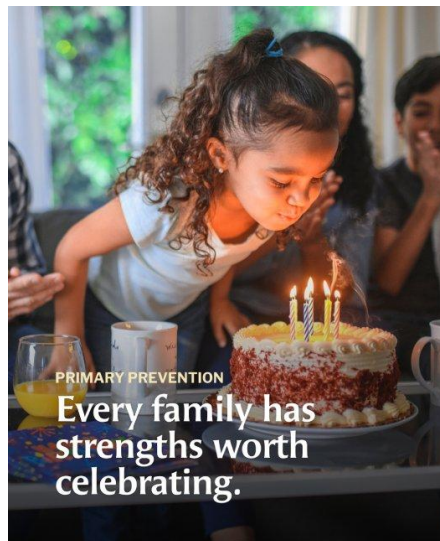


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Growing Highlights

APRIL 2026



April is Family Strengthening Month
FIVE FOR FAMILIES

Hello Families!

Every April we celebrate **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD!** The teachers came up with some fun activities to celebrate your children!

Here is what is coming your way the week of April 13th-April 17th!

***Monday**-a dance teacher is coming in to teach dance from Liberty Dance studio & your children will be making musical instruments with their teachers.*

***Tuesday**-each class is going to be making a snack together and we are going to illustrate a book of all the recipes that are made to have in our classrooms.*

***Wednesday**-we will be making cards for community helpers.*

***Thursday**- we are going to be making a mural in the gym space.*

***Friday**-we invite all our families to join us for breakfast with your child.*

We have posted flyers around the center for your viewing, and we will be adding everything to the calendar on the app. We also have different dress-up days each day, so check the flyers hanging up around the building!

Please be on the lookout for a sign-up genius from your child's classroom regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a great time for you to have one-one time with your child's teacher to talk about milestones and to answer any questions you may have.

Just a reminder that we have **Spring Fling** happening **Friday, May 29th** starting at **5:30 pm** in the back parking lot. We look forward to seeing all our families!


Thanks,


Jess Strick, Director


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WEEK OF THE
YOUNG CHILD


APRIL 13 - APRIL 17, 2026

MON MUSIC MONDAY
&
CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY 

 TASTY TUESDAY
&
HOLIDAY DRESS UP DAY **TUES**

WED WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY
&
SPORTS DRESS UP DAY 

 ARTSY THURSDAY
&
COLOR WARS DRESS UP DAY **THUR**

FRI FAMILY FRIDAY PAJAMA DAY
&
BREAKFAST WITH FAMILIES 

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1	Diana H.
3	Madeline S.
3	Luke C.
9	Ida K.
9	Matthew P.
11	Shay M.
11	Carson S.
12	Taylor H.
14	Luke N.
17	Neely C.
18	Brynn O.
19	Sophia S.
20	Henry M.
24	Arya A.



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

<i>Mr. Jared</i>	<i>4 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Rebekah</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Rae</i>	<i>1 Year</i>



Babyland

Spring is here! We are so excited to get outside and enjoy the nicer weather. Last month we were able to go on more stroller rides. The babies loved bundling up and getting out for some fresh air as well as experiencing the new and exciting sights. Our older babies are becoming pros at sitting up, some are getting on their hands and knees to try and start crawling. Our little babies are focusing on rolling and holding their heads up steady on tummy time. Between large motor movement practice, we are offering rattles and teethingers for babies to reach for and grasp. The babies that are eating food are practicing their pincer grasp, picking up colorful Froot Loops. This month, our activities can be taken outside depending on weather conditions, stacking cups – encourage babies to stack the cups or make a tower for them to knock over. Allowing babies to explore different textures, colors, and patterns – fabrics like burp rags, fleece, towels/terry cloth, as well as squishy/slimy textures like cooked spaghetti, whipped cream, crushed cereal to make sand. We look forward to

Jellybean Junction

Happy April! This year is flying by, and we can't believe that it is already April! During March, we had so much fun dressing up for our Dr. Seuss unit, trying green eggs, and making/tasting pudding. This month we are going to continue to use the flip trick to put on our jackets, work on zipping up and unzipping our jackets, and matching 2 similar objects. You can work on the flip trick at home by having your child put their arms in their jacket upside down and help them flip it over their head. You can help your child match 2 similar objects at home by asking them to match their shoes and/or socks together. We look forward to another fun-filled month.

Toddlers, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.

The Cakes

Happy April! It's hard to believe it's already April. We have had a taste of nice weather so let's hope for more nice Spring days. We have been busy this last month. We had our Eric Carle unit that

exploring together!

Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Ashley Z.

Hungry Hippos

Spring is here! The Hungry Hippos are waiting to see the mix of weather this month brings. Will it be high winds, snow, hail, thunderstorms, rain, or lots and lots of sunshine?! Whatever it is we will be prepared with our appropriate outside gear. We are asking in advance to keep your child's cubby stocked with extra pants and socks for changing when we explore the playground. We have been very busy with lots of art activities painting with a variety of utensils, scrunchies, toddler brushes, balls, and our hands. We have been practicing eating with spoons; applying a small amount of food on the spoon, placing it into their hand, and allowing them to place the spoon into their own mouth. This month we will utilize the push toys on the playground for walking with assistance, pointing at body parts while having story time, placing toys into baskets when asked to help clean up with our favorite "Clean Up Song":

Clean up, clean up,

Everybody everywhere.

