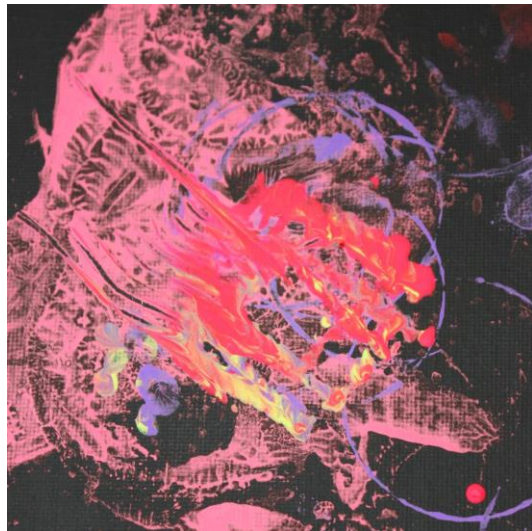


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Growing Highlights

MAY 2023





Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of our families for helping to make Week of the Young Child a success last month! While the children enjoyed pancake parties, art projects, and music, we hope you appreciated “taking your child to work” and connecting with other families at our Art Gallery and Pasta Dinner. We collected many outfits for One Hope 27 foster care placement bags and we were able to donate over \$900 to the Dewey Center.

As a reminder, if you would like to sign up for [Family/Teacher Conferences](#) this week (5/1-5/4), there is still time to do so. Click the Family/Teacher Conferences link. While we touch base with parents/guardians at drop off and pick up times every day, it’s nice to dedicate some time without distraction to discuss your child’s progress.

As a reminder, next week, **May 8-12** we celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Click on [Teacher Appreciation SignUp](#) if you wish to contribute. Again this year, we will set up our Appreciation Station at the front entryway. Be sure to stop by with your child to fill out thank you cards for their teachers! Cards, markers, pens, and stickers will all be located on the table. When you finish with your cards, write the teacher’s name on the front, and drop them off in the box so that we can deliver them to the classrooms at the end of the week. Our teachers truly appreciate these warm notes, handwritten messages, and child-drawn pictures! While not necessary, if you’d like to get your child’s teacher a little

something extra, check out the bulletin boards by the front door to find out his/her favorite candy, snack, restaurant, store, etc.

Finally, please Save The Date for the return of our Annual *Mom's Night Out* which will be held on *Wednesday, May 24th* from 6-8 pm...more details coming soon!

Thanks,

Kristie Potter, Director

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May 8-12, 2023



Our teachers and staff are
SUN-SATIONAL

*Visit the Appreciation Station during the week in the front entryway to create a Thank You card.

MON

Candy Bar

Parent Sponsored

Our teachers and staff
make each day Brighter

TUE

Luncheon

Parent Sponsored

Together we create
a Better Tomorrow

WED

Give your teacher(s)
a flower!

Together we
Inspire, Engage, & Encourage

THU

Breakfast

Parent Sponsored

Together we ALL Shine!

FRI

Thank you notes delivered
Live 2 Play Day



Together we plant the seeds of knowledge that
will last a lifetime

*Please see SignUp Genius email if you would like to contribute food items.

CLOSING EARLY - Friday, 6/9 - 6:00 am - 3:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE - Family Picnic - Saturday, 8/19



1 Ms. Alicia
2 Bodhi K.
3 Mr. Terry
4 Emma B.
5 Braxton F.
6 Milo C.
10 Abram P.
10 Jayden O.
10 Wallace Z.
10 Kenzley A.
13 Jacks F.
14 Emery H.
19 Rory K.
19 Ms. Kirsten
25 Arthur M.
25 Zoe R.
27 Eleanor N.
28 Hazel B.
29 Elliot K.
29 LuLu Y.

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Jennifer 10 Years
Ms. Erica 2 Years
Ms. Alyssa 2 Years
Ms. Kaitlin 1 Year
Ms. Abby 1 Year
Ms. Rolanda 1 Year

Look What We Did!

Young Infants

In April our theme was rain and we read "Rain Feet" by Angela Johnson, "Rain" by Carol Thompson, and had fun seeing and reading the book "Little Cloud", by Eric Carle. We also played together on the floor with lots of toys and tummy time in order to get stronger. We are excited that May is finally here. We hope to enjoy the Spring days and take many walks outside. May will be a busy month; our theme of the month is "Fruits and vegetables". As Mother's Day soon approaches, we will work on a special Mother's Day project. We will read new books such as "Planting the Rainbow", "Growing Vegetable Soup", and "Eating the Alphabet" all by Lois Ehlert. Children will enjoy looking at the pictures of vegetables and fruits. We will read the book "The Carrot Seed" by Ruth Krauss and do a very cool art project "Carrot Feet", using orange color. Also, children will look at the high color high contrast book, "Taste the Fruit!" and enjoy learning about the fruits. Babies will learn sign language for fruits and vegetables. Children will continue to develop gross motor skills by using their hands, neck, and trunk muscles. We love to have family photos in our classroom! So, if you haven't done so already, please bring in some family photos. If you have any questions, we are always

