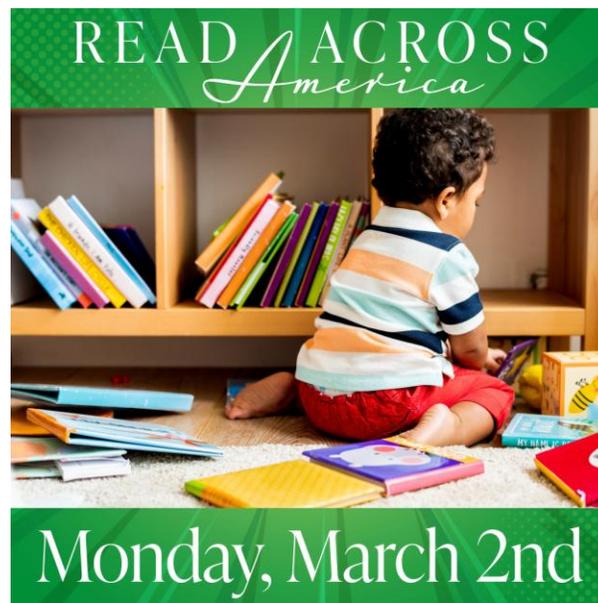


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Growing Highlights

MARCH 2026



Dear Parents,

Well, February threw us for a loop - days we needed to bundle up completely, all the way to going outside with only our coats on!

I'm excited for the month of March though, hopeful of warmer weather (keep the outside gear here a while longer) and enjoying our more peaceful month here at Grandmas House.

Thank you for your help with keeping everyone safe while at Grandmas House by having only grown-ups open/close doors and by making sure staff know when you are picking up

or dropping off your children so we can keep accurate sign in/out records.

We are so thankful you share your wonderful children with us each day!

Take care,

Cassie Makinen, Director

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"Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems." – Rainer Maria Rilke

2025 Tuition Expense Statement Request



2	Faazil J.
6	Rory B.
13	Logan K.
13	Sophia S.
15	Jack B.
19	Isla W.
19	Ali K.
19	Eero M.
20	Aimee R.
22	Ms. Ana
24	Jude C.
23	Ms. Lizzie
23	Ms. Kari
26	Beau L.
31	Ms. Karen



On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Virginia 11 Years
Ms. Ana 10 Years
Ms. Allie 2 Years



Infants

As the weather begins to change, please take a moment to check your child's cubby and make sure they have weather appropriate clothing available. We are excited to welcome two new friends to our classroom – Avery and Elena! We're so happy to have them join us. This month we'll be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, exploring the color green, and enjoying St. Patrick's Day themed activities. Lots of new toys will be brought into the room

Almost 2's

Hi Little Librarian Families! We want to welcome some new friends in our classroom: Louis, Thomas, Tullia, Ben, Micah, and Ms. Stephanie. More friends mean more fun! For the last couple weeks, we have been learning about the Lunar Year. Thank you to everyone who brought in their Chinese Zodiac Family Trees. It was fun getting to know more about your families! We made some yummy treats with lucky foods such as

along with visuals for the infants to look at and explore. We will also continue focusing on developmental milestones through tummy time and rolling exploration, helping support strength, movement, and growth.

Ms. Ana and Ms. Vee

2nd Infants

Friends in this room have recently joined and discovered a true sense of belonging here at Grandma's House. We are so overjoyed to welcome them! Our previous themes have been Love and Fairytales. In February, we added heart ribbons for the babies to pull and manipulate with their little fingers, new textures of fabric to feel and explore- fuzzy, bumpy, lace and sequins. We explored sensory with touch using paint inside of a ziplock bag to squish which also created heart art projects. We have read so many stories about love, family, and friendship! In our Fairytale unit, we have swapped books and listened to fairytale audio books. The new pattern for the room is paisley and new sensory bottles were added to tell the story of the three little pigs.

Ms. Elise and Ms. Allie

Older Infants

This month we are exploring different things that go, such as buses, trains, and trucks. We will be listening to different

oranges. For the month of March, we will be learning about farm animals and St. Patrick's Day. We look forward to making more treats, creating more art, and hopefully enjoying some nicer weather outside. Some skills we continue to work on in our classroom include following simple instructions, using utensils and open cups, and cleaning up after ourselves. We really try to encourage independence and self-help skills in the classroom: encouraging the children to help with dressing/undressing, feeding themselves at the table, and washing their hands. Just a reminder to please empty out your child's cubby and mailbox folder as needed. If you have any questions/concerns, please reach out! Wishing you a wonderful and lucky month!

Ms. Courtney, Ms. Alaini, and Ms. Steph

2's

We are keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that winter is over and Spring is just around the corner! We finished the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss and now are traveling to Ireland. We will be exploring rainbows and four-leaf clovers. During table choices and free play, we'll incorporate small motor activities that connect with our lesson plan theme. As always, we will keep working on our self-help skills which include washing both hands, pulling our pants down and taking our diaper off, and trying to put our winter clothing on. We have some friends that

versions of our favorite song, *The Wheels on the Bus*, and other songs such as *Baby Car*. We will continue to work on our pincer grasp skills by practicing picking up Cheerios and Goldfish crackers. Be sure to check out the bulletin board by the back door and look for your "Little Leprechaun".
Ms. Amy E.

