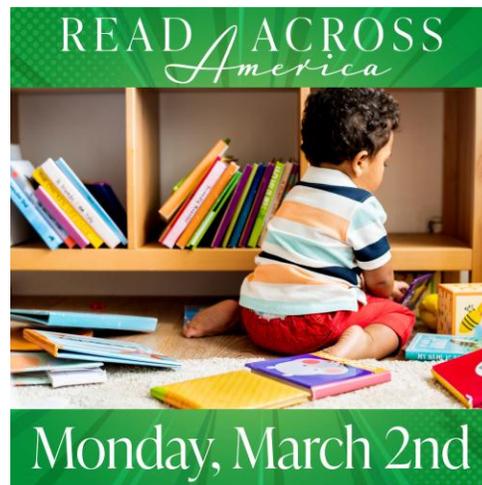


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Growing Highlights

MARCH 2026



Hi Families,

The weather last month was finally cooperating even if it was for just a couple of days. It was nice enough for all the classrooms to go outside! Even the babies got to take a couple walks. With the drastic change in weather, we also saw an uptick of illnesses. We really got hit hard with a stomach bug, from children to teachers, from babies to 4-year-olds, it spared very few. Thank you for keeping your children if they had a fever. Just a reminder that children are welcome to be in attendance as long as they are fever free without the use of medication.

Thank you to everyone that returned the Summer Survey. I will be looking at enrollment for the summer this month.

The first week of March is *Read Across America Week*. This program was launched by the National Education Association in 1998 to encourage young children to read and develop a lifelong love of books. I would like to invite all the bookworms in the center to wear pajamas on Friday, March 6th and bring in their favorite book to read!

Looking ahead to April, we have lots of fun activities planned to celebrate NAEYC's *Week of the Young Child*, stay tuned!

Thanks,

Claire Cramton, Director

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2025 Tuition Expense Statement Request



2	Camilo C.
5	Callan D.
6	Lucy B.
12	Luka L.
16	Callum K.
17	Addison V.
17	Zoe T.

18 Eleanor B.
20 Quinn H.
20 Ms. Netzy
21 Violet J.
21 Madilyn T.
21 Nora K.
23 Ms. Annette
23 Ms. Brittannie
25 Bennett B.



On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Christie 20 Years
Ms. Claire 11 Years
Ms. Emma 6 Years
Ms. Liz 3 Years

Look What We Did!

Young Infants

We have been doing a lot of learning and growing this past month (let's keep it up). This month we are learning about Bugs and Dinosaurs! We will be reading lots of books like: *Life of a Butterfly*, Lydia Carlin and *My First Dinosaur*, a high contrast book with black and white dinosaur images. We also plan on doing some painting, mixing colors together, and grasping stamps to make fun creations. We will also be doing lots of floor time to encourage rolling and starting to sit, laying our friends next to each other to explore similar toys and watch each other as they grow. As it is becoming warmer, we are going to try to take the children on walks. We will talk to them about the things we see outside, listening to the sounds of animals and getting fresh air. We are so excited to see them grow through the end of winter and watch their little personalities shine.

Mr. Justin and Ms. Netzy

Infants

We look forward to caring for and watching your child grow every day; whether they are mastering the art of tummy time or crawling for the first time. Our classroom themes for this month are Valentine and Family & Friends/Love. Some books we read were: *Ten little Kisses*, *Hugs, Hugs*, *Best Friends Sleep Over*, and *I am a Big Brother*. We created art by putting paint

Toddlers

We have been having so much fun in our classroom with our recent lesson plans; Let's Roll and On the Farm. During Let's Roll, we explored all things that roll - cars, buses, trains, and more. We incorporated hands-on activities like rolling paint with toy cars, building ramps, and learning about different types of transportation through stories and imaginative play. During On the Farm, we learned about farm animals, their sounds and the important job farmers do. The children especially loved singing farm songs, making animal movements and engaging in sensory play activities with a farm theme. Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming Spring lesson plan. As we transition into the Spring season, we are looking forward to talking about blooming flowers, baby animals and the changes we see in nature. We are especially excited about the warmer weather and the opportunity to spend more time outside.

