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Growing Highlights

JANUARY 2025



Happy New Year!

I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and I hope you all enjoyed lots of time with family and friends during the holidays. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Parent's Night Out babysitting night. We were able to raise \$1800, plus a local charity matched it, so we raised \$3600 to help families in need. We were able to give large grocery gift cards to 4 families that were on the Giving Wreath and we also donated to the Fisher House, a place where families can stay if they have a loved one in the VA all at no cost. They are in need of donations, food, and cleaning supplies to keep it going. We are happy to help the families of those that served our country and are now in need.

January is a big move up month. As your child progresses through the rooms, we are happy to provide as much information as you feel comfortable on the app. We record everything for children under the age of 2. For children 2 and older, we record all diaper changes if your child is not potty trained. But if you want more information, please just talk to your child's teacher. Many parents say they only want to know nap time, or if their child has a bm, so please just let us know! We are happy to provide what you want!

Please keep bringing winter gear for your child. We do go outside even in the snow and cold. It is difficult when children do not have the proper gear. We really appreciate it. One last housekeeping item... if you can, we really appreciate the pull ups that open up on the sides. It takes so long to undress a child each time a change is needed, especially when you are changing so many children. Thank you!

As always, my door is always open! Please never hesitate to reach out with questions.

Thanks,

Jane Sweet

Director

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Year End Expense Statement Request

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



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| 4 | Maggie F. |
| 10 | Ms. Emily |
| 11 | Kase J. |
| 16 | Brady N. |
| 16 | Ms. Bry |
| 17 | Bailey B. |
| 19 | Mia M. |
| 26 | Dylan M. |

CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Chantel 7 Years

Ms. Lindsey 1 Year

Look What We Did!

Busy Town, Infants

Happy New Year to all! May 2025 bring many good things to you and your family. Welcome to all our new families! Please know that we are here to help in any way we can. Please ask if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to know. In the month of December, we focused on math concepts, math talk, and having toys available for the babies to explore that built on these concepts. We played with blocks and balls of different types and sizes to compare big and small. A ring tower with each ring being a different color and texture to create patterns and recognize differences. When we sing songs related to our lesson theme with numbers, we are covering number order and correspondence.

We can make the math that occurs in daily life visible to children through math talk. Each day offers us countless opportunities to help children deepen their understanding of math concepts. The more we talk “math”, the better chance infants and toddlers have to build a positive attitude toward math learning and learning in general.

Here are three examples of math concepts that we cover daily through our lesson plans:

1. Number and operations—understanding the concept of number, quantity, order,

Magical Moons, 2's

Hello Families- we hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday. We had a fun and exciting December. The children were busy with various activities. In our art experiences, we painted with cabbage, potatoes, hands, marbles, and shapes. The children enjoyed making the cabbage and potatoes as a group project. They also enjoyed making their holiday gifts for you, we hope you like them. The children can't get enough of our science projects. They get so excited to see the balloon blow up when vinegar and baking soda mix. We also enjoyed a new one this month. We mixed Alka seltzer tablets with 7-Up. When these two were mixed, it made the Craisins we added bounce up and down. We called them dancing Craisins. During the day, we have carpet time, which the children seem to also enjoy. They get into a routine of doing this before morning snack and lunch. This way we can setup for both meals while the children are listening to stories. They know some of these songs, flannels, and stories by heart. You may hear them sing it at home, we apologize if they sing them a lot. They do have their favorites. When we dance, we do it well. We boogie down to the Chicken Dance, Hokey Pokey, and Freeze Dance. The children also like going on a Bear Hunt and the Goldfish song. If

ways of representing numbers, one-to-one correspondence (that one object corresponds to one number), and counting.

**Counting while singing a song.*

**Counting while handing out snack.*

**Counting while building a block tower.*

2. Shapes and spatial relationships (geometry)—recognizing and naming shapes, understanding the physical relationship between yourself and other objects and the relationships between objects.

**Talking during snack and labeling the shape of the crackers.*

**Stacking blocks together by size (big on the bottom, small on the top) and knocking them down.*

3. Patterns, relationships, and change—recognizing (seeing the relationships that make up a pattern) and/or creating repetitions of objects, events, colors, lines, textures, and sounds; understanding that things change over time and that change can be described with math words.

**Taking notice of who is wearing stripes on their clothes that day.*

**Connecting words with actions: I put the blocks in the bucket and you dumped them out. Let's do it again."*

Math talk enriches everyday learning experiences for infants and toddlers. You'll be surprised at how much they know and can learn. Your math talk today can help your children be successful in math in the future.

Source: Adapted from a Rocking and Rolling column written by Jan Greenberg and published in the May 2012 issue of Young Children.

