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Growing Highlights

MAY 2025



Dear Families,

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather, I know the children are! Please still check your child's cubby for extra clothes that fit. And if he/she is potty training, an extra pair of shoes helps too! I am just mentioning again if you can avoid pull ups that don't open on sides, we really appreciate it!

I am working on summer class lists. If anything has changed, please let me know asap! Field trip calendars will come out in mid-May.

Our plants that we planted during the Week of the Young Child have started to grow! (I had my doubts?!?) The older children will transplant them into the garden soon. Hope for the best!

At the end of the month, we will have a family night outside like we did last year- games, simple dinner, and lots of fun! Watch for the date to be posted on doors soon.

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

Thanks,

Jane Sweet

Director

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GRANDMA'S HOUSE

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday 5/5
FLOWER for my teachers

Tuesday 5/6
Draw a picture for your teachers

Wednesday 5/7
Sweet Treat for my Sweet Teachers

Thursday 5/8
Hug your teacher

Friday 5/9
PAJAMA DAY

Visit the *Appreciation Station* in the back entryway during the week to create a Special Note for Teachers & Staff. Notes will be delivered to staff on Friday.



- 1 Ms. Amanda
- 2 Reagan S.
- 8 Ms. Ashley
- 9 Olivia S.
- 20 Paige-Marie S.
- 21 Aalayiah R.
- 21 Ms. Kristine
- 25 Adler L.

CONGRATULATIONS
on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Shannon 28 Years

Ms. Donna 17 Years

Ms. Taylor 2 Years

Look What We Did!

Busy Town, Infants

During this past month, Ms. Mo and I have seen tremendous growth with the babies as they pull themselves up from a sitting position, crawling, and moving towards a toy, and then reaching for it. All wonderful developmental milestones. And a major part of all this coming together is "Letting children be children." They are born with a love of movement. Given the chance, the time, and the space to move, nature will take its course.

Children need time, time, and more time to challenge themselves. It is in our nature to want to help them, but by doing so it robs them of learning how to do it for themselves and the opportunity of building trust. Physical skills like sitting, walking, and climbing are some of the first challenges that an infant gets to test their body movements. Babies need to learn how their body moves through trial and error. They will fall over. They will lose their balance. They will react, but through every 'trying' moment they learn what they are capable of and that is where trust begins for both of you. Infants learn to

Magical Moons, 2's

Hello, families! We hope the month of April was splendid. We were very busy playing inside and outside. The children enjoyed making our wonderful homemade ice cream and dirt cake. The children rarely pass up a sweet treat. We also enjoyed painting with cut toilet paper tubes, plastic bugs and gummy worms. We took our crayons and paper outside one day to color, boy did they run fast to sit and color. Who knew coloring on the ground would be so exciting. They also seem to really enjoy all the books and flannel stories about bugs and insects. Creepy, crawly things can be so much fun. We also learned about different types of birds. The children listened to different types of bird calls before seeing what bird made the call. The two they knew were the cardinal and the owl. We also had fun watching different types of birds when we were outside playing. We saw crows, robins, and cardinals. In the month of May, we will be exploring Spring and Construction. If you think our room is energetic when you drop off or pickup,

trust themselves and their abilities. They also are learning that you trust in their abilities and that mutual trust is established in early infancy

As you start new milestones at home, please know that we are more than willing to help with this endeavor. When you start foods with your baby (purees and/or table food), we can feed your baby here at Grandma's House. We have storage space and supplies (bibs, spoons, bowls, etc.) to feed your child. Grandma's House also provides a menu for two snacks and lunch when you are ready to try soft foods (fruit and veggies, bread). Items are cut into small pieces so that the child may pick them with their pincer grasp and feed themselves. We are also here to help guide the process to make sure everyone gets enough to eat. Ms. Taylor is our cook and is always willing to share recipes or modify a portion of the dish to meet your child's needs. As always, please ask questions and share with us how it is going with eating at home.

Ms. Kristine and Ms. Mo

Very Hungry Caterpillars, Older Infants

It's finally the month of May! We're outside a ton more and we're all so happy about that! Because we are a room with babies and toddlers, we have a variety of goals for our little friends. We work on sitting without support, pulling up, and holding a bottle all on their own. With the toddlers, we've been working on using a fork or spoon, gentle hands with our baby

just wait. There will be pretend construction tools in our room during this time. They will actually have permission to hammer items. Just a reminder, please check your child's cubby for spare clothes (making sure they have them) and artwork that can go home. Have a wonderful May.
Ms. Shannon and Ms. Kayla

Pinkalicious, 2.5's

Can you believe we are already in May!! Warm weather, here we come! We have been getting lots of outside time. We go out at least twice a day. Sometimes our outside time is going on a walk around town and seeing all different kinds of things. The children have been enjoying different environments and enjoying the different things we see on our walks that we normally don't see at the center. We also have been keeping ourselves busy by doing art like gluing down flowers onto paper, using balloons to paint, using tractors to paint, and making farm animal footprints. Our lesson plan was on farm animals. We learned about different farm animals and what farmers do on the farm. Our next lesson plan will be focusing on plants/gardening. We also introduced a classroom smile face jar and if we fill the jar up by having a great day as a class, we get to win a special prize. We already won a pizza party!! The children are really excited about it and it has been helping with our listening ears and keeping our hands on our own body. We enjoyed our field trip at A Kid at Heart. It was a blast

friends, and working to improve using manipulative toys. This month we will focus on Flowers and Fruit (eating the rainbow) for our lesson plans. We will be able to go for some buggy walks now that the weather is getting nicer and while on those walks, we will look for different flowers, listen to birds, and watch cars drive by and dogs, too (they love to see dogs!). We are also excited to try some new and different fruits this month and tie it into our activities. We hope all the Moms have a fantastic Mother's Day this year!

Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kelly

Duck and Goose, Toddlers

Spring has sprung and April was showering us with fun. Every year, we celebrate NAEYC's National Week of the Young Child, and this year, we enhanced our week by exploring activities that involved using our senses. We explored all the different sounds we can make with a microphone and speaker. We especially like the songs and dance. We also made our instruments so we could shake along with the music. We made different-flavored pancake muffins to explore smells and tastes. The class got their hands dirty by planting different types of vegetable seeds for the center's garden. Each child got to help decorate tiles that will eventually be placed on the front of the building. Thank you for bringing in their favorite book so they can share their favorite story with their friends. On the

and we really had fun. Since it's getting nicer outside, please take your child's snow pants and boots home, but please keep a small jacket here for those breezy mornings and days. As always, any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Bry & Ms. Lindsey

Woodland Animals, 3's

We hope everyone had a great month of April. We had so much fun in the classroom this month. We introduced a little circle time lesson to go with the lesson plan and the children have been loving getting to learn new things that they didn't know before. We have loved hearing your feedback about how the children have been talking about what they learned at home and even teaching you some fun facts. We have also been soaking up this nicer weather and spending as much time outside as we can while still doing our activities throughout the day. We went on a field trip to The Children's Play Gallery in Oconomowoc where we had so much fun. The children enjoyed pretending they were pirates, playing the floor is lava with their giant building blocks, pretending they were building a house, and playing dress up and performing on their stage. Our lesson plans this month were Insects and the rainforest. We got to make bug fossils using playdough and plastic bugs. We also got to do a science experiment and make snakes dance in the water.

days we couldn't go outside, we would watch the rain create large puddles on our playground. Our other favorite activity is our sensory bins and that's where we had a garden bin and an Easter egg bin. We have also been working using our utensils at lunch and snack times. Practicing this skill at home would help us out a lot. We also are working on using our words and ASL to communicate. If you want, we can share signs with you to use at home. We are excited about May and what it will bring us. We are looking forward to warmer days. As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree

Chicka Chicka Boom Booms, 2's

April was filled with fun exploring both in and outside of the classroom. We have been exploring Playdoh using Q-tips. The children love poking holes in the Playdoh and pulling them out. It is also a great fine motor activity. Another good fine motor opportunity we enjoy is the wind-up chicks and bunnies making them hop all over the classroom. In the classroom, we have been enjoying learning about Spring by painting with fun colors using our hands and items such as sponges and cups. We hope everyone continues to have a great Spring!

Ms. Tricia and Ms. Natalie

Since the weather is finally warming up, please take snow pants and boots home, but please leave gloves and hats just in case we hit a chilly day. We also ask that you go through your child's cubby and add some extra clothes that they can wear for the warmer days!

May is going to be a bittersweet month; we have a lot of fun things planned but we will also be saying goodbye to some of our friends.

Ms. Emily, Ms. Kristin and Ms. Lynn

Mushrooms, 4's

We have been having so much fun with Spring activities. We have been getting outside more and enjoying days that aren't rainy. We did a unit on Spring where the children enjoyed gluing flowers to paper. They also enjoyed counting jellybeans and making a graph comparing how many they had and another one as a class. We started doing a Question of the Day. They are hanging in the hallway so check them out! Our next units are Earth Day and Community Helpers! If you have any questions, please reach out!

Ms. Chantel

Backyard Fairies, SA

We love the nice weather and we are getting outside more often and for longer periods of time. Our walks to/from school are much more enjoyable! We are just finishing up our Easter lesson, where we

painted with Peeps marshmallows, made a fun pastel snack mix, and had so much fun with a jellybean guessing jar – winner gets the jar! We will start out in May learning all about flowers and pollination. We are going to talk about all the different jobs honeybees have and what job we would choose if we were honeybees. We are also going to learn about how bees pollinate flowers using pipe cleaners and Mac & Cheese powder. We will end this month with learning about nature, National Parks, and camping. I'm sure most of you have heard about the incident that took place last month as we were walking back from school. Unfortunately, crosswalk safety has been a battle we have been fighting for a while now. I personally have emailed the Village President, Jeffery Pfannerstill, expressing my concerns. I strongly encourage the families to also reach out with your concerns. We have asked for a sign in the crosswalk like the other crosswalks get about yielding to pedestrians. You can do this by emailing or calling Jeffery Pfannerstill at jeffreyp@villageofhartland.wi.gov or 262-352-1811. "It takes a village"- hopefully our voices together can make a change! Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Desi

CLOSING EARLY

Friday,
June 13th



OPEN 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM

