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## Growing Highlights

JUNE 2025



Hello Families!

Can you believe the Summer Program is just 2 weeks away?! We are all very excited to start weekly field trips, lots of outside time, and exciting activities in the classrooms. Field trip calendars should have been turned in May 23rd. If you have not yet turned them in, please do so as soon as possible. As always, parents are welcome to join on field trips for the same cost as the children, just let teachers know if you're interested. As a reminder, please make sure your children are wearing closed-toe shoes and sandals. We have this policy to prevent injuries while running around the playgrounds and

parks.

What a great turnout for our Spring Fling! It is such a great opportunity for families to meet their child's friends. Everyone looked like they were enjoying themselves with all the festivities and the new playground.

Lastly, big congratulations to our 4K group as they will have their graduation celebration this week. I know they will all do well as they move on to "BIG" school next year. It was so fun watching them grow over the years.

Thanks,  
*Jess Strick*, Director

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## Scholastic Book Orders

PLEASE HELP US EARN NEW BOOKS FOR THE BEDTIME BOOK CORNER

It's book order time. You are welcome to order as much or as little as you would like.

Orders can be placed online. Go to [scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). You will set up an account in which they will ask for our *center code: JC8WF*. Books can be ordered and paid for online and will arrive at the center 1-2 weeks after the due date.

Book orders are due by *Monday, 6/16*

*Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.*



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| 3  | Ms. Jenny    |
| 7  | Ms. Christie |
| 8  | Henry A.     |
| 11 | James E.     |
| 11 | Mr. Jared    |
| 15 | Hannah W.    |
| 15 | Wesley K.    |
| 16 | Callan V.    |
| 19 | Jude H.      |
| 20 | Westin L.    |
| 22 | Ms. Riley    |
| 24 | Ms. Makenzie |
| 25 | Madelyn H.   |
| 26 | Isabelle K.  |
| 26 | Ms. Bree     |
| 27 | Madilyn O.   |
| 29 | Wesley H.    |
| 29 | Ms. Jess     |
| 30 | Michael M.   |
| 30 | Cora M.      |

## CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House


Ms. Cat 22 Years

Ms. Lily 1 Year

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wiberg Aquatic | Picnic Area 9** Brookfield, WI  
Meet & Mingle with other GH Families

**SPLASH AND PICNIC**



**Saturday AUGUST 16TH**  
10am - 2pm

**10 AM** Zero Depth Pool, Water Slides, and Sand & Playground

**12 PM** **DAVIAN'S** Picnic Lunch  
**PURPLE DOOR** Ice Cream

Bring a picnic blanket, Frisbee, ball & glove, bubbles, etc.

# Look What We Did!

### *Brown Bear*

Summer is finally here! We are going outside for more stroller rides and playground visits. During this time, we are bringing a blanket or playmat to lay out

### *Jungle Book*

Summer is here! This past month we have had a lot of fun talking about the Zoo. We have done a lot of cool artwork like using pizza cutters to paint black stripes on

over the grass for the babies to practice tummy time and rolling while enjoying the fresh air. Last month, we spent a lot of time looking at pictures of flowers, painting with flowers, pointing out real flowers on our walks, and handling toy flowers inside and outside of the classroom. Babies love to look at themselves! We utilize mirrors to foster a sense of self and others. We place a mirror in front of the children and talk about their attributes, such as brown hair, blue eyes, etc. This is great to do with your child in front of a mirror at home. As the Summer Program begins, we are all excited to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Please bring in a sun hat to help protect your little one's delicate skin. Grandma's House provides sunscreen for children 6 months and older or you may also bring in your own brand. See you on the playground!  
*Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Diane*

### ***Very Hungry Caterpillars***

Hip Hip Hooray! Summer is here! The Very Hungry Caterpillars would like to clap our hands together! We have been exploring our playground. We are loaded up with sunscreen, playing "keep your sunhat on" game, bubble popping, light waterplay, and climbing the climber to slide. We worked on sign language and social emotional skills, etc. When a friend is crying, the teachers respond to the child by giving nice words and tone, rubbing the child's back, offering gentle touches, and

orange and white paper to resemble tiger and zebra stripes. We love spending more time outside! We enjoyed our Transportation unit where we did a "car wash", rode bikes all around the classroom, and talked about our favorite modes of transportation. We are so excited about the nice weather and all the fun field trips we will be going on this summer!

