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Growing Highlights

MAY 2026

OUR STAFF IS
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"There's no place like
Grandma's House!"

Staff Appreciation Week - May 4 - 8, 2026

Monday SWEET TREATS	Tuesday CLASSROOM BREAKFAST SERVICE	Wednesday LUNCHEON
Thursday SELF-CARE SWAG BAGS	Friday POPCORN & PJ DAY	

Thank you for all you do!

The graphic is a staff appreciation poster with a pink and green background featuring silhouettes of a witch, a castle, and a girl. It lists activities for each day of Staff Appreciation Week from May 4 to 8, 2026. The text is in various fonts, including a decorative gothic style for the days of the week and a playful, bubbly font for the activities. The background is decorated with colorful bubbles and green foliage.

Hi Families,

As the weather gets warmer, I wanted to remind everyone, while sandals are cute, we ask that your child wear closed toe shoes or closed toe sandals to keep their little piggies protected. Crocs or Native brands are great for all day and water play. We do go outside at least twice a day, so if there is a specific sunscreen you would like us to use for your child, please bring it in. Otherwise, we do provide a SPF 30 allergen free sunscreen.

I want to thank everyone who came in for conferences. I know the teachers really enjoy chatting with families and giving them updates. I would like to ask you all to help me celebrate the wonderful staff we have during **Staff Appreciation Week, May 4-8.**

Please join us for food, fun and games at our **2nd Annual Spring into Summer Family Night** on **Friday May 29th.**

PLEASE HELP US EARN NEW BOOKS FOR THE BEDTIME BOOK CORNER

It's book order time. You are welcome to order as much or as little as you would like. Orders can be placed online. Go to [Claire Cramton Classroom Book Club](#). You will set up an account in which they will ask for our **Center Code: 32J8MZ**. Books can be ordered by May 18th and paid for online and will arrive at the center 1-2 weeks later.

Thanks,

Claire Cramton, Director

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4	Samiya C.
5	Kensington O.
6	Milo C.
8	Michael K.
10	Abram P.
10	Jayden O.
10	Wallace Z.
12	Gianna B.
16	Parker F.
18	Madison H.
18	Edie C.
19	Rory K.
20	Sam C.
21	A'Kaiyah T.
22	Maisie T.
24	Luke K.
24	Ms. Mai
27	James B.
28	Hazel B.
29	Elliot K.
30	Evelyn M.
30	Simon S.
31	Georgia T.



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

*Ms. Jennifer 13 Years
Ms. Erica 5 Years
Ms. Alyssa 5 Years*





Young Infants

Throughout this month, we are learning about Pete the Cat and Outer Space. We will be learning through books by reading "8 Little Planets", "Pete the Cat Bedtime Blues", and a touch and feel space book called "Our Solar System". Alongside reading, we also offer some fabric and indestructible baby books for our babies to look at throughout the day while doing tummy time. We are also going to be enjoying some art, spreading white paint onto a black piece of paper to look like the solar system with yellow stars. We had a blast celebrating the Week of the Young Child last month. Keep a look out for the concrete paver we helped create. We learn mostly through play as we play with blocks of different shapes and textures to feel in our hands. We are excited to see how our babies blossom this Spring!

Mr. Justin and Ms. Netzy

Infants

Older Toddlers

We enjoyed celebrating the Week of the Young Child last month. From bubble parties to tasty treats, to fun art projects and color days, it was a blast! Thank you for your participation during the week to help make it the most fun for your child! We also enjoyed activities from our Dinosaur lesson plan. We had fun with dinosaur toys, pretending to be paleontologists at a dinosaur excavation site, and painting on dinos. Looking ahead, we will be exploring the ocean and sea creatures with our Under the Sea lesson plan. We are looking forward to spending more time outdoors as the weather gets nicer.

Ms. Jackie and Ms. Dawn

Young 2's

We had a wonderful April in our classroom! The children were busy exploring, creating, and learning through hands-on activities. April Highlights: We focused on colors and color mixing. The

We had a wonderful time exploring themes of Bugs and Sesame Street. The children enjoyed singing songs about bugs, shaking and exploring bug rattles, and engaging in water mat sensory play. These activities helped support sensory development, hand-eye coordination, and listening skills. We also enjoyed finger painting during our sesame street unit as well as playing with sesame street toys. To help encourage motor development and muscle strengthening, we have been working on reaching for toys while sitting or doing tummy time. As we look ahead, we are excited to spend more time outdoors! Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing as we will begin to incorporate more stroller walks into our daily routine. We are excited for the children to enjoy fresh air and new sights! Thank you for your continued support. We love watching your little ones learn and grow each day!

Ms. Judeen and Ms. Pakou

Older Infants

Happy May! This month, our classroom has been filled with adventure and imagination as we explored Safari and Space themes!

Safari Adventures - Our little learners explored animals from the safari through sensory play, songs, and interactive activities. We practiced animal sounds, explored different textures (soft fur, rough surfaces), and engaged in movement

children enjoyed painting, matching colors, and discovering how new colors are made, building early problem-solving and creativity skills. We also explored our Spring theme, learning about flowers, weather, and changes in nature. The children practiced new vocabulary such as flowers, rain, sun, and grow, and enjoyed sensory play, outdoor time, and simple art activities. This month, we are excited to begin two fun themes! *Pond Life* - Children will learn about animals that live in and around ponds, such as frogs, ducks, fish, and turtles. Activities will include water and sensory play, animal movements, and simple counting and matching games. *Dinosaurs* - We will explore dinosaurs through play and imagination! The children will learn dinosaur names, dig for "fossils," practice gross motor skills, and engage in creative art and pretend play. We will continue working on language development, fine motor skills, social skills, and following simple routines. Reminders: Please send weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor play and extra clothes for water and sensory activities. Thank you for your continued support! We are excited for another fun month of learning and growing.

