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Growing Highlights

MARCH 2024

Dear Parents,

I am very happy to be back in the swing of things. I am still out on Thursdays for treatment for 8 more weeks. I can't thank my staff enough for holding down the fort.

We sent out surveys for Summer plans. If there were changes or you want to bring your school age child that does not normally attend, I will let you know as soon as possible if we can accommodate your requests.

I do not think we are quite done with winter weather, but Spring should be coming soon. With that comes a very wet playground! Please keep extra socks and clothes in your child's cubby and keep bringing winter gear for a while. We appreciate it! We do our best, but we get dirty around here!

I am hoping everyone is using the app regularly. If you are having problems or forgot your username/password, please let me know. Under two parents, please check your child in each day on the app. It really helps us get off to a good start! We can also send you pictures if you use the app!

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Jane Sweet

Director

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***Year End Tuition Requests** *can be submitted online.*

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Walk for Cancers

Sign-up information will be available soon!



1	Jonah T.
2	Annie A.
11	Mina K.
11	Ms. Jane
12	Cecelia R.
15	Calum S.
19	Cedric S.
21	Sydney S.
21	Sophie B.
21	Claire B.
21	Ms. Donna
26	Joshua S.
27	Ms. Andrea G.

Congratulations

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Tonia 29 Years

Ms. Andrea G. 7 Years

Look What We Did!

Little Cuties Infants

Art for babies? What? How do you do art with babies and why? These may be some of the questions you have when you think about these two topics together. Art activities can expose children to different cultures, traditions, and time periods. Art also includes works that can be experienced through other senses, while some forms of art can be appreciated through multiple senses. As part of our two-week lesson plan, we showcase an artist in our classroom to show the babies different types of art forms (paintings, sculptures, etc.) from different cultures and countries to expose the babies to a world outside their own. Check out: [Exploring Art with Children](#)

In the classroom, we have made art a focus over this past month. Painting with different materials (sponges, balls, and our fingers), using our pincer grasp to pick up and place paper (construction paper, tissue paper, and cardstock) onto different media. Doing art on our tummies is also a great way to work on two skills at once! Tummy time lasts a little bit longer because the baby is focused on another task. Experiencing art is also a sensory experience for babies. Many of them enjoy the texture and stickiness of the contact paper (or don't) on their hands. They also enjoyed the sound that the

Mini Muffins Almost 2's

Welcome to all of our new families! We are happy to have your child in our classroom and look forward to spending time with them. A couple of housekeeping items:

*Please check the MyKidzDay app daily. This is how we communicate with you about meals, naps, items needed, and activities we do throughout the day.

*Please make sure your child has outdoor gear every day.

Some things we have been enjoying are dancing with streamers, listening to flannel stories, and creating art. We continue to work on using open cups at mealtimes, focusing on meeting needs and wants by encouraging the use of words such as "help me" and "please", and exploring items in our classroom to encourage learning about our environment.

Ms. Tricia & Ms. Jessica

Donuts 2's

We can't believe it is March already. We had a lot of fun in February exploring the colors red, purple, pink, and friendship. The children really had fun making our creative mix on Valentine's Day. They assisted in dumping, mixing, and eating the snack. Anytime the

contact paper makes as they manipulate it.

Here is a simple (and clean) art project that you can do at home. Take a gallon size freezer bag and slide a piece of construction paper or small canvas (if you would like to make a gift or lasting piece of art) with dabs of paint on it inside. Seal it up. Lay it on the floor for your baby to touch and squeeze while laying on their tummy or adhere it to their highchair tray with painters tape at the corners. Your baby can then sit in their chair and make a masterpiece without getting any paint on their fingers! Genius!

We would love for you to share, via a picture, if you create a masterpiece at home.

Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo

Sliders Older Infants

It's finally getting nice enough to get our kiddos outside. Most of the time, it is successful! Our little friends love crawling around and exploring the playground. The bridge outside is a great way for them to exercise those gross motor skills. Pretty soon we will be taking them on buggy walks around Hartland. Fresh air has been much needed for all of us! Inside, we are still having fun with the toys and walkers. We've also been busy experimenting with different art projects and listening to stories. Our friends love looking at the pictures in books while we read them. Some of our friends even like to help turn pages. Speaking of books, in the month of

children get the opportunity to dump, mix, and eat, they are all in. They also had fun making window clings. They attempted to rip tissue paper and put it on clear contact paper. Art exploration is always fun. Any time they can get their hands messy with paint and markers, they do. They enjoyed painting with cookie cutters, plastic cups, and toilet paper tubes. They also really enjoy participating in our group time. We sing who is here that day and put their picture up. We sing songs, read books, and flannel stories. Our newest adventure is to feed the monster. They love this activity. They each get a laminated monster that they must hold very carefully. We sing the song, "Monster Monster Open Wide, (child's name) please put your monster inside". They love trying to feed the monster before the mouth closes. We also have 3 classroom puppets and a sloth. They love seeing who is coming to join them. It is either Brainy, Sunny, Louie, or Herbert. Next month we will explore the color Green & Spring. Please check your child's cubby weekly for anything that needs restocking and to take artwork home. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, we are here.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Bry

Little Veggies 2.5's

January was a blast playing in the snow and building snowmen with friends. We enjoyed new winter stories. On the warmer days we enjoyed a couple of walks

March, we will be learning about Dr. Seuss. We will have Dr. Seuss stuffed animals added to our classroom and books added to our book bin. Happy (almost) Spring to everyone!!

Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly

Lil' Nuggies Toddlers

We had a month full of new friends and new experiences. We want to welcome our new families to the class and are excited to get to know you all a little better. We kicked off February with learning about the shape of a heart and that carried throughout the month. We extended the learning of our heart shape through sensory bin activities and art activities. Valentine's Day added some fun science experiments where we observed hearts dancing in a bottle. February has been full of new experiences including all the weather changes. Playing on the playground is our favorite classroom activity. We see cars, children going to school, dogs being walked, our friends, birds, bikes, tunnels, teachers, the bridge, and so much more. We want to thank all the parents for being so prepared for all the weather changes and adjusting accordingly.

We are exploring the world of Dr. Seuss as we transition into March and will definitely be having messy fun learning activities. If you ever have any questions, please let us know.

Ms. Andrea K. & Ms. Bree

around the neighborhood. We then charted the weather over two weeks with our friend, Weather Bear. We did a "rain in a jar experiment" and had the chance to see up close how clouds become so full they begin to rain.

Ms. Andrea G.

Fruity Pebbles 3's

Wow, February really flew by, we had so much fun with Valentine's Day and learning about our colors. We had a blast exchanging our Valentines with one another. We also loved painting with marbles and exploring mixing our colors. We loved the couple of warm days that we received and took full advantage of them and went on a walk and spent as much time outside as we could. We are continuing to work on spelling our names and learning our letters. We would just like to remind parents to have extra clothes in your child's cubby even if they are potty trained because accidents still happen.

Ms. Emily & Ms. Chantel

Rainbow Chip Cookies 4's

According to Punxsutawney Phil and the penguins at the zoo, Spring is coming early and the weather has reflected this prediction. We really enjoyed the nice weather and the extra time outside. I do want to remind parents to still send weather appropriate gear every day as the weather warms up. It can be cold out in

the early morning and late afternoon/early evening. As the days get longer, we will be going back outside in the afternoons (after school). During the month of January, we did an author study on Laura Numeroff and Eric Carle. A favorite project from our Eric Carle author study was blob/symmetry art based off the book Little Cloud. Our next two author studies will be Dr. Seuss and Mo Willems. We will then finish our school year talking about all things Spring. I would suggest that parents take a look at the lost and found (located in the back entrance) as quite a few unlabeled items have gathered over the winter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Donna