*2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree*

### ***Little Superpigs***

We have been loving being able to be outside enjoying all the fresh air. This month we have been brushing up on our important field trip listening skills. First, we worked on making sure we are walking close to our teachers when we are walking. Our next focus for this month was a little bit of self-help skills. We practiced this by getting our own chairs and water bottles to the table for snack time. Our final focus of the month was using our silverware when we are eating meals. We have started offering forks and started talking about which food we can use our hands and which foods we should use our silverware. Please remember to bring in a swimsuit, water shoes, and sunhats if you would like your child to wear a sunhat.

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

### ***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie***

reading the book How Does Baby Feel. We explored Foxes and handled fresh flowers during art.

*Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Savannah*

### ***Wild Things***

Hooray! It's finally summer! Summer brings many new outdoor activities such as water play, exploring the sandbox, drawing with chalk, bubbles, and picnics. During our Eric Carle unit, we "fed" the Very Hungry Caterpillar food by using our fine motor skills to place cards of food into containers. We love reading Eric Carle books. Brown Bear, Brown Bear is still our favorite. We also enjoyed the interactive book, On The Farm in which we could listen to animals sounds. During our Dinosaur unit, we explored dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs in the sensory bin. We painted with dinosaurs, dressed up like dinosaurs and stomped around like dinosaurs. One of our portfolio focuses we have been working on is eating with a spoon and fork. Whenever we have yogurt or applesauce, we have been encouraging the children to scoop with their spoons. This next month we are excited to learn about Transportation and Pets. Soon, the Summer Program will begin; time for swim suits and water play, yay!

*Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Michelle*

### ***Puddle Ducks***

Summer is here! The 3 year olds really enjoyed all the fresh air we got playing outside. We are enjoying watching our new garden grow! In the classroom, we focused on Fairytales and our 5 Senses. During our Fairytales lesson we focused on retelling stories. During our 5 Senses lesson, we focused on scissor skills by cutting different materials. At home you could practice scissor skills by cutting paper, flowers, or even Playdoh. We are looking forward to going on all of our field trips and seeing what summer brings us! 3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison

### ***The Crayons***

We would like to thank everyone for all the delicious treats and gifts we received for Teacher Appreciation; we definitely feel all the love. We really enjoyed learning about all the different ocean animals and singing new songs. One activity the children liked the most was playing Shark Bingo because we got to learn about all the different kinds of sharks. Another activity they enjoyed doing was making the giant ocean scene, painting with hands, and adding animal silhouettes over the top. Please make sure your child's cubby is stocked with clothes for warmer weather. We look forward to going on summer field trips and learning more skills.

*4's, Ms. Brittnee and Ms. Nikki*

### ***Pigeons - 4K***



Outside, sunshine, and warmth – oh my! We love going outside with the beautiful weather Wisconsin has so kindly given us. Bringing activities outside has been something else we have been enjoying. We recently brought a bubble wrap painting activity outside. We painted using orange paint on our outdoor easel with bubble wrap as our paint brush. We are looking forward to spending even more time outside in the next few months. One way we like to get outside even more is by eating meals outside occasionally. Feeling the breeze while eating is such a wonderful experience.  
*Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia*

### ***Panda Bears***

Wow, just like that it is already summer! We are so excited that it is sunny and warm again and we can spend more time outside. In the month of May, we enjoyed making our own pizzas using English muffins. We also enjoyed taking our crayons outside to color. We worked on matching 2 similar objects using file folder games and worked on using our spoons when we ate. This month we look forward to going on more walks, playing outside, and of course, all the water play. We will work on fine motor skills by stringing large items together like Cheerios or big beads, and continue to work on using utensils at mealtimes.  
*Toddlers, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.*

4K is coming to an end and the students are ready for “big kid school”. We will be having a Graduation performance Wednesday, June 4th.

The last lesson we talked about in 4K was about Changes in the Weather as Summer approaches. We observed changes the plants are making. We learned what happens to make thunder and lightning. This helps some of them not be scared of it anymore. We enjoyed the weather warming up and playing outside. The “woods” is our favorite spot to play. When we go to the woods we find bugs, make mud pies, and build with sticks.

We also planted seeds of different fruit and veggies so we can watch them grow in the garden all summer. Whether you have a green thumb or not, making a garden is a great way to get children involved in learning so much. When they learn where food comes from and the hard work put into it to make it grow, they may respect it a bit more. The children may even try new foods raw just because they get to pick it from a vine or plant.

The next lesson we talked about in May was Farming. This lesson shows even more gardening but on a bigger scale. This also introduces what animals are used for. We completed our “adopt a cow program” we have been a part of all year. We have been tracking a cow named Jacaranda since September and have enjoyed her updates every month.

She has grown from 60 lbs. to 285 lbs. in just 6 months. We have learned a lot about dairy farms, cows, and dairy products all school year. Thanks for a

great year!

4K, Ms. Holly