Older Toddlers

Happy Spring! The weather is getting warmer so if you would like to bring sunscreen, that is fine, or Grandma's House can provide it for you. Please let us know! Now is a good time to check your child's cubby to make sure they have appropriate clothing for the changing season. Don't forget a sun hat! You are also welcome to bring a water bottle for your child. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be working on matching and sorting the same or similar objects. This lesson plan will be about camping and will include exploring and having fun with tents and tunnels, cooking, and making S'mores and chocolate pudding cups. Yummy!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Alyssa

Almost 2's

Hello Friends! We are happy to have all of our new friends joining us. We are already in the middle of Spring and have really been enjoying the nicer weather. We especially like the fact that we don't have to get all bundled up to go out. We enjoy catching balls, climbing steps, and going down the slide. We put vegetable and flower seeds in the sensory table and let

available. Thanks and have a great month!
Ms. Alex & Ms. Cynthia

Infants

Warmer weather has arrived! As it gets warmer out, we ask parents to bring in weather appropriate clothing/outerwear, sun hats, and sunscreen. We will be spending a lot of time outside as we watch the trees grow and the flowers bloom during our neighborhood walks. Our lesson plans this month include learning about flowers and musical instruments. Our main portfolio focuses are attending stories at minutes at a time (this includes songs and flannel stories) and responding to our names when they are called. We spend a lot of our time learning through play and one of our favorite activities is listening to music and singing. If you are interested in some of our favorite educational songs that we sing, please ask or join us! As always, stay happy and healthy!

Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam

Older Infants

Now that Spring has arrived, the bugs are starting to come out, so we thought we would learn about them. We looked at pictures of bugs with stripes and we also looked at pictures of spider webs. We got to dress up as either a ladybug or a bumble bee so we could work on our large motor skills as we practiced crawling around like

the children use rakes and shovels to move the seeds around. We like seeing the budding trees, squirrels, chipmunks, and birds. We enjoyed reading books and listening to flannel stories about Spring. As a group participation project, we will be making a yummy fruit salad. We will continue to have fun as we learn while we play!

Ms. Claire & Ms. Theresa

2's

During the month of May, we will be working on Spring and bug activities. We will solve simple puzzles and problems as well as sorting colors and jumping in place. We will look at bugs and see which ones have wings and which ones don't. Welcome to all of our new friends!

Ms. Diana & Ms. Brittannie

2 1/2's

Happy Spring Families! Welcome to our new friends who just moved up. Over the last month we have been working on independence, especially when getting dressed. We learned about Spring and bugs, and with the weather warming up, we hope to see some on the playground. Going forward, we will continue to practice working on small motor skills like stringing beads and snipping with scissors, etc. We will also focus on face as well as name recognition. We will continue to work on

bugs. We took transparent plastic-colored bugs and placed them on a light, and we read books like, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "I Love Bugs". We also sang the "Itsy Bitsy Spider". Beep...Boop...Robots coming through! There was a robot takeover as we turned into robots, played with robots, and read about "Robots, Robots Everywhere". We made the mechanical objects work after watching someone else do it (switches, buttons, and knobs on our robots.) We matched shapes to a robot and his robot dog, learned the sign for robot and looked at art made by robots. We were focusing on bringing a toy to share with our teachers. They love rolling those shiny pot and pan noise balls. With Spring here, please make sure your child has the appropriate outerwear so that we can enjoy our strolls outside!

Ms. Christie & Ms. Rolanda

Young Toddlers

This past month, we have learned so much together. As Spring is in full bloom, we have been teaching the children about all the colors we see around us. One of their favorite activities is the little ball pit that we set up. This is both a sensory and communication activity as we help the children identify the ball colors as we pass them back and forth. We have also been learning about the plants and flowers during story time. We have read "Plant Patterns", by Nathan Olson and "The Little Chick". We love to point out all the

managing our emotions and using our words during play. We will continue to interact with the 5 senses as well as learn about the ocean and ocean life. As always, if you have any questions regarding your child, please don't hesitate to message through the app or ask in person.

Ms. Abby and Ms. Kirsten

3's

With Spring and Summer right around the corner, we are looking forward to the warmer weather! We will be learning about our ecosystem and how mother nature works with the warmer temperatures. We will learn about plants and have a chance to plant flowers and watch them grow. We look forward to putting our winter clothing away!

Ms. Emma and Mr. Matt

4's

Happy May! We have had an eventful and busy past month. We learned all about bugs, Earth Day, and Jungle animals. We painted using new methods like fly swatters, cars, mascara brushes, and koosh balls. We also continued practicing our letter and number recognition, copying, and cutting practice. We also had a blast planting our own flowers. As we move into May, we will continue working on copying letters and cutting straight lines as well as recognizing and copying first and last names. With the nicer weather, please

interesting things we see. We look forward to more exploration and growth during the month.

Ms. Jazlyn & Ms. Ashly

Toddlers

Time sure does fly when we are busy having fun and learning! With new friends joining us last month, we have been revisiting skills that help us stay safe in the classroom and allows the children to be familiar with the routine. Some of these skills are picking up our toys when transitioning activities, learning to pull out our chair before sitting, and listening for our name when washing hands. Repetition is key and the more we do it, the faster the children catch on! On top of revisiting those skills, we are having fun doing a lot of small motor activities. The children love sticking things on the wall, putting objects into cups, and manipulating fidget toys with their hands. This month we will explore themes of "my body" and "zoo animal". Stay tuned for pictures!

Ms. Pakou

make sure to check your child's cubby for extra weather appropriate clothing. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ms. Samantha