Ms. Kristine and Ms. Mo

you ever want to know more about these, please ask us. Just a few reminders: please take art projects home, have appropriate spare clothes in their cubbies, and bedding needs to be washed every week. Thank you very much and see you next month.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Savannah

Pinkalicious, 2.5's

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday season. Can you believe how fast the year went by? We have been really busy with activities from our lesson plan, Holiday Fun! We painted with gift bows, glued red and green tissue paper onto paper, glued wrapping paper to paper and even played with Christmas themed stickers. The children also loved our Santa's Workshop dramatic play. I love seeing how creative they are during play. Also, the children have been so creative while playing with one another. It is just so amazing to see, they love to play salon! We also have been practicing on getting our outdoor gear on by ourselves and they have been doing really well with it. Please keep practicing at home with them. Also, with it snowing more, please make sure your child has snow-pants, boots, winter jacket, mittens, and hat here every day and please make sure EVERYTHING IS LABELED!!!! Our next lesson plan is about the Weather. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Bry

Very Hungry Caterpillars, Older Infants

Happy New Year! First, we would like to say how excited we are to have some new friends in our room with us.

Welcome!! For the past month, we've been focusing on our gross motor skills. We expanded the classroom climber and that has been a huge hit. It's a lot bigger and our friends can crawl on top and even crawl through the tunnel. Now that it's January, we can expect snow to stick around. Please provide us with a snow suit, boots, hat, and mittens. Playing outside in the snow will be a fun and new experience for our little friends...maybe some more than others! In the month of January, we are planning a Baking and Snow unit. We're excited to make a few batches of cookies to taste and explore snow in the sensory bin. As always, we create art and listen to stories weekly.

Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kelly

Duck and Goose, Toddlers

Happy New Year! While the holiday season was in full swing, it was the perfect time to embrace the wonder of that holiday spirit through play. Last month, we dove into festive, tree-inspired activities that spark creativity, encourage exploration, and bring the holiday spirit to life. We would like to thank everyone who came and donated during Parent's Night Out to benefit *The Fisher House*.

In the classroom we explored lights. We

Woodland Animals, 3's

We hope that everyone had a great holiday season. We had a lot of fun in the classroom this month with all our different activities and gearing up for the excitement of the holidays. The children enjoyed making stained glass art and designing their own stockings. We also enjoyed getting our photos taken for our Christmas presents. We got to go watch the Nutcracker performance in downtown Hartland and create slime with different textures. We are starting to write in our writing journals and we are enjoying seeing them grow with that. We are continuing to learn our letters and spell our names and working on our independence to get us ready for 4K. We are so excited to see what 2025 has in store for us.

Ms. Emily and Ms. Natalie

Mushrooms, 4's

Hey families, Winter is here! We've been so busy! We have been working on spelling our names and finding the letters in mixed-up orders. We made a snowman with the letters of our names. We have also done pattern activities. We went to see The Nutcracker at the local dance studio and the children really enjoyed that. In the new year, we will continue working on our names and numbers. Just a friendly reminder to make sure your child has all their winter gear here. For 4K going back and forth, I suggest bringing in a bag they

watched them change colors while learning the colors names and how they can create different patterns. We also worked on our counting skills by doing a yummy activity using M&M's and counting lights on a tree. We also explored evergreens playing with different textures and the smell of evergreen trees with our sensory bins. We painted with branches of a tree to see the print of a tree branch. We loved exploring how a simple tree can bring so much happiness and smiles to the holiday season. We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season full of memories and a wonderful New Year. We are looking forward to seeing new beginnings and bright futures in the New Year.

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree

Chicka Chicka Boom Booms, 2's

We hope each and every one of you had a great holiday. This month we worked with different objects to make art, such as ice cubes, cotton balls, and tape. We also enjoyed dancing to silly songs that allow us to listen carefully to directions and move our bodies. Our New Year's Resolution is to continue potty training, encourage everyone to use their words and gentle touches towards our friends. We are working on using spoons and open cups during snacks and lunchtime. As winter is making its appearance, we ask that parents continually stock their child's cubby with warm extra clothes. We do go outside daily, and our clothes may get wet from

can carry for easy travel. As always, any questions please ask!!

Ms. Chantel

Backyard Fairies, SA

Hello families and Happy New Year! I hope you all had an amazing holiday season! We ended 2024 learning about holidays, Christmas, and Hanukkah. To introduce Hanukkah, we did Hanukkah word searches and danced to traditional Hanukkah music. A great holiday science experiment at home that we did here is "Peppermints in Water". All you do is get a plate, circle peppermints, and water. Place your peppermints in any design you want and fill the bottom of the plate with warm water. From there you will be able to see the colors from the peppermints dissolve into the water and create a design. It's super fun and easy to do - and super simple if you want to try different designs, or even just do it again. We will be starting the new year off learning about arctic animals and continue to learn about Snow and Snowflakes. I am so excited for our snow and snowflakes lesson since the children have already been catching snowflakes and noticing differences between each one. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Desi

playing in the snow. We also ask that each child has all their winter gear, hat, mittens, snow pants, and boots at school daily.

Ms. Tricia and Ms. Lindsey

Grandma's House Price Listing Effective January 6, 2025

| Daily Rates | | Under 2 | 2 Year Olds | 3-4 Year Olds | 5+ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|----|
| Full Day | Youngest/Single Child | 88 | 79 | 71 | 62 |
| | Older Child(ren) | 75 | 67 | 60 | 53 |
| Half Day (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 | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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).

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| 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

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| 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"> 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. 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. | |

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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