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Growing Highlights

MARCH 2025

Dear Families,

Is Spring here? We are not sure but really hoping! Summer plans are due March 7th. If I do not have your yellow sheet, I will assume you do not need summer care. We are getting outside more, but with the playgrounds being so wet we really need extra clothes in everyone's cubby. Please check daily for wet clothes that may be bagged up to take home and then bring more the next day. It gets very difficult to try to find spare clothes for many children at once.

If you have a child going to 4K at Hartland North next year and will need care in the mornings, and/or picked up at the end of the day, please let me know so I can plan accordingly. We can service the afternoon 4K session only.

I am hoping that with the weather getting a little better, some of the illnesses will settle down. I know it can get frustrating when your child gets sick. We do our best to keep things clean, but we cannot control airborne germs. That is why we ask that everyone uses their best judgement when deciding to send a child not feeling well to the center. There is only so much we can do to keep everyone safe and healthy. When you think of all the places a family goes, and all the different schools that even one family may attend, it is no wonder germs get passed. It just happens!

I hope everyone is able to get out more and enjoy the fresh air!

As always, my door is always open! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Thanks,

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Director

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CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Tonia 30 Years

Save the Date

 Walks for Cancer 
Saturday, May 3rd

Oconomowoc LAKEWALK

Look What We Did!

Busy Town, Infants

"She's getting ready to crawl! We saw it all weekend!" This is the greeting that we

Magical Moons, 2's

Hello! How are we saying hello to March already? We hope that your 2025 year has

often receive on Monday mornings from our parents. It's very exciting to see the babies take risks in the classroom from reaching for toys, rolling over, sitting securely, getting on their hands and knees and then crawling. We may think that motor development comes from one skill and leads naturally to the next but it really is a constant learning process. Learning to move in discontinuous skills learned from one ability may not be the same skills that are needed to learn the next. Compare crawling and walking. Crawling requires completely different skills than walking does. As we understand, motor skills develop through taking risks, problem solving, and learning. We spend most of our day on the floor giving babies opportunities to move their body and master motor skills. Putting toys in front of the child or on the side so that they can reach for them or encourage rolling to one side or another. Supporting a baby with one or two boppy pillows so that they can work on their core muscles are examples of opportunities we give to the babies to work on their motor development. It may look like we are being lazy as everyone is "laying" around but really, we are hard at work learning what our bodies can do!

Ms. Kristine and Ms. Mo

Very Hungry Caterpillars, Older Infants

March is finally here! One of our goals for March is to get outside as much as we can. Our friends have a serious case of cabin fever, and we are excited to explore our

been off to a good start and that amazing things are happening for you. As for the Magical Moons, we always have something going on whether it is a visit from Mr. Bob or Mrs. Ryan, getting messy in an art project, excited for science reactions, or running around outside (and inside). The kiddos (and teachers) are so excited that we are beginning to get outside more often and have really enjoyed this fresh snow that we had recently. In February, we enjoyed learning and exploring (and being) dinosaurs. It was fun using dinosaur sticks, painting with dino feet, and hunting for dinos. The children loved having stories and songs about dinosaurs. We also explored Valentine's Day with the colors red, pink, and purple. They created many art projects with these colors and the heart shape. In March, we cannot wait to continue learning about balls and sports. The children love playing with the balls outside; from kicking them, throwing, and chasing them. We will also learn everything about the color green and St. Patrick's Day. We are looking forward to finishing the month off by having fun with pizzas and a pizzeria dramatic play area! We continue to practice keeping our hands on our own bodies and that we need to use our words to express how we are feeling. Hopefully Spring will come fast. As always, we are here to answer any of your questions and/or concerns.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Savannah

Pinkalicious, 2.5's

playground again. With that being said, please continue to bring in waterproof outdoor gear for your child. Our two lesson plans this month are Dr. Seuss and Springtime/Clovers. We will bring in lots of fun Dr. Seuss books to read and create art inspired by those stories. Towards the end of the month, we will have fun playing with frog, bunny, and duck dramatic play toys in our room. You may have noticed new furniture in our classroom recently. We are excited to have new things and it keeps our room fun and interesting for everyone. A skill we've been working on with everyone is dropping toys into a container, like a shape sorter. This is a skill that challenges them and works their fine motor skills.

Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kelly

Duck and Goose, Toddlers

Here we go Marching into March but first let's talk about all the fun we had in February. February was the perfect month for learning about the color red, hearts, and winter snow fun! We spent much of our time enjoying making art with heart-shaped objects like heart-shaped fly swatters as an example. We also worked on our math skills by exploring heart-shaped objects and counting hearts around the room. We learned how to sign the word "love," the action, and the word for hug, and read lots of books about love. Our overall classroom favorite activity was a fine motor, sensory exploration in our Valentine's Day-themed sensory bin. The

Hello families, I can't believe it's almost March! The month of February we kept busy with our Valentine's themed lesson plan. We did lots of fun activities like glueing hearts down on paper, using our small motor skills by peeling and sticking Valentine stickers onto paper. We also had a Valentine's Party with yummy snacks and fun activities like a science experiment with vinegar, candy hearts, and baking soda to watch the candy hearts dance. We also decorated cookies; a favorite activity in the classroom. We have been trying our own independent art time during free play when the children have lots of options of art they can do on the shelf and practicing our cutting skills with scissors. They have been really enjoying it. Our next lesson plan is going to focus on Dinosaurs so we will have lots of activities planned for that and learning all about dinosaurs. We get outside as much as we can with the weather so please make sure your child has boots, snowpants, mittens, hats, and jackets here at all times. Please make sure you are checking your child's cubby each week to make sure they have everything they need and take home anything that needs to be taken home. As always if you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Ms. Bry

Woodland Animals, 3's

We had a great month in February. We had our Valentine's Party and all the children exchanged valentines. We also went on a field trip to Kids in Motion

cold temperatures made it hard to go outside and enjoy the snow, but that didn't stop us from enjoying all the fun activities you do with snow. We added fake snow and snowballs with shovels and rode sleds around the center. We hope you enjoyed your little Valentine's keepsakes from your child and it definitely captured a moment in time. March is here and we are looking forward to warmer weather so we can enjoy playing outside.

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree

Chicka Chicka Boom Booms, 2's

February was a busy time of learning about what winter is all about; luckily the snow arrived just in time! We enjoyed coloring and painting on wax paper and creating collages with snowman parts. We also learned about Valentines and explored with heart shaped objects to create art. We enjoyed creating sensory bags filled with hair gel and red items. We had fun talking about our families and shared ways we show love towards our families. Some fun extra things we've been doing to stay busy are exploring the balance beam and walking on lines of blue tape pretending to ice fish. We put up handprints all around our classroom and the children love to give them "high fives"! We explored water and sponges in our sensory table.

Ms. Tricia and Ms. Lindsey

which the children enjoyed so much, and let's face it, so did Ms. Kristin and Ms. Emily. We learned about Valentines and Farm Life. We created a suncatcher, and a valentine collage. We also learned about different life cycles like chicken, strawberry, and a watermelon. We are putting up pictures from each month (slowly but surely) in the front hallway coming down the stairs so make sure that you take a look at them! We are so excited to see what March brings for us.

Ms. Emily, Ms. Kristin and Ms. Lynn

Mushrooms, 4's

February has been filled with fun activities. We have done lots of art. One activity we did was using the spin art machine and markers and then spraying with water to see what would happen. We have also been doing a lot of science activities. A favorite is blowing a balloon up with baking soda, vinegar, and a bottle, sometimes the balloon explodes. We are working on spelling and writing our names, along with counting and number recognition. As a friendly reminder, please have snow gear here and EVERYTHING labeled. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Ms. Chantel

Backyard Fairies, SA

Hello families! It has been so nice enjoying warmer days! We finished out February

making tie-pillows, although it was kind of challenging for the children. They really enjoyed making them and asked if we could do more. I think it would be fun for them if we made a tie-blanket as a class! We also had a Valentine candy taste test between Sour Patch Hearts, Haribo Valentine Gummy Bears, and Conversation Hearts...the winner is...Sour Patch Hearts! We are going to start March learning about Emotions and St. Patrick's Day. We are so excited to do our St. Patrick's Day trivia! A cute and fun craft to do at home is to make shamrock people. Using a big clover for the face, small clovers for the hands and feet, white stripes of paper for arms and legs, add googly eyes, and markers for the face. I'm looking forward to warmer days! Please reach out with any questions and/or concerns. Thank you.

Ms. Desi