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## Growing Highlights

JANUARY 2023



Dear Parents,

I hope that you were able to enjoy some quiet, relaxing time with family over the holidays. Speaking of the holiday season, I wanted to thank all the families that helped with the Giving Tree drive. Sojourner Family Peace Center was very appreciative for our donation and the individuals that they serve will greatly benefit from your generosity!

We're thankful to partner with you again in 2023 as we start a fresh, new year. Just a friendly reminder, if your family is growing and you'd like to reserve an infant spot, please let me know ASAP. We do have waiting lists, but we'd love to welcome your new addition into our "Grandma's House family"!

As a reminder, the MyKidzDay App is still the easiest and fastest way to get information to all of our families. Our teachers have been trying to utilize the app more by sending photos and updates on classroom activities. Starting in January, we will also be sending incident/accident reports to families through the app. Please make sure that you have your email entered in the app settings and have your notifications turned on.

Finally, please note our new rates have gone into effect as of January 2nd, 2023.

Thanks,

*Kristie Potter*, Director

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## Grandma's House Price Listing Effective January 2, 2023

Daily Rates		Under 2	2 Year Olds	3-4 Year Olds	5+
<b>Full Day</b>	Youngest/Single Child	80	72	68	59
	Older Child(ren)	69	61	57	51
<b>Half Day</b> (5 hours or less)	Youngest/Single Child	--	56	54	51
	Older Child(ren)	--	50	49	46

Full and Half day rates include lunch and snacks.

### School Age Rates Full-Day 5K through Fifth Grade

Full Time-Weekly	Before	After	Before & After
Youngest/Single Child	85	110	135
Older Child(ren)	75	95	120

Students attending full-time do not pay extra for single school-off days, with the exception of Winter and Spring breaks during which the Full Day Daily Rate is paid (see above).

Part Time-Daily	Before	After	Before & After
Youngest/Single Child	19	24	29
Older Child(ren)	17	21	26

Part time fees are based on a permanent or submitted schedule. School days off are charged at the Full Day Daily Rate (see above).

Please see Center Director for additional School Age Policies.

### Miscellaneous Fees

One Time Non-Refundable Family Registration Fee: <small>Families may only register at one Grandma's House Center</small>	\$150
Returned Check Fee: (Checks presented once to our bank)	\$20
Late Fee for every 15 minutes past 6:00 p.m.:	\$20 / child
No phone call for transportation needs or school age absence:	\$10
Holding Fee: <small>Grandma's House offers families the option of holding their child's spot at our centers for a short-term, temporary leave of absence by paying a holding fee. Parents must submit a Return Date with their holding fee. If children do not return to Grandma's House on the agreed-upon Return Date, parents have two options:</small>	\$50 / child
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay tuition equivalent to 4 days of attendance for each child beginning on the Return Date for each week until they return to the center.</li> <li>2. Children are placed on our Inactive List. Parents may re-enroll their child(ren) at a future date based on availability at the center. Availability is not guaranteed.</li> </ol>	

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Request [2022 Expense Statements HERE](#)  
Year End Statements will be available by the end of January.



- 4 Jean'Niyah G.
- 5 Ms. Jasmine
- 5 Ms. Jennifer
- 6 Harmony R.
- 7 Ms. Jazlyn
- 11 Ms. Annie
- 14 Ms. Rebecca
- 15 Jacob O.
- 18 Leon M.
- 19 Theodore B.
- 20 Jack D.
- 20 Ms. Mady
- 26 Bennett M.
- 28 Teddy G.
- 30 Ellyson B.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

*Ms. Cynthia 4 Years*

*Ms. Rebecca 2 Years*



### *Young Infants*

January is here and we are so happy to start off the new year with all of you! I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by! Welcome to our new infants and their parents to our program. I hope you had a wonderful break of celebrating holidays with your children and family. Our

### *Toddlers*

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday spent with family and friends. A big warm welcome to our friends who have just joined our classroom. Last month we had so much fun exploring the themes of gingerbread and winter. We worked on our fine motor

theme of the month is Wintertime, so we will read books about winter and the cold, and pictures of what the winter looks like in all different climates. The children will continue to work on their fine motor skills and will stay very busy learning how to play alongside friends. In January, we will talk about winter animals, read books, and look at pictures of special animals. Also, this month we will be busy with winter crafts. Some children will master the skills of crawling to explore their surroundings. All children will learn how to use their leg muscles and they will try new textures of rattles and teething rings. January will bring lots of fun activities and we will try to go on some quick walks outside to see and learn about the snow and the cold. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season! I am always happy to answer any questions you may have.

