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## Growing Highlights

JUNE 2026



Hello Families!

Summer program begins in just a couple of weeks, and we're excited for weekly field trips, more outdoor time, and fun classroom activities. Parents are always welcome to join field trips at the same cost as their child—just let your teachers know if you're interested. Please make sure your child wears closed-toe shoes or sandals to help prevent injuries on the playground and at the parks.

A reminder for families with children under age 2: class lists are posted on my door. Please take a moment to check whether your child will be changing rooms at the start of the Summer Program.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Spring Fling! It was a wonderful chance for families to meet their child's friends and enjoy the festivities together. Congratulations to the Schroeder Family for winning the free day of care!

Congratulations as well to our 4K class, who will celebrate graduation this week. We know they will do great as they head off to "big kid" school next year. It has been such a joy to watch them grow.

Thanks,

*Jess Strick*, Director

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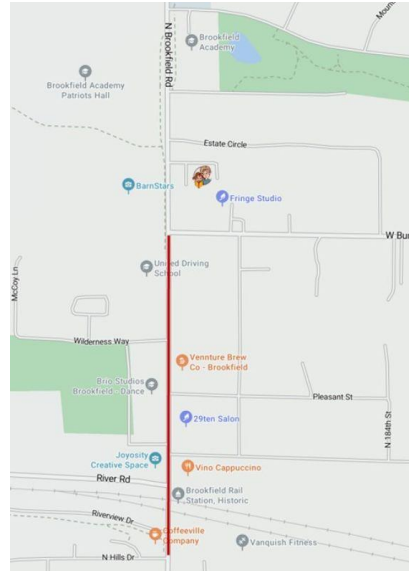


## PLAN AHEAD

*Monday, June 15 through August*

Please plan ahead on routes to/from Grandma's House

Brookfield Road **CLOSED**  
between North Hills Drive and Burleigh.



- 3 Ms. Jenny
- 8 Henry A.
- 11 Mr. Jared
- 15 Hannah W.
- 18 Ms. Annie
- 19 Jude H.
- 20 Westin L.
- 24 Ms. Makenzie
- 25 Madelyn H.
- 26 Isabelle K.
- 26 Ms. Bree
- 27 Madilyn O.
- 29 Wesley H.
- 29 Ms. Jess
- 30 Vayda H.
- 30 Michael M.
- 30 Cora M.



*On celebrating  
anniversaries with  
Grandma's House*

*Ms. Cat      23 Years*

*Ms. Emily    1 Year*



### *Babyland*

Summer is finally here! We are going outside for more stroller rides and playground visits. During this time, we are bringing a blanket or play mat to lay out over the grass for the babies to practice rolling. Our older babies will be free to explore the playground while enjoying the fresh air. Last month, we learned about Frogs from pictures of frogs, frog stuffed

### *The Cakes*

Hello Summer! We can't believe it is already June. We are excited for the Summer Program and of course field trips! May was filled with lots of fun. During our Pond lesson, we went on a walk to visit the pond, caught frogs and ducks in our classroom pond, and created fun art projects. During our Food lesson, we put together a class snack mix, had a

animals and toys, and we looked for frogs on our stroller rides. The children also learned about Weather through reading books about weather and experienced the weather each time we went outside for a walk. Babies love to look at themselves! We utilize mirrors to foster a sense of self and others. We place a mirror in front of each child and talk about their attributes (brown hair, blue eyes). This is great to do with your child in front of the bathroom mirror at home. As the Summer Program begins, we are all excited to get out and enjoy the sunshine! Please bring a sun hat to help protect your child's delicate skin. Grandma's House provides sunscreen for children 6 months and older or you may bring in your own brand. See you on the playground!

*Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Ashley Z.*

### ***Hungry Hippos***

The Hungry Hippos have been enjoying the warmer weather. Thanks to everyone for labeling your child's items and bringing extra clothes for changing when playground exploration leads us to hidden puddles. During our lesson last month, we discovered the outer limits of Space. We explored sensory bottles with bright colors, a variety of blow-up planets, finger painting, eating squeezable yogurts, and a rocketship tent. We also discovered Zoo animals; listening to the sounds they make, tasted an assortment of animal crackers both fruit infused and frosted. Frosted

class picnic, and painted with peppers. We look forward to warmer weather; water play, and riding the bumpy bus! Summer...here we come!

*2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree*

### ***Circus Pals***

With the warmer weather finally here to stay, we are ready for swimsuits! We have an organizer behind the bathroom door for all of our swimsuits. Swim diapers can be put in your child's cubby. Please rotate and clean out your child's cubby before the start of summer. Our first focus of the month was working on independence and taking care of our belongings such as plates, water bottles, jackets, and shoes. Our second focus was practicing walking with a partner safely and slowly before we start our weekly field trips this summer.