Ms. Kam and Ms. Alex

2's

We had a lot of showers last month, so we are hoping that means we will have flowers in abundance for May! Last month

activities like crawling like lions and stomping like elephants. These experiences supported gross motor development, language growth, and sensory exploration.

Space Exploration - We took a trip beyond the stars! Infants were introduced to the wonders of space through glowing stars, soft planet toys, and calming music. Tummy time activities included reaching for "floating" planets, helping build strength and coordination. We also focused on visual tracking using high-contrast space images.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your little ones have weather appropriate spare clothes in their cubbies!

Ms. Drea and Ms. Torria

Young Toddlers

The children were naturally curious and continually engaged in exploration and play during the month. They were intrigued by the cause-and-effect phenomena and delighted in being surprised. The children loved stacking blocks but had more fun watching the effect caused by knocking them down. They also enjoyed the cause-and-effect toys in the classroom. The children learn through play when they can cause things to happen or change.

This month we also explored Space, Eric Carle, and the Ocean. One of the children's favorite activities was the sensory bottles. The children enjoyed manipulating and shaking the bottles to

we had so much fun celebrating Week of the Young Child with all of you. We really enjoyed the glow dance party and yummy treats. We learned about frogs at the beginning of the month. We enjoyed some sensory play by making a small pond and we observed cause and effect with our stuffed animal zipline activity. After we learned about frogs, we focused on trying new things. We worked on our fine motor skills by stringing beads onto pipe cleaners and had a lot of fun exploring kinetic sand. We kept our bodies moving by building obstacle courses and then racing through! We are excited to see what May will bring us!

Ms. Aliyah and Ms. Kourtney

2-1/2's

May brings flowers and (hopefully!) more sunshine!

This past month we had so much fun exploring our bug-themed lesson plan and learning all about colors. The children loved searching for bugs, sorting them by color, and singing our favorite bug songs. We started the insect lore with caterpillars. We watched them change into the chrysalis stage and then emerge as beautiful butterflies! Just last week, we took them outside and watched as they flew away across our playground! I've never seen so many eyes fixated on a butterfly!!

This month we will be diving into a weather-themed lesson plan and a farm-themed lesson plan. We can't wait to talk

see what would happen. In addition to the sensory bottles, the children loved exploring with The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Brown Bear, Brown Bear. Next, we explored the Ocean. The children explored crab stepping stones, read about animal life in the ocean, and even dumped and filled them with fish bowls and fish.

In addition to our units, Week of the Young Child was a fun experience for your child. On Monday the children listened to music as we caught bubbles. Tuesday, we made a tasty treat snack mix. Wednesday, we colored and scribbled on a piece of tagboard and created a masterpiece. Thursday, we wore the color blue for color wars. Friday, we had the chance to take pictures in the Photo Booth.

Ms. Diana and Ms. Liz

Toddlers

It's hard to believe April is already over—summer will be here before we know it! The children love spending more time outdoors without all our winter gear. We had a wonderful Week of the Young Child filled with fun and learning. The children enjoyed bubbles, making tasty waffles with fruit and chocolate chips, and creating a classroom flower clay project with colorful stones. We also celebrated Purple Day and had fun at our Family Photo Booth.

In the classroom, we've been reading stories by Laura Numeroff, including If You

about rain, sun, clouds, and all the animals on the farm!

Some of our portfolio focuses include following simple routines, using words to ask for what we need, and enjoying group activities. As always, we love making learning fun — especially through songs and flannel stories!

Ms. Sam and Ms. Myeesha

Young 3's

We love the warm weather this Spring! While outside, we have been exploring bugs and the other wildlife (squirrels) on our playground. From our big classroom window, we were able to watch tree trimming and leaf blowing. Our Spring lesson plans have been filled with fun. We have dressed up as bugs, designed flower gardens, and even planted seeds that we are now watching grow. Our Week of the Young Child was filled with dancing with glow sticks, art, and a fro-yo party! This month we will have a unit on Game Shows where we are all winners! We will do toddler jeopardy races and treasure hunts. Since the weather is getting warmer, please make sure to leave a water bottle here and fill it up in the morning so it is ready to go when we go outside. Thank you!

Ms. Jenn and Ms. Becca

3's

Give a Pig a Pancake and If You Give a Moose a Muffin. The children explored sensory cupcake painting and practiced fine motor skills by matching and counting shape cookies.

We love watching children learn through play and enjoy seeing their smiles and hearing their laughter each day!

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

We had so much fun last month with the Week of the Young Child. We especially enjoyed the fondue, meeting with you at conferences, learning more about plants and bugs, and enjoying the warmer weather. This month we will be talking even more about our environment, local community, Spring florals, and spending as much time in the fresh air as possible! With the changing seasons comes changing attire, so please make sure the clothing in cubbies is weather appropriate and that it still fits! We are always here if you have any questions and we are so excited about our upcoming classroom activities.

Ms. Abbie and Ms. Alyssa

4's

Spring has officially sprung! As the weather is warming up, please check your child's cubby for any remaining winter clothes that can go home and replace with warm weather clothes. Thanks in advance! Over the past month, we learned all about bugs and dinosaurs while also continuing to practice writing our names and numbers. Week of the Young Child was so much fun! We had a Glow Party, made apple donuts (apples shaped like donuts), and decorated our classroom's garden stone. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate. As we move forward into May, we will be focusing on preparing for "big kid" school while also learning about nutrition and sports.

Ms. Celeste and Mr. Matt

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