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# *Summer Program*

## *Live 2 Play*

FRIDAY, 8/23

**CLOSING EARLY**

6:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Monday, 9/2 - CLOSED

Dear Parents,

How sweet this summer has been! Between the fun, sun, water play, and field trips, everyone has been having a blast this summer. Everyone has helped to make my transition

into being director as smooth as possible and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

State Fair time is usually my indicator that summer is coming to an end. With that in mind, if your family's needs have changed (no longer need care, schedule changes, etc.), please let me know by Friday, August 9th so I can make the necessary changes on our end. Fall class lists will be posted on the office door a week or so before Fall Program starts. Be sure to look where your child will be because lots of room changes happen in the transition to fall.

Please note that our waiting list is still a little over a year out so if you are expecting or thinking about expanding your family, please get those registration forms in as soon as possible so we make sure we have space for your family.

Reminder, Grandmas House will be closing at 3pm on Friday, August 23rd so our wonderful teachers can prepare their classrooms for Fall and the app will be down for the day as well. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

*Cassie Makinen*

*Director*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**POOL PICNIC AND A**

**Saturday AUGUST 10TH 10am - 2pm**

**Wiberg Aquatic | Picnic Area 9 Brookfield, WI**

**Meet & Mingle with other families**

*Meet & Mingle with families from Grandma's House*

*Join Us Rain or Shine*



July

1 Cameron W.  
1 Nolan R.  
4 Lucas D.  
5 Noah W.  
6 Annalise G.  
7 Callen D.  
7 August G.  
7 Ms. Zoe  
10 Ivy S.  
12 Patrick S.  
12 Femma B.  
13 Priscilla W.  
18 Miles G.  
22 Etta G.  
30 Braden S.  
31 Teacher Ty

Aug

2 Gordon G.  
4 Austin B.  
5 Zoe K.  
7 Marty C.  
8 Ms. Katherine  
11 Ms. Justine  
13 Ms. Abbie  
15 Madalyn G.  
15 Ezra G.  
15 Elowyn O.  
18 Ms. Michele  
19 Mr. Scott  
20 Ms. Ashley  
20 Ms. Amy E.  
22 Ryder P.  
24 Cooper B.  
25 Cooper M.  
27 Brooks T.  
30 JJ B.  
30 Ms. Livi

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*on celebrating anniversaries with  
Grandma's House*

*July*

*Ms. Sheryl 32 Years*  
*Ms. Christie 26 Years*  
*Ms. Kayleigh 10 Years*  
*Ms. Annissa 4 Years*

*August*

*Ms. Kari 16 Years*  
*Ms. Nikki 16 Years*  
*Ms. Hannah 7 Years*  
*Ms. Dawn 6 Years*

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***Beautiful Baby Butterflies - Ms. Ana & Ms. Virginia***

The summer is flying by so fast, but don't worry, we have been working hard. During the month of July, we were working on our gross motor skills such as tummy time, sitting with and without support, and rolling. This month we have been exploring new items related to the themes. For our America lesson plan, we painted with red, white and blue paint while using a squishy ball. During our Camping lesson, we listened to campfire sounds during nap and classic camp songs during tummy time. To end the month, we explored primary shapes. Have a great month!

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***Home Grown - Ms. Brianna & Ms. Katherine***

Happy August Friends! Summer has flown by, and we are having a blast in 002. The infants had so much fun with the water sensory table. We have been making lots of different art, suns, 4<sup>th</sup> of July themed and watermelon themed art. Weather permitting, we do our best to get the infants out at least twice a day so they can enjoy the fresh air! We are continuing to work on encouraging speech and language development with the infants. Saying sounds like "ma", "da", and "ba" and trying to get them to say the sounds back to us. We also encourage lots of tummy time and different sensory items on the floor to help make tummy time more fun for the babies. We look forward to enjoying this last month of summer and getting outside as much as we can. We look forward to seeing everyone at the family picnic on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

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***Half Pints - Ms. Amy E. & Ms. Cherish***

It has been an exciting summer with all of our "Half Pints". Several of our friends have

already celebrated their first birthday and others will soon follow. With that milestone birthday, come the first steps and transitioning off bottles. We have a few friends that are just starting to walk. Even if your child hasn't started to walk, we have been encouraging walking by giving them lots of opportunities to stand up and balance and use push toys. You can definitely do the same at home! Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions on how to make the transition off bottles go smoothly. We are happy to help!

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### *Wild Ones - Ms. Mai Lee & Ms. Taylor*

Hello 004 families, hope you all have had an amazing summer thus far! We've had a great summer here at Grandma's House. We've been busy learning about camping, fruits and veggies, and we are currently learning about the beach and water activities! The children loved playing in the tent for our camping unit, and they enjoyed making/eating fruit pizza as well! Hope you've enjoyed the photos we've been sending, as well as the art we've been sending home. As a reminder, please check their cubbies a couple of times each week for art and other documents that need to go home with you all. This would also be a great time to check their cubbies to make sure they have weather appropriate extra clothes, and that the clothes we have still fit them in case of accidents. August gets pretty toasty, so we will be enjoying more water play this month, also. If you haven't done so already, please send water shoes so they have something to put on their feet when we go outside for water play. As always, please meet with us at drop off or pick up to discuss any questions or concerns, or feel free to send a message through the app. We are looking forward to an awesome August to close out our summer program.

