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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 Parents,

Summer is here!! Yay! Field trips, water play, sunscreen, bring it on! The center will close early on June 10th to officially flip over all the rooms. Calendars should be all turned in for field trips for all children 2 and over.

During the Summer Program, please have swim wear here all the time and preferably an extra pair of shoes that can get wet. The playground can get hot and shoes protect the feet during water play.

We will be maintaining our gardens again. Look for extra veggies by the back door as summer progresses. Hopefully we will have a bumper crop.

As summer moves along, please let me know if your Fall plans change. For children attending 4K at Hartland North in the Fall and planning to stay here for the morning and after school, we can transport to the afternoon session only.

Some day I hope I can write a newsletter without mentioning the "C" word, COVID. Right now there is still a state statute that says a licensed facility needs to follow the isolation/quarantine guidelines or there could be serious consequences if responsible for an outbreak. Child care seems to be the only industry that is still affected by this, and then in turn the industries that you as parents are in, having to cover these quarantines. My heart stops a bit each morning when I open my email to see if there has been a case. The world has stopped being cautious, and in turn that translates to more coming into the center that we cannot control. All I can do is keep the lines of communication open, and wait for new protocol from the health department. If at anytime you want to verify anything we send out, please feel free to call them. The Waukesha Health Department has been wonderful as far as helping us and families determine quarantine timelines.

I hope everyone can enjoy some summer fun with their families and friends.

Jane Sweet

Director

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Summer Program Starts June 13th





July

- 3 Ellie A.
- 8 Kate D.
- 10 Lannie L.
- 10 Audrey K.
- 11 Scarlett N.
- 13 Jayla O.
- 15 Ms. Ruth
- 17 Maxfield L.
- 21 Hannah S.
- 22 Braelyn P.
- 26 Adeline W.
- 30 Amos S.
- 30 Jack H.
- 31 Azlin Z.
- 29 Cameron D.
- 30 Bentley W.

July

Ms. Sheryl 30 Years

Grandma's House!

June

Ms. Kristine 15 Years
Ms. Bree 5 Years
Ms. Emma 3 Years
Ms. Suzanne 1 Year

Scholastic Book Orders

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: 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 Friday, June 17th

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



Infants

Warm weather and sunshine means lots of fun firsts for your little one. It may not be baseball or tag but there are plenty of great outdoor activities for babies to choose from. We do our best daily to meet all the needs of the babies from feeding schedules, naps, playtime, and snuggles along with outside time. Sometimes that means a walk around the neighborhood or enjoying the playground in the afternoon while the toddlers sleep. We also do water play on the playground when it is appropriate. Please bring in three to five swim diapers for us to use for this purpose. A sun hat is also useful this time of year for walks and older babies who are cruising around the playground and in the sun more. Thank you to all of our families

2's

We cannot believe how fast June has gotten here. We have been studying about the Farm and Insects. We enjoyed singing songs about the farm, playing with the big barns in the classroom, and all the animals that have been introduced to us. When we studied insects, we loved learning about the Very Hungry Caterpillar, the Very Clumsy Click Beetle, the Very Lonely Firefly, and the Very Grouchy Lady Bug. Once again we looked at Eric Carle as both an author and an illustrator and how creative he can be in his work. The weather is finally starting to cooperate so we have been spending a ton of time outside digging in the sand, riding bikes, and kicking balls to one

for signing our sunscreen form. We apply sunscreen each time we go outdoors. We will be asking you to sign a new form for sunscreen and walking through the neighborhood when the summer program starts. Getting outside and moving is a beneficial experience for everyone!

A fun fact about swings as your family also gets out more in nicer weather and may spend time at the park:

Swings are one of the best ways to spend time outdoors. Did you know that rocking your baby when they are little and spending time in a swing when they have good head and neck control helps build their inner ear and balance? And we thought it was all in fun. The swinging sensation will sure bring big smiles. Enjoy!
Infants, Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo

Older Infants

We are so excited that summer is right around the corner. We like to enjoy the weather by going on buggy rides around town, playing with water tables, and eating our lunch outside. The children really enjoy water play and love getting wet on hot days. Please make sure your child has designated clothing that can get wet, swim diapers, and closed-toe shoes that can get wet. Thank you so much in advance and don't forget to label the items. We really enjoyed learning about flowers and fruit during our May lesson plans. We painted with fruit and matched flowers. The biggest lesson we learned in class was gaining our confidence and practicing our

another on the playground.

2's, Ms. Amy & Ms. Desi

3's

Yay! Summer is here! Last month we enjoyed our "Flower" unit as we talked about the life cycle of flowers and then went on to plant our own flowers. The children had fun as they counted their scoops of soil into their pots, then added seeds, covered them with soil, watered them, and then placed them in the sun to grow. The children are very excited to watch them grow.

With the warmer weather, please send your child with a labeled water bottle. I can keep them hydrated throughout the day more easily if they have their own water bottles. Also, it's time to take home any winter clothing and switch them out for summer weather appropriate clothing.
3's, Ms. Andrea G.

3's

Spring is in full force now, please take all winter gear home. We have really been enjoying our time outside riding bikes, playing in the sand, and building with our giant blocks. With all the extra time we spend outside, there are times we may get wet or little extra dirty so please be sure to have spare clothes in your child's cubby. In the classroom, we have been busy observing bugs with magnifying glasses, dancing to music, and following

independence. We took more steps, reached higher, stepped up the stairs, pulled up on the window, used our spoon, etc. Each day we are learning to do new skills and continue to build on what we learned. Take time to relax, spend time together, and enjoy the summer. Make memories. We are looking forward to hearing about all your family vacations and adventures.

Older Infants, Ms. Andrea K. & Ms. Bry

Toddlers

We have had some really warm days over the last month and we enjoyed doing water play! As they play, it's more than just splashing in the cool water on a hot day. They are practicing their small motor skills by using mini turkey basters. We've even been able to experience science while doing water play by seeing what toys sink and which ones float on the top. We have also been kicking the big bouncy balls on the playground and they really love watching them go way up high in the sky and come back down on the playground. Speaking of our playground, we recently did a big playground makeover for our friends! We are outside so much in summer, we needed to refresh the area. There is a new dramatic play area with play food, kitchen, and dolls. You'll be happy to see that our sandbox area has been re-purposed. Last but not least, we have a new climber/slide outside, too. Our friends love to climb!

Toddlers, Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly

directions to silly songs. We have also been busy practicing writing the letters in our names.

3's, Ms. Tricia

4's

Hello Families! We can't believe we are nearing the end of the Winter Program. Before we know it, Fall will be here and the children will be off to school. Last month we enjoyed learning about Family and Community Helpers. The children loved putting out the "fires" that developed in our classroom. The children quickly put on their helmets and fire gear, jumped into their fire trucks, and put out the fires. We are really enjoying the nicer weather and utilizing the playground a lot. We play Freeze Tag, make birthday cakes and muffins in the sandbox, dig in the rock pit, and create balance beams with connecting logs. Children also enjoy painting with bottles, brushes, their hands, and aluminum foil. We have also enjoyed scooping and pouring bird seed in our sensory table. We are always working on our portfolio focuses such as, recognizing, tracing and/or writing their names, and numbers. We do impromptu counting activities making counting fun for the children such as "Freeze, 10 jumping jacks, unfreeze". Just a reminder, please bring in a water bottle for your child; we drink lots of water throughout the day, especially while we are outside.

4's, Ms. Shannon & Ms. Chantel

