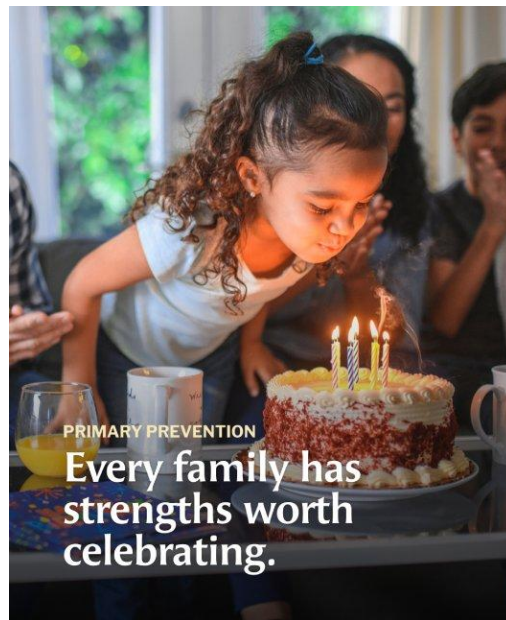


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Growing Highlights

APRIL 2026



April is Family Strengthening Month
FIVE FOR FAMILIES

Hi Families,

April is a very busy month for us here at Grandmas House. We will celebrate and highlight our quality center during NAEYC's *Week of the Young Child*. This year we will be bringing

back a new favorite-the photo booth with polaroids that you can take with you right away! We are also inviting families to come join their child's class for a special snack. We have a special art project planned, some fun music and movement activities, and a cooperative classroom activity which we will keep as a surprise.

Twice a year we have formal Parent/Teacher conferences, in April and October. Please watch your emails to sign up for a conference with your child(ren)'s teacher.

Drop-off and pick-up times can be very busy and often stressful as we have limited parking spaces available. Please be respectful of other parents and keep the driveway entrance open so parents can pull in/pull out, even if you're "only going to be a second".

Thanks,

Claire Cramton, Director

claire@grandmashouse.org

 **Week of the Young Child**
100 years of EXCELLENCE

APRIL 13-17

MUSIC MONDAY, 4/13
Glow Sticks & Bubble Wands 

TASTY TUESDAY, 4/14
Tasty Snacks with your Child 

WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY, 4/15
Classroom Projects 

ARTSY THURSDAY, 4/16
COLOR WARS 

FAMILY FRIDAY, 4/17
Family Photo Booth 

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- 15 Ms. Kam
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- 18 Jensen V.
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- 29 Ms. Pakou
- 30 Owen M.



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

- Ms. Diana 36 Years*
- Ms. Becca 2 Years*
- Ms. Netzy 2 Years*
- Ms. Jackie 2 Years*



Young Infants

Welcome to the wonderful month of April in our infant classroom. As the weather begins to change and signs of Spring appear, we are excited to explore new sights, sounds, and experiences with your little ones. We will start to try to take babies out on walks so please double check your cubbies to ensure that we have proper warm weather clothing. Through songs, tummy time, activities, colorful materials, and gentle storytelling, the babies will continue building important developmental skills in a warm and nurturing environment. In March we learned about insects. We did fun sensory play by playing with a "Butterfly Cycle" themed sensory bin and sang *Bugs Say Hello* flannel story. This past month we learned about roaring dinosaurs. We read "My First Dinosaur, a high contrast book" by A.J Frex and listened to "We are the dinosaurs" by the Laurie Berkner Band. We also learned about where Ms. Netzy is from, Mexico! We read "My First Book about Mexico" by Logan Stover. We learned all about the delicious food by reading "Yum, Yum Mexico! Mexican Food

Older Toddlers

We are so excited to have welcomed the Spring season! We spent the past few weeks learning about Spring and exploring fun activities with a Spring theme. We listened to nature sounds like birds chirping, bees buzzing, different insect sounds, thunderstorms, and wind. We had fun sorting flowers by color and "catching bugs" in a net and then counting how many were caught. We were happy to play outside more and are crossing our fingers for no more snow!
Ms. Jackie and Ms. Dawn

Young 2's

Spring is right around the corner, and we are excited for a fun and colorful month in our classroom! During March, our class explored the themes Spring and Colors/Rainbows. We talked about signs of Spring such as flowers blooming, rainy days, and warmer weather. The children enjoyed activities like Spring-themed art, sensory play, and stories about the

from A to Z” by Diane de Anda. We ended the month learning about the four seasons. We enjoyed artwork by Jessica Hamilton and listened to “Seasons of the Year” by The Kiboomers. We are available to answer any questions you may have. We are looking forward to watching your children grow, discover, and share special moments together each day. Thank you for your continued support and for trusting us with your little ones.

