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## Growing Highlights

JANUARY 2025



Hi Families,

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone that filled out our Parent Survey, your feedback is very important to us. Now that we can all take a breath after the very hectic holidays, I will be contacting our parent group to get together for ideas for the new year. If you would like to be included, please send me an email.

The brickwork is finished!! Thank you all for being patient and accommodating while they updated the exterior. It was messy and loud but thank goodness it was only temporary. The children handled it well during the day, and the workers would take breaks during nap times.

Please make sure you submit vacation notices through the [Vacation Request](#) form on our website. Even if you don't think you will get credit for a day or week, it's helpful for us to know for staffing.

Thanks,  
*Claire Cramton*, Director

## Year End Expense Statement Request

*\*Year End requests will be sent via email once they are available at the end of January.*



1	LuLu B.
5	Ms. Jennifer
8	Aubrey H.
13	Ms. Lydia
14	Bennett F.
15	Jacob O.
18	Leon M.
20	Shiv F.
20	Jack D.
23	Lainey M.
23	Orla G.
26	Bennett M.
28	Wesley S.
28	Teddy G.
29	Ms. Kourtney
30	Lydia S.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

*on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House*

<i>Ms. Justine</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Lydia</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Mai</i>	<i>1 Year</i>

# Look What We Did!

## *Young Infants*

Hello infant families! Welcome to a new and exciting year. We can't wait to see how everyone continues to grow and reach their milestones. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Our babies have been doing great in adjusting to their time here at daycare. This past December, our lesson plans focused on the very fun, yet freezing cold snow, and learning about wintertime and all the fun it can be. We enjoyed some chill-tastic artwork by Bob Ross and Claude Monet. This month we will learn more about the amazing polar animals and about very yummy and nutritious types of food. Throughout this time, the babies will continue to work on their developmental milestones through play and floor time with their peers. We will continue to work with them to strengthen their fine motor skills which may include transferring objects from one hand to another, blowing raspberries, and banging toys together.

Due to the very cold weather, we have not been able to go on any walks recently, but we deeply appreciate that our babies have the proper winter attire if we ever get the chance to sneak out.

As always, we appreciate the cooperation between us and our parents and are looking forward to another great year with our babies. Please don't hesitate to ask any

## *Middle Toddlers*

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Over the past month, we have been working on learning our friends' names and communicating our needs with words. This month we are excited to learn about Winter and Zoo Animals as part of our lesson plans. We are looking forward to all the fun activities we have planned; such as, "pin the carrot on the snowman" and creating our own binoculars. As always, please continue to check the app for daily communications and continue to stock cubbies with weather appropriate clothes. Thanks for all you do!

*Ms. Kam and Ms. Aliyah*

## *Older Toddlers*

Happy New Year! We continue to work on building independence by hand washing, drinking from an open cup, using utensils at mealtimes, and now with the colder weather, putting on coats, hats, and mittens. We go outside twice a day anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour when the temperature is above 20 degrees. Please bring snowpants, boots, and a warm coat for your child. Our last lesson plan theme was "gratitude". We did

questions that you may have, we are here to help you and your babies to make sure that their time with us is nothing but great. We hope that you all have a great new year!

*Ms. Liz and Ms. Netzy*

### ***Infants***

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed time with family and friends. In December, our themes were Winter and Sandra Boynton. We read books about winter, snow and cold. We did some marble painting to make snowflakes and painted with a textured ball in a tub that the children rolled around to create a design. Our visual patterns this month were zigzag and winter themed patterns. Our two portfolio focuses were "pulls up to stand" and "uses gestures such as pointing and waving." Did you know that pulling up to stand is a crucial developmental milestone for infants? It strengthens major muscle groups in their arms, back, and legs which are essential for future mobility like walking, while also helping with balance and coordination. This allows them to explore their environment from an upright position. It is a stepping stone towards cruising and taking their first steps! Just a reminder to label all bottles with your child's full name and the day's date. Please include the expressed date with breast milk. Also, please do not bring in glass food containers and make sure that the containers are dated and labeled with your

fun activities like painting rocks, dancing with maracas, conducting science experiments like color mixing and dancing raisins, and reading books about gratitude for our friends, families, and communities. We are certainly grateful for all of our wonderful families at Grandma's House!

*Ms. Pakou and Ms. Jackie*

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

Hello Families! What a way to end the year as we learned about how things dissolve by drinking hot cocoa. We also learned about our emotions and how to identify them by reading different books and flannels. This month we will continue learning about emotions and practice saying each emotion. We will also talk about winter weather and work on our math skills by counting our friends and listening to flannel stories. As a reminder, please remember to bring boots and snowpants along with other winter gear. As always, we thank you for everything!

*Ms. Justine and Ms. Becca*

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

We hope everyone had a great New Years and holiday season. The children enjoyed the theme of Winter. We started the month off by learning about snowmen. We sang about Frosty the Snowman, learned about big and little with

child's full name. Thank you! As always, be safe, happy, and healthy!

*Ms. Judeen and Ms. Sam*

### ***Older Infants***

Last month we got our last taste of Fall in as we learned about apples. We hung a laminated apple tree on our wall that had Velcro apples on it. We counted the apples and then we used our pincer grasp to "pick" the apples off the tree. We also hid the apples around the room and had the children go on an apple hunt to find the hidden apples. Lastly, we made sensory bags filled with applesauce that the kiddos got to squish. We learned about children's author Todd Parr. Parr uses bright colors and simple shapes in his illustrations. His books encourage emotional development, character growth, and they celebrate multiculturalism. We got to use bright, neon-colored paints for art, and we also played with plush emotion characters as the teachers acted out each emotion. To round out the lesson plan, we had a mac and cheese party since Macaroni and cheese is Mr. Parr's favorite food. We ate mac and cheese at lunch, listened to the "Maca, Maca, Maca Macaroni and cheese" song and played with our Mac & Squeeze toy.