Young Toddlers

Happy March! We hope everyone is having a good start to their March. First, thank you for participating in our PJ Valentine's Day Party. Everyone had a blast munching away on their snack mix and looking cute in their PJs. Our toddlers love it when we deviate from our usual daily snacks and can enjoy something different. Doing snack mix and other cooking activities is fun for the children to learn their numbers and explore their senses. We appreciate it so much when you sign up to help bring in an item for our cooking adventures. So, thank you! Besides our party, we've explored many items in our sensory bin. We had the opportunity to play with pretend rose petals, which was a hit. Having items in our sensory bin is an excellent way for the children to learn new vocabulary, use their senses, and work on their fine motor skills. If you're in a pickle at home, place a bin on the kitchen floor, add a few unusual items, and just see your child's imagination take off. Some ideas to put in your bin are ice, rice, sand, dolls, washcloths with dishes, and/or cereal. The ideas are endless. This

can get undressed from outside and get their shoes back on. It makes them so proud that they yell, "I did it!" At home when they accomplish a task and say, "I did it", get excited with them and say, "Yes, you did!!!!!"

Ms. Esther and Ms. Virginia

2.5's

Ground Breakers unite! The children did a wonderful job being astronauts, scientists, and robots. We loved exploring our solar system and the Ground Breakers are really good at reciting the names of all the planets. We really enjoy the book [A Place for Pluto...](#)the children felt bad for poor Pluto losing his place as the eighth planet but were happy that he found new friends with the dwarf planets.

Once we get back from outer space, we will focus on naming our colors and shapes. Please check the Procure app for our special dress-up days. We will be working really hard on our basic colors and shapes with a few fun ones thrown in. While exploring these math concepts, the Ground Breakers will also be working on table manners. They will be asked to use their "kind words" ...please and thank you, use the utensils provided instead of fingers, and drink from open cups with less spilling. We will also be encouraging them to pass the plates, cups, and utensils to the friend next to them. Most importantly, we will be talking about why it is important to sit at the table with "feet under the table" and "bellies touching the table". Please

month, our themes are weather and St. Patrick's Day. For weather, we will look at different types and read about them. We will learn new vocabulary like sunny, hot, cold, snowy, rainy, and try to use it as we check the weather each day by looking out our windows. For our St. Patty's theme, we will count shamrocks, listen to Irish music, and read about Ireland. We hope this month brings warmer weather and lots of luck!

Ms. Mai Lee and Ms. Miracle

Toddlers

Wow, what a busy but fun month! February had many cold days which found us stuck inside a lot but that didn't stop our fun. We opened the gates to other rooms and we added new additions to our room such as our foam climber and tent which the toddlers loved to explore! We also enjoyed learning about our senses through exploring textures, tastes, and smells. One of our favorite activities was painting using teabags, dipping them in water, seeing what colors they turned, what they smelled like and what it looked like on the paper. Our space unit was also a hit with lots of dress up space suits and sensory experiences like making our own moon sand and galaxy bottles! We look forward to warmer weather and what March has in store for us!

Ms. Emi and Ms. Karen

Older Toddlers

encourage your little one to practice these skills at home as well.

Ms. Amy R. and Ms. Kim

3's

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our class party! The children talked about it all day! Is that Spring we feel right around the corner? We can't wait for the weather to warm up, but in the meantime, our classroom has been filled with fun and discovery. We started off learning about food and nutrition. learning through play and creative art mediums, such as fruit stamping! We also talked about important topics, such as allergies, the importance of eating, and growing our own food. Then we also traveled back in time and explored the world of dinosaurs! At home you can ask your child about how dinosaurs lived, how they ate, and how scientists today find fossils all over the world! As the weather warms up and we play on muddy grounds, please make sure to check over our cubby buckets to replace any spare clothing. Thank you everyone!

Ms. Lizzie and Ms. Abi

3-4's

Will March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Or will the luck of the Irish be upon us and enjoy great weather all March long? Either way, down in the preschool room, we are prepared to learn, grow, and

The next theme we will be focusing on is the Ocean. We have a lot of art and sensory activities planned, such as making and painting shell prints in salt dough, creating a collaborative piece representing the ocean with stamps, and using cookie cutters with sand dough. We will be talking a lot about fish, dolphins, sharks, and octopi. We will focus on using our words with others in the classroom (i.e. mine and help) and self-help skills such as taking off shoes/boots. Some fun activities to do at home to help us with these skills are playing dress-up and parallel playing with your child. It is still a bit chilly outside but you can also take your child to Bradford Beach to look at and/or collect seashells! *Slippery Fish* and *Baby Shark* are two wonderful songs to get your child's body moving and practice what we have learned in school! We would like to thank everyone again for your participation in our Valentine's exchange and our Brunch with Loved Ones. It warms our hearts that so many of our families were able to spend some time in our classroom and with each other.

Ms. Bekah and Ms. Anna

most importantly, have fun while doing it. Our imaginations were entertained while exploring the olden day fairytales and fables. We did our best to be sure the traditional stories mom and dad learned when young are not lost to Gen Alpha. After we grew our magic beans, we enriched our brains with a Ready, Set, Grow theme, delving into life cycles of animals, plants, bugs, and taking notice of other wonderful things this season springs at us. While we have fun with the topics above, our preschoolers continue to hone in on skills that prep us for kindergarten. We are looking forward to sharing all your child has accomplished during April conferences. We all have reason to be quite proud.

Ms. Kari and Ms. Emily

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