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### *Tiki Tots - Ms. Hannah & Ms. Emily*

Hello families! As the weather heats up, so does our fun in the sun. During the month of June and start of July, we had a lot of opportunities to get to know the little tater tots and to help them explore their interests through play. They especially love participating in circle time, also known as "flannels". As we sing songs, we place laminated pictures on our felt board that represent the action or image that we are singing about. Some of their favorites have been "Old MacDonald", "If You're Happy and You Know It", and "Slippery Fish". Another way that we connect words to images is by pointing out what we see outside! We see many trucks, buses, the occasional firetruck (wee-woo), airplanes, birds, geese, and so much more! We look forward to seeing what else we can discover.

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### *Strawberry Shortcakes - Ms. Kailie & Ms. Elise*

This month we had a “grape” time learning about the “berry a-peeling” subject of fruits and vegetables, including some amazing gardening activities. Then we expanded our knowledge of water creatures and Baby Shark love with our Ocean unit. We introduced things like whales, jellyfish, octopus, and some “fin-tastic” fishing games. We practiced our fine motor skills and learned new vocabulary words. Some of our friends even conquered a rocky start with sunscreen and water-play to have a “crab-solutely” great time. As summer goes on, we will continue to work on concepts of numbers, colors, sharing and encourage “wait and take turns.” The children are doing such a great job absorbing these lessons and we are sure they will keep blowing us away with all their progress both in and out of the classroom. Stay cool!

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### *Busy Bees - Ms. Kim & Ms. Alaini*

Hi Busy Bee Families, we’ve been having so much fun this summer! Over this last month we have learned about Families and the USA. We talked about the different kinds of family members, reading stories and creating art projects to extend our learning. We also did a lot of fun Fourth of July artwork and talked about flags, fireworks, and everything red, white, and blue. Our class is now learning about farm animals. We are doing a lot of hands-on activities so the children can really master their farm animals and the sounds they make. We even created a fun little barn in our room for the children to play in. One important skill we have been working on every day is sitting nicely at the table while eating- using spoons and an open cup, keeping our tummies to the table, not playing with food, etc... If you could please continue to work on these skills at home, that would be awesome! We look forward to having more fun the rest of this summer! We have lots of cute pictures of all the fun things we have been doing hanging on the bulletin board outside of our room for you to take a look at. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Have a great month and stay cool in this hot weather!

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### *Time Travelers - Ms. Esther & Ms. Courtney*

Embrace the August heat and let it ignite your soul. Sadly, summer is ending, but let’s end it with a blast! We finished the month by finishing our Zoo unit and then on to explore the Farm and Wisconsin State Fair. We enjoyed our time on field trips, especially riding on the “bumpy bus”. We have pictures from our field trips posted next to the parent board. Along with our fun lesson plans and trips, we continue to work on self-help skills. This includes cleaning up after ourselves, flipping on our jackets and pushing down our own pants at

diaper changing time. As always, please continue to encourage these self-help skills at home.

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### *Lightning Bug Lodges - Ms. Amy R. & Ms. Stephanie*

Your Lightning Bugs are having a great time at camp! We have been learning about science, math, ocean animals and artistes. We are now going to be focusing on teamwork and taking turns. The campers will be learning about various sports and games that require these skills. These types of skills will boost their social-emotional abilities by teaching them patience, resiliency, and problem-solving techniques. As your little “bug” gets older, it is always fun to play board games with them. While we tend to “let them win” in order to teach them the rules, please remember to also allow them to lose as well. This teaches them resiliency, fairness, honesty, and problem solving. Have a great rest of your summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in person or through the app.

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### *Threenagers - Ms. Abbie & Ms. Justine*

Summer is just flying by. The children thoroughly enjoyed all our field trips and activities that we have done so far. Along with all the fun, we have also incorporated a lot of learning through various themes and crafts, such as learning how to spell and write our names with our sun pictures. We have also learned a great deal about nature and the outdoors with our camping unit. Thank you for continuing to bring back swimsuits and water bottles. It has been quite a scorching summer! Happy August!

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### *Schooling Fish - Ms. Nikki & Ms. Allie*

We have had such a fun, busy summer! We've enjoyed water play, fun field trips, and all our opportunities to learn through play! Students have really worked on getting ready for kindergarten in the Fall, especially with a wide array of fine motor and name activities. Summer units have been oceans, our country (USA!), Pete the Cat, Olympics (currently), and we will finish the summer up with a unit on cowboys and wild west. For those families who want to continue doing fun fine motor activities at home, a 7 day name challenge and 7 day cutting challenge were emailed out. Looking for other fun things to do at home? Check out the 101 fine motor ideas sheets listed on our parent board. Sadly we are seeing an end to summer soon, but looking forward to new adventures with the 4 year old kindergarten class this Fall!

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*Little Lattes - Ms. Kayleigh & Ms. Annissa*

Happy summer! I can't believe we're already halfway through our summer program. We have been having SO much fun in the school age room going on all sorts of fun field trips. I think our favorite so far has been Wiberg pool. We spent the last couple of weeks learning about the fourth of July, and now we are talking about pirates. The children have been having so much fun making all sorts of crafts and enjoying the games we have. As always, remember to leave a swimsuit and towel here since we usually do water play in the afternoons on hot days. Can't wait for even more fun this summer with your kiddos.