Mr. Justin and Ms. Netzy

Infants

Spring is in the air, and this month our infants will be exploring the beautiful world of Japanese Cherry Blossoms (Sakura) for the first 2 weeks. For the last 2 weeks, our infants will be hitting the road with our Transportation theme. Our focus for the first 2 weeks is Learning Through My Senses, where we will be exploring Spring changes and experiencing soft textures like petals, cotton, and silk. We will add cherry blossoms at infant’s eye level. We will explore polka dots and have fun with mirrors. We will introduce the Japanese word, Sakura (Cherry Blossom) and read Spring books. We will listen to traditional Japanese music and sing Five Little Blossoms. During the second week, we will continue our Learning Through My Senses journey, focusing on putting items into containers and transferring objects. To explore things that go, we will hang pictures of different types of vehicles

changing season. Our Colors/Rainbows theme helped children learn to recognize different colors through painting, activities, songs, and hands-on play. As the weather begins to change, please remember to send your child with weather-appropriate clothing each day. We do go outside daily as long as the temperature is above 0 degrees, so please check the weather in the morning and send jackets, hats, and mittens if needed. Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to a bright and exciting month of learning together.

Ms. Kam and Ms. Alex

2's

It’s April and finally Spring is here! In theme with this exciting season, we learned all about the fun changes it brings. In the last few weeks, we made and tasted “dirt cups”, practiced our numbers and counted using pretend bugs and even planted our very own flowers – working together to water and care for them to help them grow. Working together has been another theme in our classroom this past month as we made personalized sensory bags, created unique pictures using chalk, and snipped pieces of paper to make our own puzzles to solve. Learning to come together as a group to help clean up toys, accomplish tasks and create has helped all of our friends grow in many ways. Moving forward through April, we look forward to using our new skills and our 5 senses to

around the classroom. The infants will be looking at zig zag patterns and beautiful Celtic designs. We will read *My Two Moms and Me* to celebrate diverse and loving families. We will also read transportation themed books like, *The Train Station*, *Go Dog Go*, and *Zoom, Zoom Baby*. We will listen to music about transportation and of course, our classroom favorite, *The Wheels on the Bus*. Just a few reminders...take home sleep sacks on Friday to be washed and returned Monday morning. Please make sure any food containers placed in the refrigerator are labeled with full name and dated. Please, no glass food containers. Be safe, happy, and healthy!
Ms. Judeen and Ms. Pakou

Older Infants

As we welcome the Spring season and all the changes it brings, we are excited to welcome Ms. Torria to our classroom! With the warmer weather approaching, we plan to spend more time outdoors including stroller walks to enjoy the beauty of Spring. Recently, the children have had a wonderful time exploring colors, textures, and patterns through our *Frog Pond and Garden* lesson plans. We have also been supporting their physical development by encouraging pulling up to stand and strengthening their pincer grasp through hands-on activities. Moving forward, we will continue to build on these skills while introducing walker practice and learning

learn. We will be using our sense of taste to try whipped cream, sense of smell to create art with scented markers and stickers, and our sense of touch to feel different textures in the sensory bin. We look forward to sharing these exciting moments with our families so be on the lookout for daily messages and pictures of our fun as well as information on the upcoming festivities in celebration of *Week of the Young Child*.

Ms. Aliyah and Ms. Kourtney

2-1/2's

April brings showers and hopefully warmer weather! Last month brought us rain, sunshine, and snow, so to prepare for Wisconsin's fickle weather, we ask to keep snow gear here until we are confident that we are all sun and no snow. This month we will be learning about weather and different kinds of animals. Some of our portfolio focuses include following simple routines like following our schedule and asking simple questions like requesting more food or when needing help with something. It is our goal to make learning fun and one of our favorite activities to do is learn through song with flannel stories. If you ever want to learn our songs or have a copy of some of your child's favorite flannel stories, feel free to ask.

