, parents are welcome to join on field trips for the same cost as the children, just let teachers know if you're interested. As a reminder, please make sure your children are wearing closed toe shoes and sandals. We have this policy to prevent injuries while running around the playground and parks.

Lastly, big congratulations to our 4K group as they will have their graduation celebration this week. I know they will all do well as they move on to "BIG" school next year. It was so fun watching them grow these past five years.

Lookin' forward to field trips, water play and warm summer days!
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Summer Program Starts June 13th



CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries
with Grandma's House!

June

Ms. Cat 19 Years

Ms. Olivia 6 Years

July

Ms. Susan 34 Years

Ms. Holly S. 8 Years



June

- 1 Ms. Jenna
- 7 Christian L.
- 11 Mr. Jared
- 15 Wesley K.
- 15 Heidi K.
- 16 Ariana V.
- 16 Callan V.
- 17 Landon S.
- 19 Jude H.
- 20 Harrison H.
- 21 Ethan D.
- 22 Ellie V.
- 26 Ms. Bree
- 24 Alexander N.

25 Madelyn H.
26 Ms. Bree
27 Madilyn O.
27 Brantley S.
28 Samuel J.
28 Myla O.
29 Evan R.
29 Ms. Jess S.
30 Cora M.

July

1 Taylor D.
1 Ms. Jennie
2 Sunny L.
2 Ms. Alyssa
3 Roberto H.
5 Savannah K.
5 Mila M.
7 Ava S.
7 Ms. Judy
9 Edison H.
10 Bailey M.
14 Sawyer M.
14 Ms. Amanda
18 Ms. Janell
21 Anushka K.
25 Finley E.
28 Savannah O.
28 Ms. Selena



Glo-Worms

Summer is finally here! We are getting out for more stroller rides in the beautiful

Care Bears

I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm weather! The children are certainly

weather! During this time, we are bringing a small blanket or playmat out into the grass or on the small playground for the babies to be outdoors while practicing tummy time and rolling. We are also utilizing hand mirrors to foster sense of self and others. We place the mirror in front of your child and talk about their attributes (i.e. brown hair, blue eyes, etc.). This is great to do with your child at home in front of the bathroom mirror! A fun and stimulating activity we will be doing is “dancing balloons”. We will loosely tie non-latex balloons onto each child’s ankles and wrists, place them on their backs on the floor and watch them move. Each time they move, the balloons will dance! As the summer program begins, we are all excited to get out and enjoy the sunshine!

Infants, Ms. Holly & Ms. Nikki

Beanie Babies

Hello from the Beanie Babies! Summer is approaching and the weather has been gorgeous! We are going to need extra supplies for the hot weather like: sun hats, sunscreen lotion if not using our GH brand, closed-toe shoes, 2 piece swim suits for easy diaper changes along with swim diapers. We will also be targeting two portfolio focuses: handing the teacher an item and stacking rings on pegs. Let’s have a wonderful summer with lots of waterplay!

Older Infants, Ms. Denise & Ms. Drea

enjoying it! Last month we practiced our scissor skills. The children have been practicing so hard and are really proud of themselves when they actually cut the paper! We have also been practicing stringing large beads and noodles. You can practice stringing beads or noodles at home by having them put noodles on pipe cleaners or by have them put Fruit Loops on a pretzel stick. We look forward to seeing what we learn and explore next.

2’s, Ms. Ashley & Ms. Rina

Pac People

With the warmer weather upon us, we have been spending more time outside! Please make sure cubbies are well stocked with seasonal clothes, shorts, t-shirts, and an extra pair of shoes. Please make sure to send your child(ren) in closed-toe shoes to keep their feet safe.

We have been focusing on sharing and taking turns. We encourage patience by having the children ask for a turn and wait until their friend is done. We have also worked on the self-help skill of putting their own shoes on. This is not an easy task, but an important one!

