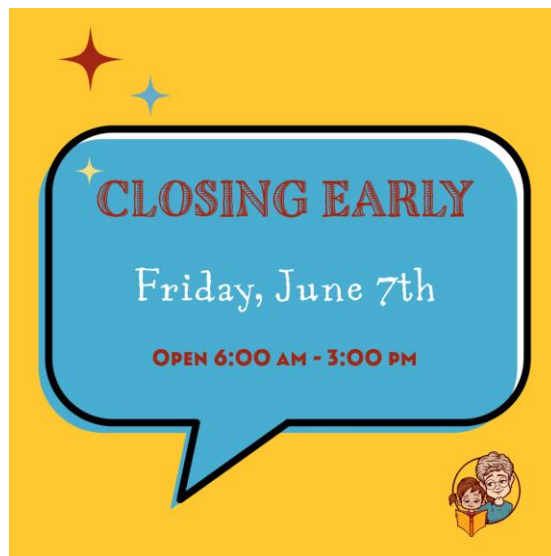


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Growing Highlights

JUNE 2024



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all of the handwritten cards and yummy treats during Teacher Appreciation week last month. Grandma's House is so lucky to have such a wonderful group of dedicated staff and our teachers are truly grateful for the love and support that you showed them!

Looking ahead to this month, our Summer Program begins the week of June 10th and will run 11 weeks this year. We have many field trips to parks and pools planned for our children over the age of two! Additionally, our infants and toddlers will get plenty of fresh air when they enjoy water play on the playground and stroller walks!

Please make sure to leave a spare swimsuit/Little Swimmers, and towel in your child's cubby. We have water play several times throughout the week to cool off! Grandma's House provides an all-natural sunscreen and bug spray for all children, which we can apply with your permission. But, feel free to bring in a sun hat also! Finally, a reusable water bottle helps your child cool off on a warm summer day! As always, please label everything with your child' name and take items home to wash weekly.

Thanks,
Kristie Potter, Director

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- 2 Evan B.
- 2 Warren L.
- 2 Ms. Claire
- 3 Ms. Kaitlin
- 4 Ashton D.
- 5 Ella G.
- 6 Mason R.
- 6 Joseph P.
- 8 Asher S.
- 8 Ms. Aliyah
- 9 Sienna L.

9 Ms. Nicole
10 Isabella N.
11 Felix V.
11 Ms. Liz
12 Audrey S.
17 Faye M.
18 Eloise M.
19 Rory M.
19 Ryan C.
20 Westin L.
20 Ms. Justine
21 Oliver S.
24 Gianna N.
27 Lyla B.

CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Celeste 2 Years

Ms. Lia 1 Year



Look What We Did!

Young Infants

Hello Families, happy June and hello summer! We are very excited to start the summer program with your babies this year, as we have some fun activities and projects planned for this month. We will do some dot paintings and more art with our feet, as well as a special take home project for Father's Day. Our summer lesson plan themes are all about Bees and Butterflies. We will read books like, "The Happy Bee" by Ian Beck, "Little Bea" by Daniel Roode, "Ten Little Caterpillars" by Bill Martin Jr., and "From Caterpillar to Butterfly" by Deborah Heiligmann. We are very excited for our babies to enjoy the summer weather and get outside by taking more walks. The babies have also been working hard in reaching new developmental milestones: some are starting to roll, sit without assistance, and even hold their own bottles! We are very excited to get to know the new babies and families starting soon. As always, if you have any questions, we are always happy to answer them. Have a wonderful Summer!

Ms. Alex and Ms. Liz

Infants

Middle Toddlers

We had such an exciting March. We have been enjoying the weather when we can and enjoying a lot of sensory activities. Our favorite sensory activity has been to explore dirt and sand with shovels. With the weather getting warmer, please start bringing sunscreen for your child. We also provide outside water cups but if you would like to bring in your own, feel free! For the start of June, we will be talking about shapes and more hands-on activities. We are hoping to do many of our activities outside to incorporate lots of water play. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out.

Mr. Matt and Ms. Alyssa

Older Toddlers

We can't believe that we are halfway through the year already! Last month, we spent a lot of time outside looking for airplanes and bugs. We also talked about the weather and added "windy", "rain", and "sunny" to our growing vocabulary. We also had fun drawing with chalk and playing dress up during our farm unit. This month we will explore the themes of farmers market and ice cream. We will

Welcome to June, we sure wish that we could slow down time during the summer because it goes by way to fast. During May, our lesson plans focused on Spring. We looked at floral artwork by Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh and American artist Karen Whitworth. We read lots of books about Spring. We painted with an artificial flower and fold art printing to look like flowers. A few of our portfolio focuses included grasping, playing with feet, and attention to stories. What a lot of our babies like to do most is play with a wide variety of different toys. You probably already know that Grandma's House is a learn through play center. Did you know that the importance of play begins in infancy? Play helps children to explore and learn about the world we live in. Play helps children to explore and learn about the world they live in. Play helps to form social skills, and small and large motor skills. No matter what type of play your child is engaged in, they will be learning new skills. As always, be safe, happy, and healthy!

