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Growing Highlights

APRIL 2025

APRIL IS FAMILY STRENGTHENING MONTH



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Friday, April 4!

Hello Families!

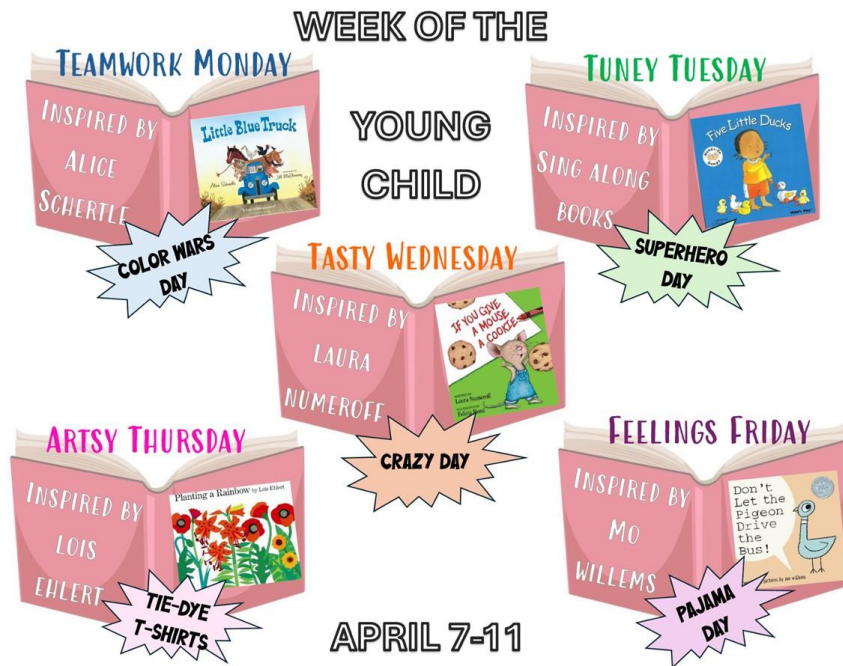
Spring is here! With the days getting longer and the sun shining, we plan on all ages spending lots of time outside!! We have many fun things that are coming our way! We have **Week of the Young Child** starting **April 7th**. Signs are posted around the center for you to know what to expect! This is an exciting time for us as teachers, to celebrate all the wonderful children in our care! Every April, the teachers do formal conferences with the families. This is a great time for you to hear about all the skills your child is mastering at Grandma's House. Classroom teachers will be sending out a Signup Genius with different times they will be available for a conference.

We want you to save the date for **Friday, May 30th**. We are going to be hosting our **3rd Annual Spring Fling** for our families. We are in the works of planning the entertainment for the event. We feel this is a good way for you to be able to meet some of your child's friends that they are always talking about at home! Be on the lookout for more details to follow!

Happy Spring! This month's shoutout goes to Ms. Holly! Ms. Holly wears many hats around the center, from the 4K teacher to Assistant Director, she definitely has her hands full. Ms. Holly loves to celebrate many different holidays that take place around the world and encourages her students to learn about the different cultures. This past month they celebrated Holi. The children loved learning about this holiday as they got messy and full of colors outside! Ms. Holly also enjoys teaching her students about the importance of community involvement. They recently held a food drive at the center and then they hand delivered all the goods to the food pantry themselves! The students love to go on field trips! She also does a VIP week for each student where the whole week is all about them! They bring in some of their favorite things and even have their families come in to read a book, do a project, etc.! Ms. Holly does a great job getting the children ready for "big kid" school, from spelling to writing, she does it all! The children are very well prepared for the next big step in their life. Thanks for all that you do!

Thanks,
Jess Strick, Director

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Book orders are due by *Monday, 4/21*
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CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Mr. Jared 3 Years

Ms. Rebekah 2 Years

Save the Date
Walks for Cancer
Saturday, May 3rd



SAVE
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Spring
FLING

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH

Look What We Did!

Brown Bear

Spring is here! We are so excited to get outside and enjoy the nicer weather. We

Jungle Book

Happy Spring! This last month has been a lot of fun. We loved our All About Me

began to go on more stroller rides last month, bundling up, going out for some fresh air, and seeing exciting new sites. Another sensory experience we explored was with our hands and feet making beautiful masterpieces with paint between our fingers and toes! Here are a few ideas to try at home that can be taken outside in warmer weather:

**Measuring cups (small, stacking): help/show your child how to stack and allow them to bang and explore.*

**Cloth scraps: babies love to explore different textures, colors, and patterns.*

**Jelly Beans in a Ziploc bag: allow your child to explore the feel and bright colors.*

We hope everyone continues to enjoy the warmer days with lots of outside time!

Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Diane

Very Hungry Caterpillars

Spring is in the air and the Very Hungry Caterpillars will be exploring the toddler playground more. We ask that you please provide us with extra pants, socks, and shoes for the children to change into after their adventures on the playground. Please label all your child's items and date each bottle. We will be working on standing alone with assistance and using spoons during feedings. In this class, we support the infant's independent growth. We have been working on simple sign language with words like, "all done", "more", "so big", and "eat". We are smiling a lot with finger painting and using our water doodles to scribble. For our gross

unit. We talked a lot about our families, pets, and emotions. We created an All About Me book and made collages of pictures of ourselves. We then moved into our Shapes & Colors unit. We mixed primary colors to observe what new colors were made. We practiced our shapes a lot. We had the most fun during our Color week! With nicer weather on the way we are looking forward to getting outside more and going on more walks. April is Parent/Teacher Conference month, be on the lookout for a conference sign up! We are excited about what April has in store for the twos!

