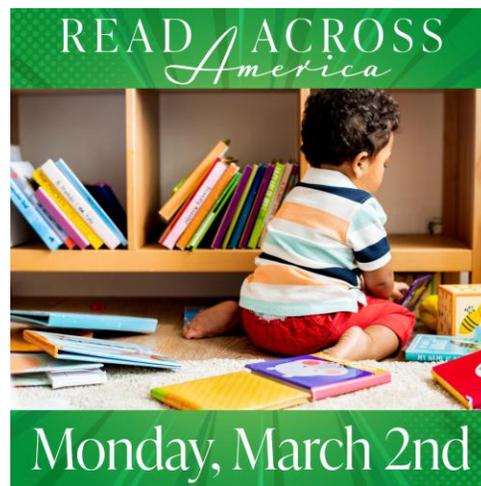


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## Growing Highlights

MARCH 2026



Hello Families!

We had our first burst of Spring weather! Babies have been outside for walks, toddlers have been able to stay outside longer, the big kids have been going on walks, others are creating art with chalk on the playground, and I have even seen dance parties again! As we know, the weather will be up and down, but it was great to see a glimpse of what is coming our way in the next couple of months. We appreciate you all for turning in your Summer Surveys as we begin to plan for our Summer Program. We are looking forward to going on field trips in the over 2 classrooms this summer. We do have school agers that re-join us for the summer, so adjustments need to be made around the building such as the age groups in each classroom. Each classroom will adapt to age-appropriate activities for the children. We will have fieldtrip calendars out by the middle of May.

Thanks for your patience while we transitioned into our new app, Procure. The only thing that we have found is families are not able to send photos directly to the classroom teachers. If your teacher has asked you to share a photo, please send it to my email. I will be happy to print that for the classroom. Otherwise, we have been hearing great feedback from families as far as notifications they receive on things that are happening in the center.

We are getting excited for WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD from April 13th-17th. Be on the lookout over the next few weeks for flyers about the fun activities the children will be participating in! Information about our Family project will be in your child's cubby the last week of March.

We do have our date set for our Spring Fling. It will be on Friday, May 29th. If you are new to Grandma's House, this is a great opportunity for you to meet and mingle with other families. More information to come soon!

Thanks,

*Jess Strick*, Director

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**2025 Tuition Expense Statement Request**

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In March, 4K will be learning all about music!

We hope to give students a hands-on experience—seeing, touching, listening, and maybe even playing a variety of instruments.

If you have musical talent and would be willing to share it with our class, please contact [Ms. Holly](#) in the 4K Loft Room.



- 1 Georgia P.
- 1 Ms. Rae
- 3 Violet L.
- 3 Charlotte S.
- 4 Reyna C.
- 7 Quinn A.
- 8 Ms. Claudia
- 11 Peyton G.
- 11 Norah H.
- 12 Parker H.
- 12 Dylan A.
- 12 Beckham B.
- 12 Henry H.

- 14 Grace B.
- 17 Camila Z.
- 18 Levi B.
- 19 Joseph A.
- 24 Myla M.
- 25 Ms. Madison
- 26 Ellie G.
- 29 Margaret M.
- 31 JJ H.



*On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House*

*Ms. Jennie 11 Years*

*Ms. Michelle 1 Year*



### *Babyland*

Spring is almost here! This is a time we look forward to in Babyland because we get to go outside for more stroller rides

### *The Cakes*

We can't believe it's almost Spring! This past month has been filled with lots of fun. The children really enjoyed our Pet

with the warmer weather! On these adventures, we expose the infants to new sights, sounds, and smells. As always, we are constantly bringing in different and exciting toys and sensory objects for exploration. Last month we made red and pink paintings with our feet to encourage infants to create on their own. We love to sing songs and clap with the babies to introduce literacy and rhythm. We also sing songs using your child's name to encourage looking and responding to their name. This month, we are looking forward to engaging in our Dinosaurs, and Shamrocks & Rainbows lessons. We will explore dinosaur toys and books and spend time outside listening to the sounds of nature. As we will be going outside more and with the changing weather, please ensure your child has outerwear options for a variety of temperatures. We look forward to exploring the outdoors!  
*Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Ashley Z.*

