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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,

IT'S HERE!! IT'S HERE!! MY MOST FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR IS FINALLY HERE!!

Summer came very, very quickly this year! One day we were worried about sending winter items home, and the next day we were asking for swimsuits! If you haven't done so already, now is the time to reorganize your kiddos cubbie and exchange short sleeves for long sleeves, shorts for pants, sun hats for knit hats....I think you get the picture.

Summer class lists are also posted on the office door. Classroom locations and teachers are staying put, so if you are wondering which room your little one is headed to this summer, just ask me or their current teacher. For those with children under 2, there will be another move in July, as we have quite a few friends joining us then. Things should stay quiet until our big move from summer to fall at the end of August.

As always, my door is always open!

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## Summer Program Starts June 13th



### June

- 3 Kalissa M.
- 3 Ms. Kaitlin
- 7 Hazel G.
- 7 Gianna S.
- 7 Ms. Christie
- 7 Ms. Virginia
- 9 Tia R.
- 10 Braden P.
- 10 Ainsley B.
- 10 Nora R.
- 11 Graham L.
- 13 Amelia V.
- 14 Leah G.

- 19 Audrey L.
- 23 Kelsey D.

**July**

- 1 Finn G.
- 3 Ms. Emma
- 5 Ms. Anna
- 6 Annalise G.
- 7 Callen D.
- 10 Ivy S.
- 12 Molly T.
- 13 Priscilla W.
- 14 Dylan J.
- 22 Etta G.
- 30 Braden S.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

On celebrating anniversaries with  
Grandma's House

June

Ms. Amy E. 9 Years

July

Ms. Sheryl 30 Years

Ms. Kayleigh 8 Years

Ms. Shantice 5 Years



Little Lunas

Pooh-N-Tots

Welcome to our summer program! We have so many exciting, warm weather activities planned for the next few months, such as, water play in a sensory bin, walks in the sunshine, and bubbles! If you haven't already, please swap out winter gear for summer hats. In addition to outside fun, we will be working on tummy time, self-soothing, and listening to stories being read. We highly encourage our families to read to your little ones at home! It is wonderful for bonding and vocabulary skills. Finally, we want to thank you for all the cards, gifts, and treats during Teacher Appreciation. It is an honor to get to love your little ones and knowing you trust us with them makes this the best job in the world!

Infants, Ms. Ana & Ms. Abbie

### **Somewhere Over The Rainbow**

Sunshine and summertime are in full swing! For our mini campers, this means that we will be going outside as much as their schedules allow. So please make sure that your child has a sun hat in their cubby. Grandma's House does provide sunscreen, but you can feel free to bring in your own. Outside time provides the children with lots of new experiences and sounds. This will help develop their verbal skills as we describe the events or sounds that we see and hear. This is also something you can do with your child on walks around your neighborhood. Have a good month!

2nd Infants, Ms. Cassie & Ms. Virginia

First things first, we would like to welcome Ms. Vicki to our classroom! Ms. Kim has transferred to the next class so when your kiddos are ready to move up they will be reunited once again! Summer is right around the corner and we couldn't be more excited. We have been working on using our big kid words like please, more, thank you, and all done. We say the words instead of just using the sign for them. We have also been learning our shapes and colors. Red and blue seem to be the favorites in the Pooh-n-Tots room. Now that it is getting warmer outside, we have been exploring with water play (which the kids love) and drawing with chalk. Ms. Vicki looks forward to getting to know you all!

3rd Toddlers, Ms. Laura & Ms. Vicki

### **The Explorers**

Welcome to our new summer students! We are very excited to have new friends in our room. Developmentally, we have been working on several different social/emotional milestones such as washing hands independently, and grabbing paper towel to dry them, greeting our friends in a kind manner, and increasing our understanding of new subjects. This month we will be exploring oceans and learning all about our friends. Your children can look forward to brand new sensory play, encouraging fine motor skills, and more!