2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Little Superpigs

It has been so nice to be able to be outside without lots of snow gear slowing us down. We've enjoyed fresh air and warmer temps. Our first focus this month was working on self-help skills such as putting on hats, mittens, coats, and boots by ourselves with little help from our teachers. Our next focus has been working on taking turns and asking for help from a teacher when we are trying to get a turn with a toy that a friend is using. Phrases we use are "can I use that when you are done?" or "can I play with you too?". Our final focus this month was working on solving simple problems such as learning how to pedal the bikes around the playground when we are outside. A simple problem we have worked on solving is what to do when our water

motor activities, we are crawling around the classroom with our snowsuits on and crawling through tunnels. We even had the opportunity to explore butterfly shape sorters.

Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Savannah

Wild Things

Spring is in the air! We are looking forward to warmer weather and getting outside more. During our Dr. Seuss unit, we used our fine motor skills to decorate hats with paint and stickers. We learned about both numbers and colors by reading One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Repetition of rhymes and stories like Dr. Seuss help with speech and language development. Our next unit was All About Shamrocks, Green, and Gold. We placed big coins into containers and recognized our friends' faces on shamrocks placed on the wall. Exploring flashlights was another highlight and it taught us about cause-and-effect relationships. This next month we are excited to learn about Zoo Animals and Bunnies, Chicks, and Eggs.

Toddlers, Ms. Lori and Ms. Jenny

Puddle Ducks

We have been feeling the sunshine here in the Puddle Ducks! It has been sooo wonderful to get outside (when the weather cooperates) and run, run, run! Another activity we enjoyed was

bottle is empty; we will put them on the counter to get filled up.

2 1/2's, Ms. Jennie and Ms. Janell

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

March was a very fun month! We went on a field trip to see Finding Nemo the Musical! In March, we learned about St. Patrick's Day and Community Helpers. During our St. Patrick's lesson plan, we focused on cutting with scissors and counting. You could practice counting at home by having your child count their stuffed animals or you could even count all the cars you pass while driving! During our Community Helpers lesson plan, we focused on helping others and sorting. You could sort at home by asking your child to sort their toys by size, color, or type of toy. We really enjoyed looking at the book of our parents as community helpers! We look forward to what this next month will bring us. Hopefully warmer weather!

3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison

The Crayons

Yay! Warmer weather is here! In March, we finished learning about community helpers and how they are important. We then moved onto Shamrocks and Rainbows learning about colors and shapes. We brought back a favorite activity of film canister rockets and took them outside to really see them launch!

exploring our new toddler light table! We put 2 colors into a Ziploc bag and the children mixed the colors while the light showed through the bag. The light table is definitely a hot spot when it is out. The children have loved it thus far! One skill that we noticed being mastered is taking turns! YEA!! While making cloud dough (conditioner + corn starch), the children were able to take turns passing the bags around to friends and allowing the other child to play with it; with little to no hesitation.

Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia

Panda Bears

April Showers, bring May Flowers! We are so excited to see all the changes that come with Spring. We are also looking forward to warmer weather. We had so much fun in March with our Dr. Seuss Spirit Week and reading/listening to new Dr. Seuss books. We are continuing to work on using our spoon while we are eating and using the "flip trick" to put on our jackets. As the weather is getting warmer, we enjoy taking walks and spending more time outside. In April, we are going to continue to work on using utensils when eating. You can do this at home with your child by encouraging them to use a spoon or fork when they are eating.

Toddlers, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.

We also used acrylic paint to decorate a plate and enjoyed painting with balloons for creative expressions. In April, we will be doing an Easter Egg hunt. There will be a sign-up genius going out about that as well as a sign-up genius going out for Family/Teacher Conferences!

4's, Ms. Brittnee and Ms. Nikki

Pigeons - 4K

During the month of March, we learned about Dr. Seuss and tried reading ALL of his books. The students really liked watching our chart grow as we read his books within three weeks. We used his books to talk about rhyming words and how we can make up silly names and wacky characters like he did. The class really enjoyed making green eggs and ham for lunch one day. Another fun activity was making turtles with plates and stacking them on top of each other. For our 100th Day of Kindergarten celebration, the students enjoyed building with 100 cups, counting a 100-piece snack, painting 100 spots, and lacing a necklace of 100 Fruit Loops.

We also celebrated Holi in 4K. The class had so much fun throwing colors at each other and learning about this Hindu celebration of colors.

Do you have musical talent? Maybe an instrument laying around you can show off? 4K will be learning about all things musical April 14th-25th and would love some experience seeing, touching, or maybe even playing a variety of

instruments. We are asking if anyone has even a small musical talent or has an instrument to let the students touch and would be willing to share it with our class, please contact me in the 4K loft room.

4K, *Ms. Holly*