### ***Hungry Hippos***

The Hungry Hippos say it's time for some fresh air with Spring around the corner. The month of March will bring much luck for our friends; we will all be walking on our own. Yay! February we were so happy counting repetitiously from 1-5 with hand claps. We were engaged in pointing to body parts while changing diapers, feeding bottles, and during good ole' snuggle time. Some of us even learned how to hand items to the teacher when asked. We just simply hold our

unit and being able to talk all about their cats and dogs! The Pizza unit was such a hit! We did lots of pizza themed art like painting with peppers and pizza cutters. We used our fine motor skills to put stickers on our "slices of pizza". We had our Valentine's Day Party as perfect way to end the Pizza unit. We look forward to some warmer weather and being able to get outside more and stay outside longer.

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

### ***Circus Pals***

This month we have been working on self-help skills. We ask the children to pull their pants up after changes, take their shoes off, and attempt to get dressed to go outside. They are doing great! We encourage you to make fun ways at home to continue their self-confidence and self-help skills. Please go through your child's cubby to make sure they have appropriate clothes and sizes. Our upcoming themes will be Snow and Fairy Tales, keep an eye out for pictures posted around the classroom of our activities.

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

### ***Under the Sea***

February was such an exciting month! We enjoyed seeing the Dragon Loveaby play and enjoyed our Party. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks, treats, and Valentines. The children really enjoyed

hands out and ask for the item. More than half of our friends are standing alone when we place them in the position after washing hands and they have a huge smile on their face. In March, we will work on simple sign language. Our friends have become very fond of climbing stairs and slides. Also, we will continue to play interactive games like Peek-a-Boo, Wheels on the Bus, and Open Shut Them. Reminder...Please label all coats/jackets and bring extra clothes to change into from the damp playground when we explore outside.

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

### ***Wild Things***

We have been loving the opportunity to spend more time outside and are getting used to wearing all our winter gear! The children have been doing a great job bundling up and enjoying the fresh air. This past month, we had so much fun during our Red, Pink, and Hearts unit. The children explored their creativity with sticker art and especially loved our Cool Whip sensory activity where we mixed red Jell-o with Cool Whip. Everyone enjoyed getting a little messy and tasting their creation! During our Winter Animals unit, we painted with sponges and worked together to make chocolate chip cookies as a class. Baking gave us the opportunity to practice stirring, scooping, and pouring. Of course, the best part was enjoying our cookies for snack! Coming up, we have our Dr. Seuss unit. We are

it! During the month of February, we focused on Friendship/Love and the Zoo. During our Friendship lesson we focused on our shapes, and counting. At home, you can practice this by searching for different shapes in your house or outside. You can also practice counting stuffies, spoons, or even count cars when you are driving to school. During our Zoo lesson, we focused on holding our writing utensils and pretending to be something else while playing. At home you can pretend to be different animals, superheroes, princesses, or so many other things. It's fun to see what your child comes up with, and they really enjoy pretend play even with adults! We look forward to what next month brings us!

*3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison*

### ***The Travelers***

What a February! We have had so much going on this past month that it flew by! We welcomed back our fabulous student teacher, Ms. Khyllie! The children sure adore her! This past month, we had a blast going to Kids in Motion and getting all of our wiggles and creativity out. Then we were able to celebrate with our Valentine's Day Party! Thank you to all of you who donated items or even attended! We have been hard at work learning to recognize our letters, writing our letters and names. If you are looking to help your child out at home with their letters or names please let us know and we can give you some ideas. Some quick

excited to read fun stories and explore all things Dr. Seuss. We will also begin our Green & Gold unit just in time for St. Patrick's Day. The children will be painting and making a yummy treat to celebrate. We continue to work on learning animal sounds and naming body parts by singing songs each day. As the weather remains chilly, please remember to check your child's cubby to be sure they have extra clothes and winter gear for outdoor play.

*Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Michelle*

### ***Puddle Ducks***

As we all know, toddlers like to figure things out and explore. Our latest big idea involves the Rollipop toy, our ball ramp. It comes apart very easily, which the Puddle Ducks figured out right away. First, we set it out with the balls and they put the balls down the top part. It took a while for them to let the balls go all the way down and not grab them halfway down! At first when it fell apart, the children needed a teacher to put it back together while they watched very carefully! Then they decided to put it back together by themselves. Every time it came apart (by accident or on purpose) they would try to put it back together. Even if they couldn't get it back like the picture on the box, they were still able to use the balls with it. After a while they would ask for help but still want to do it on their own. They got pretty close! They would ask each other for help before asking a teacher, and

ideas are to write them in thick marker and have your child trace that letter. You can form letters out of different items such as spaghetti noodles or crayons for letter recognition (make sure you are only working on capital letters with them). We have gotten pretty messy when it comes to outdoor play. The weather just doesn't know what it wants to do! Please make sure you check your child's items daily to see if they need a good wash. We unfortunately do not usually have the time or ability to dry these items in between outdoor play, so it stays wet as the children love the puddles and snow. One final request: please make sure that all outdoor items are at school (even if it seems warm). We will dress them appropriately, but it's much easier for everyone if all items are available as needed. In March, we are looking forward to more outside time and some fun activities that come along with that! Stay tuned for our daily updates on what is happening in our classroom.

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

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

February gave us the opportunity to learn about author and illustrator Mo Willems. We explored what makes his books unique, how books are created, and why reading and writing are such important parts of growing up. In March, we will shift our focus to Dr. Seuss and compare the similarities and differences between the two authors.

somewhat surprisingly, they have not yet gotten frustrated. They just keep on trying! Another way they work with the Rollipop is to see what fits down the track – so far, they have tried blocks, cars, a plastic spatula, and their hands. Another discovery was that the bottom part is not much fun on its own! They haven't given up yet on putting it back together – we will keep you posted on their progress. Let's hear it for Teamwork! Swing by and checkout our Rollipop picture book showing our progress.

*Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia*

### ***Jellybean Junction***

Happy March! It's crazy how it is already March! This past month, we had a lot of fun decorating our bags for our Valentine's card exchange, passing out our Valentines, and picking out cars to paint with during our Transportation and Hearts units. We have been working on taking our shoes off when getting ready to go outside. We have also been working on putting 2 words together. This month we are excited for our Dr. Seuss spirit week and spending more time outside as the weather gets warmer. We will continue to work on putting our jackets on by ourselves using the "flip" trick. You can do this at home by also helping your child use the "flip" trick to put their jacket on. We will also continue to encourage drinking out of an open cup. You can do this at home by taking the cover/lid off of your

This month, we also learned about four special days: Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and Chinese New Year. Through discussions, books, videos, and virtual tours, the class gained a better understanding of these celebrations— whether they are fun traditions or meaningful cultural events.

In preparation for our Valentine's Day party, the class voted on nearly every detail. They decided whether families should join, and selected the food to be served. Students also worked together to create decorations. It was a wonderful collaboration and such a joy to bring families together.

*4K, Ms. Holly*

child's cup. We look forward to a fun filled month!

*Toddlers, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.*

## 2026 Grandma's House

will be **CLOSED** the following holidays:

### **New Year's**

Thursday, January 1

### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 25

### **4th of July**

Friday, July 3

### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 7

### **Thanksgiving**

Thursday & Friday,  
November 26 & 27

### **Christmas**

Thursday & Friday,  
December 24 & 25

## Grandma's House

will be **CLOSING EARLY**

the following days for  
Staff Development &  
Classroom Changeover:

**Fridays,  
June 12, 2026  
August 28, 2026**

**Hours:**

**6:00 am - 3:00 pm**