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Growing Highlights

JUNE 2026



Hi Families,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Spring Into Summer Family Night! We hope you had a good time and got a chance to chat with other families and the staff.

Our Summer Program is right around the corner. Class lists will be posted on the office door by the end of this week. If you are unsure where your child's new classroom will be, please ask. We want to make sure your child's transition is as smooth as possible. To help with this transition, teachers are given time in their classrooms on Friday, June 12th to move

children's things, clean, and make their classrooms fun and inviting. This is why we close early that day at 3:00 pm.

Thanks,

Claire Cramton, Director

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- 1 Jack R.
- 2 Ms. Claire
- 3 Luka S.
- 6 Joey P.
- 7 Milo O.
- 8 Bea H.
- 8 Ms. Aliyah
- 11 Felix V.
- 11 Ms. Liz
- 15 Stevie S.
- 17 Noah B.
- 17 Faye M.
- 18 Andrew P.
- 18 Cyrus
- 19 Andrew H.
- 19 Ryan C.
- 21 Oliver S.
- 24 Gianna N.
- 25 Amelia B.
- 27 Freya P.
- 30 Julian M.



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

Ms. Celeste 4 Years



Young Infants

Happy June! We are excited to welcome a new month filled with sunshine, learning, and fun experiences for our infants. Throughout this month, we will continue focusing on sensory exploration, tummy time, music and movement, and building strong social-emotional connections with caregivers and friends.

Older Toddlers

May was so fun! We enjoyed our Under the Sea theme lesson plan activities, playing with sea creature balloons, matching colorful fish, dressing up like sea creatures, and watching the fish swimming in the fish tank. We also had fun playing with stuffed animals, pretending to feed and care for animals, and creating fun art

We are also excited to begin preparing for our Summer Program! As the weather becomes warmer, please remember to send weather-appropriate clothing and extra outfits. We do provide sunscreen here at Grandma's House but you're more than welcome to bring your own from home. We encourage families to check cubbies daily for important updates. This month we explored Farm and Space themes through sensory play, music, books, and art activities. We practiced important motor skills like reaching, grasping, rolling, and tummy time while building language through songs, sounds, and new words. Infants supported their social-emotional and identity development through mirror play, face-copying, and interactions with teachers. In June, we will learn all about the prehistoric creatures Dinosaurs. We will be looking at artwork by Sergey Krasovskiy and reading books like *Dinosaur Dinners* by Lee Davis. We will also be learning about all the fun a day at the park brings. We will read books like *10 Little Lady Bugs* by Melanie Beth and hear the song *The Wheels on the Bus*. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We love watching your little ones grow each day and are looking forward to a wonderful month together! We are here for any questions you may have.

Mr. Justin and Ms. Netzy

Infants

for our Pet lesson plan. We hope everyone was able to make it to our Family Night and had a great time. It's always nice to see everyone having fun together. We also want to thank all of you again for all your love and support during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. We love working with your children and your show of appreciation means a lot to us.

Ms. Jackie and Ms. Dawn

Young 2's

We are so excited to welcome the month of June and officially begin our Summer Program! The children have been growing, learning, and exploring so much this year and we cannot wait for all the fun summer activities ahead.

This month our classroom will be participating in the lesson plan themes Farmers Market and Camping. We will focus on water play and many fun and messy sensory activities. We are actively promoting independence and supporting your child with building those skills.

As the weather gets warmer, we will be spending even more time outside enjoying fresh air and outdoor learning experiences. Please make sure your child comes to school with weather-appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes for safe outdoor play, a labeled water bottle, and extra clothes in their cubby.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer full of laughter, learning, and memorable experiences with your little ones. Thank you for your support! Happy

We have had a busy and beautiful few weeks in our classroom. Our little ones have been hard at work exploring the world through their senses, moving from the bright colors of Spring flowers to the shimmering wonders of the galaxy. During our Flowers theme, we filled the classroom with laminated flowers and hung floral decorations to catch everyone's eye. We focused on fine motor skills by grasping plush flowers. We sang the flannel song, "Colorful Flower", to introduce early math concepts. During our Galaxy theme, our environment changed with "space glass" visuals and rubber space balls for tactile play. We counted stars on the wall to build early number skills. We sang along to classics like Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Mr. Sun. The children created their own galaxies by sponge painting white stars on black paper. Throughout both themes, we have been closely observing how the children respond to their names, make new sounds, and begin to imitate gestures. We love watching your children bloom and shine every day!

Ms. Judeen and Ms. Pakou

Older Infants

Summer is almost here and we are so excited to begin a fun-filled season with our little learners in the Seahorse Squad! Our classroom will be diving into an exciting Ocean Theme Summer Program filled with sensory exploration, music, movement, art, and playful learning experiences designed especially for

Summer!

Ms. Kam and Ms. Melissa

2's

May was such an eventful month in our classroom. We had so much fun during our dinosaur theme and loved exploring in different ways. One of our favorite activities was digging for dinosaur fossils in the sensory bin. This helped our friends practice fine motor skills, problem solving, and working together to explore and discover new things. We used our imagination to channel our inner dinos by dressing up in dinosaur tails and hats during dramatic play as well. We also spent time learning all about colors by creating a favorite color chart, making color collages, practicing sticker color matching, and exploring colors throughout the classroom. These activities help our friends practice sorting, matching, communication, creativity, and hand/eye coordination while learning through fun play. Now that summer is almost here, we are anxiously awaiting all the great adventures that are in store. We are anxiously awaiting our field trips, especially the zoo, foam party, outdoor water play, tasty treats like popsicles, exploring and making memories with our bubble buddies. Please remember to take water bottles home weekly for washing. We look forward to a summer filled with fun, learning, laughter, and spending time together.