Clean up, clean up,

Everybody do their share.

This is also the month we celebrate the Week of the Young Child and we look forward to families participating in the center wide activities.

Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Jenny

the children really enjoyed. They loved all the fun art projects we created and read their favorite Eric Carle books like, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The fruit salad we made as a class was a big hit! We also had lots of fun during our Dinosaurs unit. We loved dressing up like dinosaurs, playing in our "Dinosaur Museum", going on a dinosaur hunt around the center, and making our own dinosaur dirt cups. We continue to look forward to nicer weather so we can do more activities outside in the morning!
2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Circus Pals

With the weather still being unpredictable, we just want to remind you that we still need snowpants, boots, hats, and mittens. We also would like you to double-check that your child has extra clothes in their cubby. This month we have been very interested in re-enacting different fairy tale stories. We have really worked hard on taking turns; whether it's waiting for a turn or to wash hands. Another focus we have worked on that is tricky for everyone is saying "please", "thank you", and "excuse me" when talking to teachers or peers. Our final focus this past month that is getting us prepared for summer field trips is working on safety, and listening to our teachers while we are on walks. We are making sure to hold our partner's hands, stay close to our teachers, and make sure

Wild Things

Spring is in the air, and we are excited for warmer weather and more time outdoors. During our Dr. Seuss unit, we practiced our fine motor skills by decorating hats with paint and stickers. We also explored numbers and colors by reading One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Repetitive rhymes and stories like those by Dr. Seuss help support speech and language development. The children especially enjoyed the silly characters in the stories. Our next unit focused on Green and Gold. We painted with bubble wrap using our feet to create designs. It was a great sensory experience. We also enjoyed recognizing our friend's faces on shamrocks hanging throughout the classroom. Exploring flashlights was another highlight; helping us learn about cause and effect relationships in a fun hands-on way. We have also been working hard on developing our self-help skills – taking our cups to the buckets, getting our own chairs for meals, and helping clean up toys. We are so proud of how they are becoming so independent and the confidence they are showing each day. Looking ahead to next month, we are excited to learn about Automobiles and Transportation as well as Bunnies and Eggs.

Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Michelle

Puddle Ducks

we follow our teachers. This practice will help them when we go out on field trips.

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

Under the Sea

Spring is here! The 3's are so excited to spend more time outside. We have been working on strengthening those fine motor muscles with lots of beading, threading, and glueing activities. Our class is busy with lots of energy so when weather permits, we have been taking walks with our "Beep for the 3's" sign. They love it when big trucks honk and beep at us. Week of the Young Child is approaching so please make sure to give us your family "brick" by April 6th to decorate our center! Our class is very excited to participate in all the fun activities we have planned that week. Don't forget to check out our Under The Sea board in our classroom for updates as well as messages in the app. Thank you!

3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison

The Travelers

What a month! We had some great weather, some not so great weather and everything in between! The children have made the best of all of it. We had a blast during our Donut Party, so many different options! We continue to work with everyone on their letter and number recognition. Everyone is coming along

As we know, toddlers will find a way to do anything they set their minds to...sometimes this is in simple ways such as stacking blocks, placing flannel pieces on the flannel board, or making marks with crayons or markers. Other times, it can be things such as climbing on the tables/furniture, banging toys or even throwing toys. These are all developmentally appropriate behaviors! Though, this month we have been really focusing on doing these behaviors in a safer way. Instead of the children climbing on the tables, we encourage them to use step stools or tree stumps. Children need to climb and take risks! It is so crucial to their development! We have been able to enjoy the few and far between nicer days that Wisconsin has given us. But when we are stuck inside due to cold or rain, we enjoy the sand table and messy art. One fun project we did was mixing paint and craft sand together...2 of our favorite things! It came out like a piece of sandpaper when fully dry. Looking forward to more nice days!

Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia

fantastically. Thank you all for providing the family pictures, house pictures, pet pictures, and All About Me's! These have been a hit in the classroom, and everyone likes to look at theirs and talk about them! One final note, please look in your child's cubby to ensure they have all the necessities!

4's, Ms. Brittnee and Ms. Nikki

Pigeons - 4K

March was a month filled with music, stories, creativity, and big celebrations! We started March exploring the wonderful world of **music**. Our class visited the high school to see all the instruments the "big kids" play. The students were fascinated as they learned the names and sounds of so many different instruments—and were even more excited when they had the chance to try a few themselves! We also learned about musical opposites by listening closely: **fast and slow, high and low, short and long**. It was a fun and hands-on way to explore how music moves and changes.

Next, we jumped into the imaginative world of **Dr. Seuss**. Throughout the month, we tried to read *all* of his books! The students loved watching our reading chart fill up as we added each completed story. We used the books to practice identifying **rhyming words** and to inspire silly names and wacky characters of our own—just like Dr. Seuss. One of the class favorites was creating "turtles" from plates and stacking them tall, inspired by *Yertle*

the Turtle.

4K, *Ms. Holly*

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