Older Toddlers, Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Kim

## **Candy Factory**

**Quote of the Month:** *Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them.* - Madam C.J. Walker  
We are looking forward to our time out on the playground. We also are excited for water play on those hot summer days! Practice makes perfect, and we have been doing a lot of it! We practice sign language to express ourselves, cruising and keeping our balance. These are the first goals to independence. Please remember to check cubbies for appropriate clothing and bring in Little Swimmers and a swim shirt. If you are not using Grandma's House sunscreen, please remember to bring in your own from home.  
3rd Infants, Ms. Sherry & Ms. Shantice

## **Unaccompanied Minors**

We hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warm weather. We love it since we get to explore with water and be outside for a more significant time. Please bring in a swimsuit/shorts, swim diapers, and swim shoes if you haven't done so. We may not have water play every day, but it's nice that it's all ready to go when we do. Also, remember to label all your child's items.  
We will be focusing on knowing each of our body parts and learning about the zoo. In our classroom, one of the milestones is to "point to several body parts." To help

## **Wittle Wizards**

Summer is finally here! The Wittle Wizards are going to have a fun summer. We have a lot of field trips to either area parks or splash pads. Our first lesson plan will be about summer fun! We will be making popsicles and sand bucket snacks and pretending we are going to the beach. We continue to work on our self-help skills. Some examples of this include clearing our plates from the table, getting our own diapers, and putting our toys away.  
2's, Ms. Courtney & Ms. Esther

## **Gnome Schoolers**

The year is winding down and we are all getting excited for the summer program. We will be saying goodbye to some of our older friends and hello to new friends. We are ending our year with "Farm Animals" and a fun "Mr. Randy" week. So, hold onto your gnome hats, friends! We will continue to work on our self-help skills and labeling our colors and shapes. Please let us know if you have any questions.  
2.5's, Ms. Amy R. & Mr. Randy

## **Picture Perfect 3's**

Spring has been full of ups and downs thanks to mother nature. We enjoyed

the children try to master this milestone, we sing songs like head, shoulder, knees, and toes. We will point to each body part listed in the music as we sing. Another way to help is by showing pictures of each of the different body parts and going over them. As we point to the image to show them, we also point to it on ourselves or another child. While getting your child ready for school, you can ask them, "where is your..." and point to that body part for them. We do not expect them to know all their body parts, but every bit helps.

Lastly, please do not hesitate to write us on the app or stop by to talk with us if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Summer!

Toddlers, Ms. Mai Lee & Ms. Taylor

### **The Rolling Scones**

Here comes the sun! Thank you for your patience while each day we played weather roulette! Please inspect your cubbies for any leftover winter clothes and replace them with summer clothes. Last month, we focused on fine motor skills. This month is all about sensory. First, we are planting wildflowers in our toddler garden. Playing with dirt helps build science, math, hand-eye coordination and more. It will be so exciting to water and watch them grow. Then our other sensory plans this summer include the sandbox, water play, homemade playdough, dyed noodles/rice, among many more! If you would like any

wearing our rain boots and our swimsuits! We have been enjoying our past field trips to the farm and zoo! Hope everyone has been able to check out all the fun that we had. We have come a long way with our letter recognition. We "changed up" our job names and took off our friends' pictures. The children's excitement was amazing. It was especially amazing how they were able to pick out friend's names without their pictures! We are looking forward to summer fun and field trips!

3's, Ms. Jess & Ms. Melissa

### **PK Masks**

My, what warm weather we seem to be having. Though it's only Spring, it feels like Summer and we aren't complaining. This is the perfect time to take home any remaining winter items. Our friends really enjoyed the sports unit we did. Talking about our favorite sports, enjoying all the dress up and reading lots of books all about the different sports. We also discussed the difference between healthy and non-healthy foods, and how they help our bodies stay energized. After that we began our ocean unit, another fan favorite among the class. Talking about different animals that live in the ocean (and ones that live on land), how deep the ocean is and our favorite ocean animals. We also have been loving sharing our favorite books with the class this month, it makes the children feel special and introduces

recipes, we are happy to share. We look forward to a lovely summer!  
2nd Toddlers, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Emily

new books to the class as well.  
4's, Ms. Kayleigh