Ms. Judeen and Ms. Sam

Older Infants

We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and maybe even got a chance to relax...even if it was just for a little bit. Last month we spent time at the zoo. We fed "fish" to our fake penguin to help with hand/eye coordination and to work on our small motor skills. We got dressed up in a lion costume and

also continue to work on classroom routines/transitions and verbalizing our wants and needs. We are excited to start our summer program and have more fun in the sun!

Ms. Pakou and Ms. Julia

Almost 2's

This month we spent our time doing lots of fun activities. Our two lesson plans of the month were dentist/doctor, and ocean. During our dentist/doctor unit we spent time practicing brushing teeth and washing hands properly. Our class did many water activities during the ocean unit and we had lots of fun with that! Part of our daily schedule is reading stories before lunch. Our very favorite books are "David Goes To School" and "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom". Many of the stories we read we use to incorporate in our classroom, such as "Please and Thank You" and "Grumpy Kangaroo". We have been enjoying the beautiful weather this month and spending lots of time outside. Just a reminder with it getting more sunny, if you have a specific sunscreen you want used for your child please bring it in!

Ms. Kam and Ms. Aliyah

2's

Hard to believe that our Summer Program will be starting soon. We love that we get to enjoy our outside time a little bit longer. It is still a good idea to have a light

pretended to be lions and we also felt faux fur to experience different textures. Then we headed out to the farm. We sang "Old McDonald Had a Farm" and learned that the cow says "Moo" and the pig says "oink". We floated ducks on a pond and counted chicken eggs. When we returned to the classroom, we listened to a flannel board story/song "Five Little Ducks" and read the book "On the Farm".

Ms. Christie and Ms. Dawn

1's

We hope you enjoyed your tulip pots for Mother's Day! We had so much fun making them! With the warmer weather, we have been able to get outside twice a day and our friends do so well playing with the bigger toddlers. We have been making great progress with our walking feet. We spend a lot of our time cruising furniture and using the walking toys to get around the classroom. Hopefully we can be walking soon! Along with our gross motor, we have also been working on our fine motor skills with stacking toys and utensils at the table. Our friends do very well with their plates and cups, but we're still working on bowls and spoons. The more practice, the better! We are excited to see how our friends grow even more this summer.

Ms. Celeste and Ms. Ashly

Young Toddlers

jacket or sweatshirt on hand as some of the mornings are cooler. We enjoyed painting with plastic cupcake holders. We have been reading books about baking and our favorite by far is "Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes". We also had fun baking and pretending to make strawberry chocolate cake. We counted strawberries and practiced snipping with scissors. The children really enjoy flannel stories and reading books for their language development. We enjoy learning through play and watching your children grow!

Ms. Theresa and Ms. Brittannie

2 1/2's

Summer is just around the corner, and we love to bring our learning outside. This month we will talk about dinosaurs. Our portfolio focus will be on using scientific tools like magnifying glasses and non-standard measuring tools like linking toys. We will dig for fossils in the sensory table and try to rescue dinosaurs from the ice. Please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate extra clothes.

Ms. Claire and Ms. Samantha

3's

This month the children have had a great time exploring and learning. The month started off with the unit on If You Give A Mouse.... The children filled and counted cookies as we filled cookie jars. We used our fine motor skills and strung cheerios

We hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day, filled with love and cherished moments. May days are made of joy and appreciation for all we do. As we transition from celebrating mothers to honoring fathers, we wish you all the best for Father's Day, filled with warmth and unforgettable memories with loved ones. In our recent activities, we wrapped up our enchanting journey with a fairytale lesson plan. Our young learners have delved into the fascinating world of sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell. Looking ahead we are excited to embark on new adventures. As the days grow longer and warmer, let's cherish each moment and embrace the beauty of the season. Here's to a summer filled with laughter, learning, and endless possibilities.

Ms. Rolanda and Ms. Emma

on pipe cleaner mice tails and even practiced tracing shapes. In addition to If You Give a Mouse...our next unit was on Pete the Cat. The children played with Pete's Groovy Sunglasses, put buttons on his shirt and even created his favorite pizza. During the month we also worked on first and last name recognition, alphabet letters, and seasons. This past year has been a blast. Have a great summer.

Ms. Diana and Ms. Jennifer

3's/4's

During May, our class dove into the prehistoric times of the dinosaurs. We talked about the various dinosaurs that roamed the earth and what their diets consisted of. We really "dino-ed" it up when our paleontologist minds looked for hidden dinosaur bones in our dinosaur scavenger hunt. The children enjoyed finding the bones and putting them together as a team to discover the species. What "dino-rific fun"! It is hard to believe that our time together is ending as we move into our Summer Program. We are looking forward to fun filled days in the sun as we continue to learn through play.

Ms. Cynthia and Ms. Kirsten