Ms. Jackie and Ms. Dawn

Older Toddlers

Let's welcome March with some warm thoughts of Springtime. Our classroom continues to grow through play, exploration, and meaningful social experiences. We are going to have lots of fun in our room this month! During the month of February, our themes were Eric Carle and Things That Go. We enjoyed colorful stories and activities inspired by

and paper in a Ziploc bag to squish and create a design. For visual stimulation we looked at stripes and dot patterns. One of our portfolio focuses was crawling. Crawling is a huge milestone! While it might just look like a cute way for a baby to get from point a to point b, it is actually a complex workout for the brain and body. Crawling is important for your baby's development. It helps with physical strength and coordination, brain development, vision and sensory processing, and independence and confidence. The one important step to help your child crawl is plenty of tummy time. You can put a toy or other interesting object in front of them to help encourage your child to move forward. Some babies start out Army crawling before they master pushing up on their hands and knees. Just a few reminders, sleep sacks should be taken home on Fridays to be washed and returned on Monday. Food put in the refrigerator should be labeled with name and date. Also, it is helpful to send intake information via the app before dropping off. Thank you for your cooperation! Be safe, happy, and healthy!

Ms. Judeen and Ms. Emy

Older Infants

During February 2-13, our theme was Love and the Color Red. The babies explored red materials, soft heart shapes, and loving interactions throughout the classroom. We enjoyed looking at happy

Eric Carle. The children practiced listening, identifying animals and colors, and creating simple art projects in this unique style. The children also explored cars, trucks, trains, and airplanes through play, books, and movement activities. This helped build vocabulary, problem-solving skills, and cooperation during group play. Our March theme of the month is Kindness and Helping Hands. This month, we will focus on kindness, helping, and caring for others. The children will practice gentle hands, kind words, take turns, and help friends and teachers. We will read new books, create a group project, and much more. We hope it will start to get warmer outside and we look forward to taking the children on walks. As always, please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom community.

Ms. Theresa and Ms. Alex

Young 2's

March already? Time sure does fly when you're having fun! Last month we enjoyed learning about love/friendship and space. We really enjoyed making valentines for our families, having a go at the "Winter Olympics Skiing", and playing in our Catch a Star sensory bin. We have been working hard to follow transition cues throughout the day. During our clean up transition, we always listen to Gracie's Corner clean up song to encourage us. Every day we work on taking turns and

faces in mirrors, singing lullabies and love-themed songs, and reading simple books about families. The children explored different textures through soft heart pillows, fabric play, and red and pink sensory activities. We also focused on developing motor skills by encouraging crawling, reaching, grasping, and gentle interactions such as cuddles and modeling kindness.

From February 16–27, our theme was Food. The babies explored fruits and vegetables through pretend play, sensory activities, and music. We read stories like **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** and sang songs such as “Apples and Bananas.” The children engaged in sensory play with items like pasta and cereal while strengthening fine motor skills through grasping and opening toys. We also worked on early learning concepts like matching colors, exploring shapes, and encouraging language development through repetition and song.

In March, we are excited to begin new themes. Our Frog Pond theme will include water play, pond animals, nature sounds, and fun movement activities that encourage reaching, crawling, and exploring. Our Garden theme will focus on plants and growing. The babies will participate in soil sensory play, explore flowers, practice scooping and pouring, and enjoy garden-themed songs and stories. We look forward to another month of hands-on learning and sensory discovery with your little ones.

Ms. Drea and Ms. Myeasha

independence through dressing, hand washing, and picking up after ourselves. Our friends continue to impress us with their independent abilities. We continue to work on identifying and matching colors while reading stories or doing activities. Please continue to check/stock weather appropriate clothes in your child’s cubby.

Ms. Aliyah and Ms. Kourtney

2's

This month brings Spring and rain! We will be looking at learning about St. Patrick’s Day, Goop, and things that are green. Some of our portfolio focuses include self-help skills with a number of steps like wiping our runny noses:

- 1. Wipe nose*
- 2. Throw away tissue*
- 3. Wash hands.*

Some of our favorite things to do are listening and performing our own flannel stories. If you are curious and would like a copy of some of our favorite stories plus lyrics, feel free to ask. We encourage you to join in and learn some of our songs. We would also like to remind families to continue washing your child’s hands upon arrival to help prevent the spread of germs.

