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Growing Highlights

JUNE 2025



Dear Families,

I am always so excited for the Summer Program! I love the switch from Summer to Fall and back again. The classrooms get all refreshed, teachers get to try new age groups, and it just feels like a new beginning. Summer field trip calendars should all be turned in and ready to go! On days that there are no field trips, there is still a ton of fun to be had around here! We do water play, go to the park, the splash pad, the library, and do many lesson plan activities outside. I know I mentioned a family event for May, but we decided to do it at the end of June so the school age group could participate more! Watch for more details.

Our garden is growing thanks to Ms. Chantel's group of friends. They water them everyday and check the growth process! The two large planters in front of the playground have herbs growing in them this year. Flowers will be coming for the pots we painted last year.

For summer, please make sure your child has a swimsuit and water shoes in cubby, a towel is handy too! Two-piece suits for girls are preferable! We often have a t-shirt over the children so it makes it a little easier to use the bathroom with a two-piece suit. I sent a message about Crocs a little while ago and wanted to remind you all about our closed-toe shoe policy. Closed-toe sandals are fine, tennis shoes and socks are the safest for playing hard here!

I just wanted to mention; some cars are coming into the parking lot really fast. The corner by the door makes me a little nervous. Please be mindful of your speed when coming in and out of the parking lot. I know the lot can get congested at times.

Lastly, there are many containers and clothes that are not labeled by the back door. If you are missing anything, please stop and look!

Thanks, and here's to an awesome summer!

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

Thanks,

Jane Sweet

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3	Michael K.
5	Ms. Kristin
7	Ms. Carie
7	Ms. Christie
10	Olivia T.
12	Timothy P.
17	Kolten L.
21	Julianna T.
21	Cameron C.
21	Amara L.
27	Ms. Shannon
28	Abel M.

30 Claire H.
30 Emmett W.

CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Kristine 18 Years


Ms. Suzanne 4 Years

Ms. Bree 3 Years

SAVE THE DATE

SPLASH AND PICNIC

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



Saturday AUGUST 16TH
10am - 2pm

10 AM Zero Depth Pool, Water Slides, and Sand & Playground
12 PM **DAVIANS** Picnic Lunch
PURPLE DOOR Ice Cream

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

Look What We Did!

Busy Town, Infants

Magical Moons, 2's

We all know the importance and benefits to spending time in the great outdoors. It does wonders for your health, mood, and spirit. The same goes for your baby. We do our best to make time each day to take the babies outside. Sometimes it's for an extended amount of time and sometimes it's only for 15 minutes. But any amount of time outside is beneficial! As a parent you may think that sounds crazy and overwhelming to take an infant on an outdoor experience, but we want to give you some ideas for outdoor play to show you it doesn't have to be.

Floor Time/Tummy Time: This is an activity that you are already doing, so take it outside! Grab a blanket and some toys and go enjoy. Tummy time may even go better outside than it does on the living room floor. Infants need interesting things to look at. Research shows that being outside gives babies more meaningful sensory experiences than being indoors. They enjoy watching the leaves move, feeling the wind on their skin, smelling the air, and hearing the sounds of the neighborhood. All wonderful things for the senses while laying on a blanket.

Play with bubbles: We blow a lot of bubbles while on the playground. Something about watching them float by is very calming to even the fussiest baby. Little ones take delight in touching and popping them. Bubbles are simple, easy activities that you can do anytime and anywhere when you are outdoors.