Ms. Aliyah and Ms. Kourtney

infants. Throughout the Summer, we will focus on creating meaningful experiences that encourage curiosity, social interaction, sensory development, and motor growth in a safe and nurturing environment. Looking back at May, with our Space lesson plan, our little learners enjoyed a constellation projector, Moon, and planet sensory bottles, rocketship songs and fingerplays, soft textured planet balls, black-and-silver art experiences. For our Transportation lesson plan, we explored toy cars and ramps, bus and train music, sensory bins with vehicles, rolling and pushing activities, and transportation-themed story time. These activities supported language development, hand-eye coordination, sensory exploration, and early social interactions.

In June, we will be exploring lesson plans like Up in the Sky where children will explore clouds, airplanes, birds, hot air balloons, rainbows, and sunshine. Our Summer Vacation lesson plan will introduce beach fun, picnics, ice cream pretend play, summer colors and textures, and outdoor exploration. We will continue supporting early communication skills through singing songs and nursery rhymes, reading interactive books naming colors, animals, and objects, encouraging gestures and simple words, practicing turn-taking during play, providing opportunities for social interactions.

Please remember to check cubbies daily for artwork and notes. Thank you!

Ms. Drea and Ms. Torria

Young Toddlers

2-1/2's

It's almost summer and we are saying Hello to hot, summer weather! If you haven't already, please check in with us about sunscreen. Also, a friendly reminder to take home cold weather gear and bring in those sun hats, swimsuits, and closed-toe water shoes. This past month was filled with fun activities. Our lesson plan themes were Space and Veterinarians. We did fun scientific activities like chemical reaction rocketships and exploring gravity with different objects during our Space lesson. For our Veterinarian lesson, we will be hosting our very own pretend Vet Clinic. We continue to learn so many things in the best way we know how and that is through fun and play! Come and join us any day to observe or partake in our educational fun and learn some of our favorite activities and songs.

Ms. Sam and Ms. Julia

Young 3's

Hi all, summer is right around the corner. We've been getting independent in our three-year old era and starting to do different jobs every day along with knowing the weather and days of the week. In our weather unit, we made rain sounds with watering cans, laced beads on pipe cleaners and half plates to make storm clouds. We matched fruit loops to colored rainbow strips, stuck orange and yellow pipe cleaners in Styrofoam to make

A tremendous amount of social and emotional development takes place during early childhood in our classroom. As your child's social world expands, they learn more about their emotions as well as those of other people. This month we worked on socio-emotional development in the classroom. We provide the opportunity for the children to develop skills for entering social groups, developing friendships, and learning to help. The activities we do are very simple. A simple dump and fill activity can help the children socialize. By sitting on the floor with the children with the activity, the children's favorite is dumping and filling with straws. We encourage socializing between the children as well as with us while playing. The children also interact with each other as we create classroom collages, read stories, and catch bubbles. Socio-emotional development is continuously happening. Just a reminder, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside every day. Thank you!

Ms. Diana and Ms. Liz

Toddlers

This month we prepared ourselves for the warm summer months as we did a lesson plan based on Camping. We also included a Space theme as we camped out underneath the stars and added a Wisconsin aspect to our lesson plan as Wisconsin is a beautiful place to go

sunrises and we made a tornado effect using 2 water bottles. We listened to a tornado warning and hid around the room. We also did a lot of art projects. Feel free to start bringing in swimsuits to leave in cubbies and sunscreen if you don't want your child to use Grandma's House sunscreen. Also, please make sure you're keeping your child's cubby updated with extra clothes, especially if they are starting to potty train. Remember to keep water bottles at school and take them home every Friday to wash. Please be sure they are filled in the morning ready to go for the day. As always, if you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to talk to us at pick up or drop off or send us a message in the app.

Ms. Jenn and Ms. Becca

3's

We wanted to start off by saying how thankful we are for how special you all made us feel for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week! We truly love being your child's teacher. During May we spent a lot of time enjoying our favorite things – being out in nature, drawing (we are getting really good at drawing figures), and loving some dramatic play. We are so excited to engage with some more sensory play with water, mud from our garden, and whatever else we can find! Since we will be doing a lot of outdoor sensory play this summer – please update your child's cubby with sun hat, swimsuit, closed-toe water shoes, towel, and extra

camping. We sat around our campfire and sang songs like *A Camping We Will Go* and the *Campfire Pokey*. We did a sensory activity feeling things found in nature like bark, grass, and leaves and we also tasted "moon cheese" (Swiss cheese). We turned off the lights and took a night hike through our classroom using a flashlight. Speaking of warmer weather, we would like to remind you to please take a moment to go through your child's cubby and take home any clothes that are too small and bring in clothes for the summer. Of course, with this being Wisconsin, it's always a good idea to leave some cooler weather clothes, too.

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

clothes. Please be sure to connect with us regarding sunscreen; let us know if you would like to use Grandma's House provided sunscreen or bring your own sunscreen from home. Thanks!

Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Megan

4's

As the weather is warming up, please check cubbies for appropriate attire. I'm trying to get our friends to the park or the creek at least once a week. We've been working on our preschool skills such as letter tracing, drawing pictures, and telling a story about what we drew. The 4-year-olds continue to enjoy making designs with Perler beads. This activity increases attention span, focus, attention to detail, small motor, and hand/eye coordination. We also added a Lego train set with tracks to the classroom and we've enjoyed building and working together. We're very excited for the Summer Program to begin so we can head out on some fun Summer field trips!

Ms. Celeste and Ms. Samon



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