Ms. Brittannie and Ms. Sam

2 1/2's

Young Toddlers

We're on our way to Spring and we're so excited to spend this time with you and your child. We hope the weather stays warmer so we can get outside to play! This past February, our lesson plan themes were Friendship and Hearts, and the author/artist Eric Carle. In our Friendship and Hearts lesson plan, we worked on group art projects, dumped and filled heart ornaments, and squished candy heart sensory bags. In our Eric Carle lesson plan, we read many of his books, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Mixed Up Chameleon*, and *Little Cloud*. We also explored kinetic sand, magnet tiles, and matched Brown Bear, Brown Bear flashcards. One of the main goals of our classroom is to develop your child's increasing gross motor skills, and some of our classmates are starting to take their first steps! We continue to promote these skills by encouraging climbing on the foam climber and crawling/walking up the stairs to the sink. We hope you have a wonderful March and if you ever have any questions, feel free to message us through the app or ask at drop off/pick up!

Ms. Pakou and Ms. Liz

Middle Toddlers

What a long winter it has been so far. A warm spot in our classroom this month has been the addition of Ms. Inna to our classroom! We are so happy to have her as part of our room. This past month we

We had a great February full of love and learning. During our Valentine's unit we enjoyed matching candy heart patterns, building love bugs, and tracing letters of the alphabet. The class favorite is still our weekly changing sensory bin where we had "love letters", chocolate boxes, and cupcakes with sprinkles. We continued the sweetness with our Bakery Shop unit. We got messy frosting pool noodle donuts and glued chocolate chips and M&M's to paper – activities good enough to eat! Next month we will be going around the world and learning about 10 different countries. We will get a passport and do activities and crafts from each country like playing with Russian nesting dolls and making Australian rain sticks. We love the warmer weather but be sure to bring jackets for those chilly mornings.

Ms. Jenn and Ms. Becca

3's

Thank you for making Valentines a fun and festive time for the children! They loved our celebration and we heard all about it for days. We spent lots of time sharing books from home, talking about the alphabet (especially how letters make words – like our names), and creating really fun collage art. Our self-help skills have really blossomed this winter with all the snow gear we put on each day – but more so we are really turning into pre-k's socially and emotionally. It's very fun to see this growth. Looking ahead into

visited Sesame Street. We did a dump and fill activity with buckets that had the faces of different Sesame Street characters on them with a hole cut out where their mouths should be. The children would “feed” things to each character like cookies to Cookie Monster and rotten fruits and vegetables to Oscar. It was also trial and error as some of the mouths were too small for the object to fit into, so they had to find the correct character. We also played with cause-and-effect toys that would light up and play music when a button was pushed. Later in the month, we learned about colors. This tied in with Valentine’s Day as the children played with different colored hearts that were either Velcro or magnets. The children used their small motor skills to determine which ones they could place on the carpeted walls and which ones stuck to our magnet board. They also used their hand/eye coordination as they practiced putting love letters into toy mailboxes. Lastly, we read books and sang songs like Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Donut Shop, which help teach children their colors.

Ms. Diana, Ms. Christie, and Ms. Inna

March we are excited for Spring, so much so our units will be all about Spring, Nature, Gardening, and Farming. Wishful thinking? Possibly, but the sunshine and longer days have inspired us! With that said, Spring has the most unpredictable weather so please be sure your child’s cubby has a little bit of everything clothing wise, along with waterproof coats. We play outside even if it is wet and we want them to have dry clothes waiting so they can enjoy themselves outside! Thanks!

Ms. Abbie and Ms. Nikki

3's/4's

Happy (almost) Spring! Over the past month we focused on cutting straight and curved lines, patterns, and letter and name recognition. We talked about our different emotions and ways to handle them, as well as friendship and Valentine’s Day. Thank you to everyone who brought in yummy treats and valentines to pass around at our friendship party. We all had a blast! As we move forward into March, we will be focusing on written number recognition and one to one correspondence as well as continuing to work on letter and name recognition. We will also be talking all about Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick’s Day, and Springtime. Lastly, just a friendly reminder...As the weather is starting to get nicer, we will be spending more time outside. Please make sure your child has weather-appropriate gear every day! Have a great month!

Ms. Samantha and Ms. Alyssa

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