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

### ***Under the Sea***

Summer is here! Our friends really enjoyed all of the warm weather and outside time we have had! In the classroom, we focused on Insects and Space. During our Insects lesson we really enjoyed color matching beads to the correct color cupcake container. We also really enjoyed learning about all the different types of bugs! We even tried to find some outside. During our Space lesson, we focused on scissor skills and

animal crackers were the favorites of all. We are still working on using spoons with meals, soon plates will also be added. Our sign language is developing very well. Let's keep up the good work. Congratulations to all our cot nappers! Our entire class will be encountering the use of the cots this month. Jenny and I will be discussing this process with all of you. Remember sun hats, closed toe sandals, swim diapers, and label, label, label all items please and thank you in advance. Have a cool summer!  
*Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Jenny*

### ***Wild Things***

Hooray, it's finally summer! Summer brings many exciting opportunities for the children to explore and learn through play. Activities such as water play, sand box exploration, chalk drawings, bubble play and picnics encourage creativity, sensory development, and social interactions. These fun activities help the children stay active and enjoy the outdoors. During our Rainbow unit, we explored all the colors of Jello and mixed it into Cool Whip with our hands. It was a great sensory experience as we got messy touching and tasting our creations. Our Zoo unit was our favorite. We learned about animals and practiced identifying their characteristics and sounds. During stories and songs, the children strengthened their language skills by naming animals and imitating the sounds they make. We especially love growling

recognizing letters. We also loved learning the names of all the planets. Some activities you can do at home are practicing how to spell their name and writing it so they can see the letters. You could also practice their scissor skills by drawing lines on scrap paper to practice cutting. We look forward to seeing what summer brings us and the field trips we go on!

*3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Cassidy*

### ***The Travelers***

What a month May was! We had a blast with our lesson plan on The Outdoors. We were able to bring a lot of the outdoors into the classroom but with that came some bugs. But it was a learning experience. Then we learned about our Five Senses. Lots of fun and different activities including using Jello to trace our names, painting with spices and everyone assisted with making pudding and taste testing it. The last week was all about Gardening. We planted seeds and watched them begin to grow. It was great to see everyone at the Spring Fling! June is going to be great! The end is drawing near, and we are soaking in all the time with the children before they move on to their next adventure.

*4's, Ms. Brittnee and Ms. Nikki*

### ***Pigeons - 4K***

like bears and tigers. Monkeys are also a favorite. Soon, the Summer Program will start. Time for swimsuits and water play, yay!

*Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Michelle*

### ***Puddle Ducks***

Recently, we have been loving being outside as much as humanly possible. When we are outside, the children begin to make connections, see the world beyond our playground and especially get all the pinecones we can. The children have now shifted their special focus to the pinecones that drop just beyond the playground. They have found different “homes” for them in various bowls, containers, and plates. Another thing the children have been fascinated by is figuring out anything and everything. For example, the children have begun taking chairs from the stack, placing them by one of the tables, and sitting down all together. They either play independently or they have what we call “a meeting”. It has been such a joy to see the children make these various connections and watching their brains turn and think is so mesmerizing!

*Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia*

### ***Jellybean Junction***

Wow, the time sure flew by! We can't believe it is June already. The past month we were very busy going on walks,

As our 4K year comes to an end, the children are getting ready for “big kid school” and we are excited to celebrate their growth at our Graduation Performance on June 2nd.

In our final lessons, we explored the changes that come with Spring. The children observed how plants wake up after winter and learned what causes thunder and lightning—a topic that helped many of them feel less afraid during storms. With the warmer weather, we were finally able to enjoy more time outside, especially in our beloved “woods”. That space has become a classroom of its own, where the children search for bugs, make mud pies, and build with sticks. We also enjoy our new playground, hanging on the underside, sliding down the fast slide, and running up the ramp.

This Spring, we also dove deeper into the world of insects. We explored many different bugs, learned how to define an insect, and compared their features. Our ant farm became a daily fascination as the children watched the ants dig tunnels, work together, and build their tiny world. Even more magical was observing our caterpillars as they formed chrysalises and transformed into butterflies. Seeing this life cycle up close helped the children understand change, patience, and the wonder of nature.

We also planted seeds for a variety of fruits and vegetables which we'll continue to watch grow in our garden all summer long. Gardening is a powerful way for children to learn where food comes from

practicing holding onto our loops on the rope, exploring our surroundings, and playing outside. In the classroom we worked on taking turns with assistance and drinking from an open cup. Though our favorite May highlight was when Mrs. Ryan started doing music with our classroom. This month we will continue to work on using an open cup and taking turns with assistance. We look forward to spending more time outside.

*Toddlers, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.*

and to appreciate the hard work it takes to grow it. Even children who aren't usually adventurous eaters often surprise themselves. In the past, many children have tried chives, mint, zucchini, and tomatoes simply because they helped grow them.

This year has been full of discovery, confidence-building, and joy. We are so proud of how far the children have come and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with you.

*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**