Ms. Sam and Ms. Myeesha

Young 3's

new songs. We are also looking forward to diving into our Under the Sea theme and exploring different animal sounds as part of our Pets lesson plan. In the coming months, we will continue learning about animals with a Safari theme in May, followed by our Space lesson plan, where we will focus on shapes and early math concepts. We are excited for all the fun and learning ahead!

Ms. Drea and Ms. Torria

Young Toddlers

We had a wonderful month in our classroom during March. Our themes were Going to the Zoo and Outer Space. The children had so much fun exploring both topics through play and creative activities. The children participated in process art using zoo animal prints where they explored different textures and colors. We also spent time listening to zoo animal sounds, which was a great way to develop early language skills. The children also enjoyed rolling around planet themed balls and exploring space themed sensory bottles. These activities helped build motor skills while also exploring the concept of cause and effect. April will be a busy month with Week of the Young Child and parent/teacher conferences. We hope to connect and talk about your child's growth, development, and experiences in the classroom as well as hearing from you. We are looking forward to another month filled with learning,

Hello families! We had such a fun March. We used all our senses in our Around the World unit like smells in our perfume lab, sound making rainsticks, and touching our cloud dough. We also had a lot of fun with our St. Patrick's Day/Rainbows unit. Our room was covered in rainbows and we made rainbow collages and bracelets. We loved sorting Lucky Charm marshmallows and stringing up Fruit Loops. In April, we will have a unit on Spring/Gardening. We will be planting a seed and watching it grow over the next 2 weeks. We have been very interested in clocks and time so we created a fun activity where the children will move the hands around the clock. We still might have some chilly days to come, so make sure you keep all the snow gear at school-just in case!

Ms. Jenn and Ms. Becca

3's

Hi everyone! As many of you have noticed, we welcomed Ms. Alyssa back to the three year old classroom! March was loads of fun with warmer, longer days, and lots of farm/Spring activities. This month we will continue to learn about nature, growth, new life, etc. We also celebrate Week of the Young child this month. Watch for lots of fun activities each day including a family photo booth at drop off, fondue buffet in the classroom, a classroom "color war", and so much more. We will also have in person parent/teacher conferences the week of April 20th so please look for a sign-up via

laughter, and new experiences.

Ms. Diana and Ms. Liz

Toddlers

Another chilly month is behind us and with warmer sunny afternoons ahead, we are eager to spend more time outside. Please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothes so they are always ready for outdoor adventures. While we love being outside, we also enjoyed plenty of cozy indoor time this past month. The children participated in fun, nature themed activities that helped develop their fine motor and language skills through favorite songs, stories, and group play. Of course, some activities are always a big hit with our toddlers – like putting baby dolls to sleep while we sing lullabies together or feeding play food to teachers! Those moments never fail to bring lots of smiles and laughter. This month promises to be extra special as we prepare to celebrate Week of the Young Child. We are especially looking forward to Tasty Tuesday, when families are welcome to join us for a small gathering to celebrate our friends and enjoy a yummy snack we make together. We can't wait for another month of learning, laughter, and little adventures.

Ms. Theresa, Ms. Christie, and Ms. Inna

email. Come prepared with questions and goals as we have only 15 minutes together. Looking forward to it!

Ms. Abbie and Ms. Alyssa

4's

Happy April! Last month brought us a lot of excitement from experiencing spring, summer and winter all in the same week to welcoming new friends and swapping teachers. Needless to say, it's been a busy four weeks! We have been continually focusing on name and letter recognition and identification as well as number recognition and identification. We have also been learning and talking about Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, and Springtime. As we move forward into April we will continue to talk about Springtime and Bugs. We will also continue to focus on number recognition as well as strengthening our tracing/writing skills. Since the weather is getting nicer, please make sure to have weather appropriate clothing in your child's cubby. Any questions, please reach out to us.

Ms. Samantha and Ms. Celeste

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