Sensory: Babies learn through their senses. This is their first path to learning. Hence why everything goes into the mouth. The

We can't believe it is June already. The year is almost half over. Time flies when we are busy, busy, busy. In the month of May, we enjoyed the playground of course, nobody objects to going outside. We also enjoyed various art projects which included our Mother's Day gifts. We painted with gummy worms, shower puffs, and the bottoms of various plastic bottles. In our sensory table, the children had fun scooping and dumping bird seed in and out of cardboard tubes. We love doing flannel stories and books. The children's favorite books are Glad Monster, Sad Monster and We're Going to the Zoo. As for the flannel stories, the children always ask for either Little Mouse, Little Duck, or Little Bat. The animal hides under either a house(mouse), truck(duck) or a hat(bat). The children then have to pick the color they think the animal is hiding under. They get so excited when they find the animal so they want to do it over and over again. We also explored Construction in the month of May. We see construction going on everyday as we are driving so why not have it in our classroom! The children loved fixing objects, painting with construction tools, and wearing hard hats. If the room wasn't loud already, it certainly was during our construction weeks. If there is ever a flannel story or song your child keeps wanting to sing and you don't know it, please let us know. We can get you the lyrics. Have an awesome June!

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Kayla

great outdoors is a great place for new sensory experiences. Let your baby touch a pinecone, rub their feet in the grass, hold a stick with their pincer grasp, crunch leaves in their hands. All great sensory experiences at their own level. And of course, watch what goes into the mouth! Take a walk: One of the easiest things you can do outdoors at any age. This could be in your arms around the yard, in a carrier on a hike, or in the stroller around the block. It doesn't have to be complicated or time consuming. It engages the baby's senses without overstimulating them. And it's good for you too, as Mom and Dad, to get out and get moving.

These wonderful ideas and many more came from www.runwildmychild.com. Check them out if you would like more information and ideas about taking your baby outdoors. The website has lots of resources including a podcast.

Ms. Kristine and Ms. Mo

Very Hungry Caterpillars, Older Infants

The end of the school year is coming to a close so quickly. The children in our room have grown so much! A few will move on to the next room and some will stay for the Summer Program. Someone that is moving on (for Summer) is me, Ms. Kelly! I will be floating, and Ms. Kayla will take over for me as Ms. Ruth's partner for the Summer Program. As I've stated above, everyone in this room has really grown a lot over the last few months. Using sippy cups during mealtimes has really improved

Pinkalicious, 2.5's

Can you believe summer is almost here!! We went from putting on snow pants and boots to applying sunscreen and getting a tan. We have been spending lots of time outside eating snack, playing, and doing activities. We also did our first water play of the season recently and we had so much fun. The children absolutely loved it! We finished our camping lesson plan where we talked about different camping styles. We had a daily question asking *would you rather* camp in a tent or camper? Most picked the camper. We also talked during group time about the different activities you do when camping. To go along with our camping lesson plan, we made two yummy snacks. The first one was a snack mix using chocolate Cheerios, Teddy Grahams, chocolate chips, and marshmallows. Then for our second one, we made s'mores pudding cups using chocolate pudding, Cool Whip, Marshmallow Fluff, Golden Grahams, and chocolate chips. We all agreed s'mores are the best part of camping. We also did some art activities using tin foil as our paint brush to paint with yellow, orange, and red paint and we painted with jumbo marshmallows. Our next lesson is going to focus on shapes and colors. With us spending more time outside, please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each week. Also, please stop by your child's cubby and make sure your child has extra clothes appropriate for the weather. Some of our cubbies are overflowing, please take anything home

for everyone. For our older children, using spoons for yogurt or applesauce has gotten a lot better. For our younger children, trying new table foods and feeding themselves has also improved! Story and song time is still a hit in this room. We love reading new books and singing our favorite songs like Wheels on the Bus and I See Froggies in my Pond. We are really looking forward to spending more time outside and going on walks. Once it gets warm enough for water play, please stock your child's cubby with a handful of swim diapers, swimsuit, sunhat, and water shoes. Water play is a favorite for everyone in summertime!

Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kelly

Duck and Goose, Toddlers

Summer is here! We are so excited to see the summer sun finally arrive. Our class will utilize the weather and spend most of our days outside doing our daily activities. In May, we were very interested in semi-trucks, school buses, and garbage trucks. We see them daily while we play outside and love to run to the fence and wave to the truck or bus. We used toy trucks in our sensory bins, construction trucks to paint with on paper, and dump trucks to zoom around the classroom or outside. We listened to truck, bus, and motorcycle sounds on our speaker. All these activities are a fun to connect what we see around our community to our classroom activities. We also dug into looking at bugs! Searching for bugs in the

that needs to go home. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Bry and Ms. Lindsey

Woodland Animals, 3's

We hope everyone had a great May. We had so much fun, as usual, in the classroom. The children loved continuing their circle time lessons and learning about plants and nutrition. We enjoyed the nice weather and spent time outside. We had a picnic in the backyard, picked dandelions, sat on the wall out front, and watched all the cars drive past to see how many we could get to honk at us. We went on a field trip to Nixon Park because the children always ask to stop and play when we walk past. Our lesson plans this month were plants and nutrition. We planted some flowers and enjoyed watching them grow, and we painted with blueberries, blackberries, and raspberries, which the children enjoyed being able to get a little messy. Please remember to supply appropriate weather clothes for your child. Also, if you take your child's water bottle home, please remember to bring it back for them to use during the week. We are excited to start our field trips this summer and get the children out of the center and explore different places.

Ms. Emily, Ms. Kristin and Ms. Lynn

Mushrooms, 4's

sensory bin was a great way to use our fine motor skills. We talked about spiders, beetles, worms, and ants. We looked up close at butterflies and frogs on viewing slides. Painting with our "string" worms was a fun and messy experience. As we transition into the Summer Program, you will see a change to our new classroom name...Hiking Hedgehogs! You could start to bring in summertime clothes and gear anytime now. We will be doing water play when temperatures rise. It is best to bring in a swimsuit or sun shirt, water shoes (closed-toe), and sun hat. Please practice sun hat and water shoes at home too so your child is familiar with them at the center. Don't forget, insulated water bottles are best for hot days outside. We encourage your child to drink water throughout their day, especially on the playground. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. We can't wait to enjoy summer!!

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree

Chicka Chicka Boom Booms, 2's

May has been full of enjoying the outdoors by strolling around town in the buggies and playing on the playground. We enjoy walking past the fire station to see if the fire trucks are out, strolling by the river to look for fish and turtles, and saying "Hi" to all the animals and people we meet along the way. We also enjoy dancing to silly songs and listening to books on tape. Our favorite is Miss Mary Mack. The children usually request the story by shouting,

We have been busy learning about Earth Day and Community Helpers. The children really got into our Earth Day unit. They loved making paper mâché bowls and recycled crayons. They also enjoyed learning about different ways to help the environment. During community helpers, they were surprised to see how many people are essential to helping us have a smooth community. They really enjoyed drawing their own versions of community helpers and we even got to walk around Hartland and the firefighters let us stop at the station. To finish off the school year, we will be doing a unit on bugs and transportation! I am excited to continue to be with your child for the summer and all the exciting things that are to come!

Ms. Chantel

Backyard Fairies, SA

Hello Families! We are all so excited for school to end and for summer to come! The children definitely have the "end of school jitters"! It's been a battle this past month between warm days outside and rainy days stuck inside. On warmer days, we head outside as soon as we finish up with snack. The children love playing catch/football, 4-square, kickball, and creating things in the sandbox. Last month we learned about flowers, pollination, and started learning about camping. We are so excited to make s'mores! We will start June finishing up our camping lesson and then transition to our Summer Program. Sadly, I will not be

"Mack, Mack". We also learned about the zoo by exploring with animal magnets and putting them together, piecing together animal puzzles, and singing/dancing to 5 Little Monkeys. As the weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child has a swimsuit, swim diapers, and sunhat as we do water play on those hot, hot days.

Ms. Tricia and Ms. Natalie

with the School Ager's this summer. Ms. Chantel & Ms. Amanda will be taking over for me. I am going to be working upstairs in the 2-year-old classroom with Ms. Shannon. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Desi