*Ms. Alex*

### ***Infants***

We hope you enjoyed the holidays, and we hope that this upcoming year brings joy to all! Winter is bringing us cold weather and snow all around. So, with the sniffles coming and going, we ask for families to please wash their child's hands upon arrival. In this upcoming month, we will be learning about moons and stars and Sandra Boynton! Our portfolio focuses include beginning to sit with support and beginning to babble. We continue to learn through play with activities like experiencing gravity by watching bubbles

skills by manipulating bendable gingerbread men with our hands. We also explored color mixing with ice as they melted away to make one color. One skill we have been working on is following simple instructions which helps improve cognitive skills and receptive language. Some ways we do this in the classroom is by asking the children to find specific toys when cleaning up or asking them to sit on the rug before washing hands. This month we will explore baking and polar animals. If you are ever curious about specific activities we do daily, we always post our lesson plan on the parent board. Have a great January!

*Ms. Pakou*

### ***Older Toddlers***

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday! Please remember to bring in snow pants and boots ASAP! We will continue to do our best with sending daily messages of what we are working on with your little ones. We will practice sorting different colors and sizes. For example, we will match different colored animals to the same-colored cup and drop the animal in the cup. We will also sort blocks from biggest to smallest and then smallest to biggest. As always, please double check that your child's cubby is updated with appropriate clothing and remember to take artwork home.

*Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Alyssa*

fall and having different sensory experiences with our marble art project. Happy Winter! As always, stay warm, happy, and healthy!

*Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam*

### ***Older Infants***

In December, we traveled back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth. We read books about dinosaurs and looked at flash cards too. Boy! Those dinosaurs sure have some silly names like Pachycephalosaurus (pack-ee-sef-ah-lo-sore-us). We learned about cause-and-effect relationships as we pushed buttons on our dinosaur toy to learn fun facts about dinosaurs and to hear their roars! We practiced paleontology as we dug for hidden dinosaurs in the sand. Continuing our travels, we visited the Arctic. We read "Never Touch a Polar Bear!" and other polar animals like the arctic fox. We tossed snowballs around the room filled with giant snowflakes. We saw ourselves dressed in Inuit clothing to keep us warm. Together we found penguins in the frozen blue water. It was messy, cold fun! We looked at beautiful photos of soulful wildlife in the Arctic and Antarctic of penguins and polar bears. We learned to stack blocks and place rings on pegs to make snowmen and igloos. We came back from the Arctic with our penguin waddles. Hoping you all had a warm and wonderful holiday.

*Ms. Christie & Ms. Rolanda*

### ***Almost 2's***

Happy New Year to everyone! We are glad our friends were able to have some extra time with family. Winter is here and we will continue to go outside and enjoy the fresh air. The children love to run around while outside and get all their energy out. We will work on our fine motor skills by completing simple puzzles together. We continue to have fun with science experiments such as mixing vinegar and baking soda and watching that mixture blow up a balloon. We love to learn while we play! We explore colors as we play with playdough and other objects. The children love to sit and listen to flannel stories. This helps to increase language development and the children love them!

*Ms. Claire & Ms. Theresa*

### ***2's***

We have reached the first month of the new year. Please make sure that your child has all of their winter gear here! We love to go outside and want to stay nice and warm. This month we will be learning about winter and winter animals. We will continue to work on our portfolio focuses and introduce some hands-on science experiments.

*Ms. Diana & Ms. Brittannie*

### ***2 1/2's***

### *Young Toddlers*

Happy New Year! We are so excited to learn and grow with our new class. In our room, the children transition from sleeping in a crib to sleeping on a cot. We also teach them how to be more independent so they will start doing things like feeding themselves with a spoon and learning to walk. We try to get outside as often as we can, so please update your child's cubby with snow gear and weather appropriate clothes. Also, please bring a crib sheet and blanket for their cot. This month we will be exploring snow. We will talk about temperature and experiment to see what happens to ice when it gets warm. We will also work on large motor by using walking toys and crawling through tunnels.

*Ms. Destiny*

We hope you had a nice holiday season! We wrapped up our winter theme, learning about cold weather, arctic animals, and different forms of snow. We have made new friends and watched some friends progress to new classrooms. We look forward to the start of a new year and hearing about everyone's holiday traditions.

*Ms. Abby*

### *3's*

Happy New Year! Can you believe it's already 2023?! We wanted to give you all a quick Thank You for all the wonderful cards, gifts and yummy treats! We appreciate you all so much! Throughout the month of December, we practiced a lot with AB patterns, 1:1 correspondence, cutting straight lines, and letter and number recognition. As we move into the new year welcoming Ms. Emma and our new friends, we will continue to focus on letter and number recognition, cutting practice, and creating patterns. Just a friendly reminder, since the weather has been especially cold, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their cubby as well as outside gear. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

*Ms. Salessa & Ms. Emma*

## **Grandma's House**

will be **CLOSED** the following  
**2023** holidays

### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 29

### **4th of July**

Monday & Tuesday,  
July 3 & 4

### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 4

### **Thanksgiving**

Thursday & Friday,  
November 23 & 24

### **Christmas**

Monday, December 25

### **New Year's**

Monday, January 1, 2024

## **Grandma's House**

will be **CLOSING EARLY**

the following days for  
Staff Development &  
Classroom Changeover:

**Hours:**

**6:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Friday,  
June 9, 2023  
August 25, 2023**