*Ms. Christie and Ms. Dawn*

### ***1's***

different sized snowballs, and dump and filled with snowballs. We continued our snow theme by having the children practice cutting snowflakes out of coffee filters. The children are learning to control scissors as they get more practice using them. In addition to the snow theme, we used our imagination to go on a sleigh ride. We created a sleigh with our chairs. We grabbed some jingle bells and we went on a sleigh ride, singing jingle bells and shaking the bells. Along with singing and playing in the sleigh, we also explored bows. The children made patterns with bows and explored resistance by pulling them off contact paper and decorating a tree with them. As the weather continues to be cold, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their cubbie for inside and out.

*Ms. Diana and Ms. Kourtney*

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

Happy New Year! During the month of January, we will be focusing on how to dress ourselves so that when the snow falls, we will be able to put on our own winter gear. We will continue to work on following classroom instructions and being kind to our friends. Some of our activities will include snipping with scissors, lacing beads, and identifying big and small objects. We will continue to explore different types of art materials such as sponges, branches, forks, etc. Stay warm!

*Ms. Brittannie and Ms. Mia*

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! We are looking forward to starting 2025 with lots of fun in our room. In December, our themes of the month were Penguins and Winter Holidays. We read different books like *Winter* by Allie Kusby, *Jeremy's Dreidel*, *Pop up Peek a Boo Penguin* by Clare Lloyd and more. We looked at different pictures of holidays that people are celebrating. Also, we had fun activities with your children last month. Our themes for January are Textures and Winter Animals. So, we will read books about winter animals and touch and feel books, like *Shake, Touch, Play, a sensory book*, *Never Touch a Polar Bear!*, *Big Bear*, *Little Bear* and *The Snow Bear*. We will continue to make a variety of creative artwork with toddlers throughout January and encourage them to communicate and become more aware of the things we learn every day. Our learning process will include sensory projects you can see in our lesson plans. We hope the weather in January will let us go outside and play in the snow. Please remember to bring outdoor clothing items if your child doesn't have them here yet. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy new year! We are always happy to answer any questions you may have.  
*Ms. Alex and Ms. Myeesha*

### ***Young Toddlers***

Winter is here! If we are able to go outside for crisp, cool air, we will need winter gear. Please be sure your child has

### ***3's***

We have had so much fun this past month exploring new activities and the holiday season. The children really seem to love all things art, hands-on, and small motor activities. We are still going outside twice a day, weather permitting, so please double check that your child has clothing here every day and make sure that is weather appropriate. This includes gloves, hats, snow pants, boots, and a heavy, warm jacket. This month we are going to continue with a lot of small motor activities to help encourage some of the things we have been working on, like dressing ourselves. We are also trying to work more on letter and number recognition, matching, and sorting and identifying letters in our name. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to us. Stay warm and Happy New Year!  
*Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Jenn*

### ***3's/4's***

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all had an amazing (and warm) holiday season! Last month, we focused on practicing and strengthening our cutting and writing skills and using our words with friends to resolve problems. We also talked about winter and winter holidays. As we move forward into the new year, we will be continuing to work on those skills as well as patterning while learning about hibernation and

snowpants, boots, hat, mittens, and a warm coat here at school. We will work on language development by reading new books and flannel stories. For process art, we like using cookie cutters, paint brushes, and sponges. We will encourage sorting toys into buckets to help develop fine motor skills. During our last unit, we enjoyed the "Hedge Hog", where we put different color pegs in the correct spot. We worked on big versus small concepts by using snowflakes and most importantly, enhanced our social skills by encouraging empathy and awareness of others especially when they are sad. We love seeing them learn through play!

*Ms. Theresa and Ms. Inna*

weather. Just a quick reminder to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing and make sure they have snow pants and boots here every day ...just in case! We also wanted to remind you that our art folders are on the wall by the water bottles and to make sure to check them at least once a week. Thank you for all your help!

*Ms. Samantha and Ms. Abbie*

## Grandma's House Price Listing Effective January 6, 2025

Daily Rates		Under 2	2 Year Olds	3-4 Year Olds	5+
<b>Full Day</b>	Youngest/Single Child	88	79	71	62
	Older Child(ren)	75	67	60	53
<b>Half Day</b> (5 hours or less)	Youngest/Single Child	--	60	57	54
	Older Child(ren)	--	53	51	48

Full and Half day rates include lunch and snacks.

School Age Rates		Full-Day 5K through Fifth Grade	
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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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**2025**  
**Grandma's House**

will be **CLOSED** the following holidays:

**New Year's**

Wednesday, January 1

**Memorial Day**

Monday, May 26

**4th of July**

Friday, July 4

**Labor Day**

Monday, September 1

**Thanksgiving**

Thursday & Friday,  
November 27 & 28

**Christmas**

Wednesday & Thursday,  
December 24 & 25

**Grandma's House**

will be **CLOSING EARLY**

the following days for  
Staff Development &  
Classroom Changeover:

**Fridays,**  
**June 6, 2025**  
**August 22, 2025**

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