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## Growing Highlights

JUNE 2026



Dear Families,

Happy summer! This is such a wonderful time of year in Wisconsin, especially after a long winter. With the arrival of summer comes one of the children's favorite activities at the center—field trips and bus rides!

Please keep a copy of the field trip calendar so you can stay informed about when your child will be going. To help keep everyone safe and organized, children will wear yellow or red field trip T-shirts and we also provide additional staff on every trip.

These outings are a fun and exciting experience for both the children and staff. To ensure a smooth departure, please have your child arrive at least 30 minutes early so we can prepare properly. If your child misses the bus, we may not have space available in other groups for them that day.

Another summer topic is water bottles. Please, please, please take your child's water bottle home to wash regularly. Water bottles often need special attention in the straw area so as not to have mold growing. We just cannot be responsible for washing every child's water bottle regularly.

The ProCare app has an office chat and a classroom chat. If you send a message through the office chat, I am the only one that can see it. If you want the teachers to be able to see a message, please send through the classroom chat. Thanks for your help. I do not have my phone on me while in classrooms and it can take a while for me to see an office message.

Hope you all have a wonderful start to summer!

*Thanks,*

*Jane Sweet*

Director

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**PLAN AHEAD!**

*Wednesday, June 24th*

\*Roads around Grandma's House  
will be CLOSED from *8 AM - 10 PM.*

Tour of Hartland Bike Race



- 3 Michael K.
- 5 Ms. Kristin
- 7 Ms. Carie
- 10 Olivia T.
- 12 Timothy P.
- 17 Kolten L.
- 21 Cameron C.
- 21 Amara L.
- 27 Scarlett E.
- 27 Ms. Shannon
- 28 Amelia F.
- 29 Everly E.
- 30 Claire H.
- 30 Emmett W.



*On celebrating  
anniversaries with  
Grandma's House*

- Ms. Kristine 19 Years*
- Ms. Suzanne 5 Years*
- Ms. Bree 4 Years*
- Ms. Leyla 1 Year*



### *Polliwogs, Infants*

Over the past month, we have had our focus on fine motor skills, such as opening and closing hands and using a pincer grasp. We also encourage movements like reaching for and grabbing nearby items. For example, during diaper changes, table activities, and one on one time with a teacher, we hand toys to babies so they can practice! Playing on the floor to practice sitting with and without support builds the core muscle group to help with other gross motor skills they will learn on their road of development. Giving babies different opportunities to use their bodies while playing builds confidence in trying new movements.

The babies have also enjoyed the pleasure of being read aloud to, turning the pages of a book on their own, and our singing voices during songs (even if it's off key!). You can find the songs we are singing to match our theme on our parent board and in the message that we send on Monday morning of each new lesson plan.

*Ms. Kristine and Ms. Shannon*

### *Forest Friends, Older Infants*

### *Little Ravens, 2.5's*

June is here, which means Summer has begun. We are just two weeks away from the Summer Program and we are excited. If your child is moving on, we will miss you, but we look forward to still seeing you around. Our friends have been busy both in the classroom and outside. We are continuing to practice patience and taking turns, especially with the two popular wooden wheelbarrows on the playground. In the classroom, we are also working on using quieter voices. We love strong-willed children but loud voices can hurt ears, so we would appreciate your support with this at home. Thankfully, we will be spending plenty of time outside, which gives children more space to be active and expressive. Reading is one activity that really helps create a calmer environment and we love sharing that joy with your child. We also enjoy bringing in children's books that our own children love. If you have a favorite book at home that you would like us to share with the class, please feel free to send it in.

*Ms. Kelly and Ms. Mo*

Happy June! We finally made it to Summer! Starting June 15, we begin our Summer Program and will be transiting from Forest Friends to the Cuddle Bugs with Ms. Ruth and Ms. Leyla. Ms. Kayla will be in the next classroom with our friends who are moving up. During the Summer, we are outside whenever we get the chance and are engaging in water play often. We ask if you could please bring closed-toe water shoes, swim diapers, sun hat, towel, and sunscreen if your child does not use Grandma's House provided sunscreen. This past month, a lot of our friends have been doing a great job reaching their goals and milestones. We look forward to continuing working with them and seeing them grow over the next month.

*Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kayla*

### ***Mini Meerkats, Toddlers***

Summer is here! We are so excited to see the summer sun finally arrive. Our class will utilize the weather and spend most of our days outside doing our daily activities. Last month, we were very interested in birds and the sounds they make. We see them daily while we play outside and listen to them chirp all day. We used popcorn kernels, feathers, paper rolls, and eggs in our sensory bins. Art was made using feathers as a painting material, bird-like feet pipe cleaners that made bird tracks, and flower inspired art. We finished the rest of the month having fun with pizza.