2 1/2’s, Ms. Jennie & Ms. Janell

Lite-Brites

Summer Program is finally here! It feels like we have been waiting for warm weather for a long time! The 3’s are super

Hungry Hippos

Spring is in full effect! This past month the children engaged in Zoo Animal activities, such as placing animal stickers on paper to help strengthen their fine motor skills. The children also learned through their senses by exploring animals in different environments like sand, water, and pinecones with grass and sticks. We also read *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* by Laura Numeroff. We followed with making chocolate chip cookies. We used our motor skills to pour into the bowl and stir the dough. It was also great practice for taking turns. Eating the cookies was the best part!

Toddlers, Ms Lori & Ms. Tasha

Toy Story Kids

After a long winter and rainy spring, it's safe to say we are ready for summer! Last month we enjoyed learning about the Zoo and Community Helpers. We had fun exploring different zoo animal sounds, colors, and patterns. During our Community Helpers theme, we enjoyed dressing up in firefighter gear and pretending to drive firetrucks. This month we are looking forward to bringing lots of indoor activities outside! We plan to do art, sensory experiences, and even music and literacy activities on the playground! We will also have a lot of water play, too! Please make sure your child's cubby is stocked with spare changes of weather appropriate

excited to go on field trips again and bring our learning outside of the classroom. This past month we have learned about the Farm and Flowers. During our Farm unit, we practiced sorting by size with pictures of big farm animals and small/baby animals. We also practiced our counting by using cotton balls as they are placed on the sheep's body with tweezers. A good time to practice counting at home would be during breakfast or dinner time when handing your child pieces of fruit, vegetables, etc. During our Flowers unit, we practiced matching colors by sorting colored flowers with their correct colored pot. We also worked on AB patterning with flower cards. At home, you could use something fun like M & M's or fruit snacks. We look forward to having lots of fun this summer! Please bring in a swimsuit (2-piece for girls), towel, and water shoes for water play and field trips. Please label everything!

3's, Ms. Cassidy & Ms. Jenna

Candyland Kids

Wow, summer is here and in full force! We have been so excited to spend tons of time outside without coats! Please make sure your child's cubby is stocked with extra clothes. The pirates lesson plan was a huge hit with the class. They enjoyed looking for the treasure box every day and finding the prize that was inside. They also loved learning silly pirate songs and reading books. The last lesson we are

clothing, 2-piece swim suit, swim diapers, and a water bottle. Thank you! Let's have a great summer!

Older Toddlers, Ms. Julie & Ms. Amanda

Puddle Ducks

Our latest interests have been trajectory, enveloping, and enclosing. We set up a group of tables with loose parts, boxes, bowls, and baskets so the children can fill things up, carry them around, and dump them out. We also added wheelbarrows to extend their play. They like to wrap things up so we have dolls and animals along with pillows, fabrics, and blankets. We started exploring clay and water – very messy, but very satisfying! There has been lots of singing among the Puddle Ducks – Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, The Wheels on the Bus, and Rainbow Round Me are their favorites. We are looking forward to a lovely Summer!

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

going to be doing before summer is Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. We will be learning about letters and numbers with silly songs and dances. After that, we will practice scissor skills and safety on the playground. We will also work in groups to practice our teamwork skills. We are so excited for summer field trips and doing water play!

4's, Ms. Brittnee & Ms. Aimee

4K

"Graduation day is finally here" I am so proud of all the hard work these students have done over the past 9 months. We started Sept. with 13 eager children and the year flew by. Here are some highlights:

Sept: apple field trip

Oct: learning about nocturnal animals and acting out "There was an Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything"

Nov: playing in the leaves

Dec: 3 Little Pigs play performance

Jan: making stone soup and retelling Jan Brett stories

Feb: all the 1 day extra lessons we had, starting with Chinese New Year and ending with Presidents Day

March: celebrating 100 days of 4K

April: we received our caterpillars and started documenting their growth and watching them transform into butterflies

May: farm field trip and practicing for our graduation day celebration.

I am sad to see them go but I am

confident they are ready for "Big Kid
School".

4K, Ms. Holly L.