### ***Leopards, 3's***

We are only two weeks away from the Summer Program and I could not be more excited! This past month we have been learning about Colors and Shapes. Our favorite activity during our Color unit was tasting different colored food each day, especially lime day. Throughout both units, we have done a lot of gluing with glue sticks, stickers, and painting/stamping. We also started learning about Bugs and Insects and will continue this unit through the start of the Summer Program. The children have already been finding worms, caterpillars, ants, June bugs, and spiders on the playground so we are off to a good start! As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns!

*Ms. Desi*

### ***Stallions, 3-4's***

We can't believe that Summer is almost here! We have been soaking up the time we have with a couple of friends that are leaving for the summer. We have also been enjoying the nice weather spending as much time outside as possible, including snack times!

In May, we learned about Veggies and The Pond. For our Veggie lesson plan, we painted with broccoli and made a healthy snack with rice cakes, yogurt, and strawberries. For our Pond lesson plan, we learned about the different components of a pond, played with a frog egg sensory bin,

We made pizzas, painted our pizzas, and played pretend making pizzas. It was a fun way to end the school year program. As we go into the Summer Program, you might have seen a clue to our new classroom name. Our name will change to The Happy Hot Dogs. You could start to bring in summertime clothes and gear anytime now. We will be doing water play when temperatures rise. It is best to bring in a swimsuit or sun shirt, water shoes (closed toed), and sun hat. Please practice sun hat and water shoes at home so your child is familiar with them at day care. Don't forget, insulated water bottles are best for hot days outside. We will encourage your child to drink water throughout their day, especially on the playground. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out—we're excited and looking forward to a wonderful summer!

*Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree*

### ***Muddy Piggies, 2's***

Summer is finally here! We enjoyed buggy rides and practiced walking hand in hand. This past month, we learned about farms and watched the older children help build the center garden. We also made garden signs for the vegetables that were planted. During our Farm lesson, we matched farm animals to their homes, painted with animal feet, and explored foods grown on a farm by tasting different vegetables. During our Spring Weather lesson, we watched the rain and stomped in puddles

and painted with fly swatters.

As we gear up for Summer, we ask that you clean out your child's cubby and switch out more weather appropriate clothes. Also, please take home all winter items and bring in a swimsuit, towel, and closed-toe swim shoes for your child. Please bring in a two piece swim suit for girls so it's easier to go to the bathroom. Thank you!

*Ms. Emily and Ms. Bry*

### ***Highland Cows, 4's***

We have been enjoying the beautiful weather. The children love playing outside, going for walks and sitting out front watching the cars go by, especially when drivers honk at them. During our Spring unit, we planted grass and wildflowers and watched them grow. We also made flower pictures using the letters in our names and have been working hard on spelling our names. Each child brought home a name book to keep practicing this skill.

As many of you know, I will be leaving to pursue my next opportunity. It has been an honor to be your child's teacher over the years and I will miss them very much.

*Ms. Chantel*

### ***Highland Cows, School Age***

Happy June, School-Agers and Families! This past month, we spent lots of time outside—and we'll keep enjoying

on the playground. We also matched raindrops and cloud colors with suns. The children had so much fun using glue sticks to add cotton balls to paper, placing yellow tissue paper on blue paper, and creating a raindrop collage with blue paper and contact paper.

*Ms. Tricia and Ms. Keurstyn*

fresh air now that the weather is warm and summery! We'll continue learning about plants and bugs and we'll use natural materials in our crafts and projects. We're also in the home stretch of the school year. Thank you for continuing to encourage your child to finish strong—I can't wait for all the fun we'll have together this summer.

### **June Learning Highlights**

*\*Nature Explorations:* observing insects, plant parts, and seasonal changes.

*\*Reading & Writing:* short reading passages, journaling, and sharing about our outdoor discoveries.

*\*Math in the Real World:* counting, measuring, and simple graphs using items we find outside.

*\*Social Skills:* teamwork, taking turns, and kind communication during games and group work.

### **How You Can Support Learning at Home**

*\*Read together:* 10–15 minutes a day (even comics and magazines count!). Ask: “What was your favorite part?”

*\*Go on a mini nature walk:* look for 3 things that are growing, 2 insects, and 1 interesting texture.

*\*Practice math naturally:* measure ingredients, count steps, or sort and graph snacks (by color/shape).

*\*Build independence:* have your child pack their bag, lay out clothes, and follow a simple checklist.

*Ms. Lindsey*



## 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**