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Summer Program

Live 2 Play



Hello families!

Hope everyone is having a good summer. Our Summer Picnic is just around the corner. I hope you can join us for lots of fun! Wiberg is a beautiful pool and there is also an awesome picnic. Hope to see you there!

I am working on Fall class lists now. If anything has changed, please let me know as soon as possible. We are excited to be a part of the Get Kids Ready program that was signed into

existence by Governor Evers. This is a program for all children who are 4K eligible to be able to stay at the center for 4K at reduced tuition rates. The children also have the option here to attend Hartland North in the PM if they are eligible to go there. The children here attending both programs will receive a double dose of 4K! Please see me if you have questions.

Just a few reminders:

*If your child is scheduled to attend, we need to know by 10am if he/she is not coming to make sure that he/she is okay and safe.

*If you send a person to pick up your child and we do not know about it, we will not release your child to the person. We need to hear from you and the person needs a photo ID. Also, even if they are on the paperwork, but you have not told us, we will still call to make sure. We do everything we can to keep all the children safe.

*Water bottles should be taken home frequently to get washed. We do not wash, just rinse them and refill. Some of them have those straws that need to be cleaned with a brush to prevent mold. We just cannot clean 100 water bottles here.

*We are closing at 3:00 p.m. on Friday August 28th for room changeover and staff development so please plan accordingly.

Working in early childhood has always been a passion for me. I can say I truly love my job. I have been doing this for over 28 years now. Children all want the same thing, to be cared for, played with, and loved. We try our best here to provide all that! Some things we work really hard at is teaching manners and learning to accept the word no or stop. When we pass food for snack and lunch, we ask the children to say please and thank you, not just "I want more," or "give me more". Good manners is a skill that will aid a person throughout a lifetime, and it starts now, as a toddler. Learning to accept the word no, or that you cannot have something right when you want it, is also such an important skill. Life is full of joy, but also disappointments. Learning to accept disappointments builds resiliency in a person. It is okay to feel sad about something, but it is not okay to hit or throw your body down in a tantrum. We try to help our little friends learn this daily. Working on this at home will also help and is appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Jane Sweet, Director

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Saturday, 8/22
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Save
The
Date*

**GRANDMA'S HOUSE
DAY AT THE**

POOL *and a*
PICNIC

Zero Depth Pool | Big Pool | Water Slide Geysers
 Sand Play Area & Playground | Lunch | Ice Cream

MEET & MINGLE WITH OTHER FAMILIES



**WIBERG AQUATIC | PICNIC AREA 9
 BROOKFIELD, WI**

*Meet & Mingle
 with
 families from
 Grandma's House*

There is still time
 to RSVP

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Join Us
 Rain or Shine



July

1	Ellie S.
1	Ms. Leyla
4	Taylor M.
6	Sequoia S.
9	Kai R.
11	Isabelle S.
11	Scarlett N.
13	Giovanni C.
15	Ms. Ruth
19	Maren P.
19	Weston J.
21	Chase S.
22	Braelyn P.

26 Jack H.
30 Jackson N.
30 Jack H.

August

1 Tenley B.
10 Mr. Barron
11 Adelyn S.
12 Benjamin C.
14 Bodie W.
18 Ms. Michele
19 Mr. Scott
20 Holden H.
20 Ms. Desi
22 Paisley K.
23 Logan S.
25 Ruby C.
28 Auggie S.

CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

July

Ms. Sheryl 34 Years

August

Ms. Jane 28 Years

Ms. Christie 28 Years

Ms. Tricia 16 Years

Ms. Bry 5 Years

Ms. Desi 5 Years

Little Firecrackers - Ms. Kristine and Ms. Shannon

The warm weather of summer provides endless opportunities for babies to experience new textures, sounds, sights, and smells. We do our best to spend time outside each day on the playground and going for walks around the neighborhood.

When we are on the playground and the babies are laying on the play mat, it may look like nothing is happening. But during this time, your baby is working on their gross motor skills.

Gross motor skills are the ability to control muscles for large movements like crawling, walking, running and more!

Gross motor skills for your baby are holding their head steady, looking side to side, tolerating tummy time, reaching for toys while on the floor, kicking their legs, and moving their arms while laying on their backs. These types of movements are important for young children to practice as they develop because they help children learn how to coordinate and control their body movements.

Being outdoors also gives us the opportunity to be messy! Engaging in sensory play is always fun and a great way to explore with all our senses. Water play is a great way to cool off on a hot day and can keep a child's attention for long periods of time. Try this at home: Place a cookie sheet with a small amount of water and some toys in front of your baby while they do tummy time or on the tray of their highchair. Add a new element to the play by adding some ice cubes dyed with food coloring (1 to 2 drops). Let your child explore the cold, melting ice.

Sensory play is a fantastic way to support your baby's development while having fun. Summer offers unique opportunities to explore and engage with the world around them.

Cuddle Bugs - Ms. Ruth and Ms. Leyla

Happy Summer! We are halfway through Summer! We are enjoying spending more time outside building skills as the children learn through play and discovery. The children gain confidence by practicing tummy time, movement, crawling, pulling up, and interacting with others. We have been learning about stars & stripes and water. Some of our activities involved using paper towel tubes to paint with red and blue paint on white paper. Children develop fine motor skills as they hold the tube and stamp the paper. Another fun activity during our water unit was splashing in the sensory bins and scooping/dumping water. We are excited to continue watching our little friends grow and develop the rest of this summer.

Happy Hot Dogs - Ms. Andrea and Ms. Kayla

And just like that, the Summer Program is almost over... we have been busy taking in all the summer weather. It has been nice and hot for us to enjoy waterplay quite a bit. Waterplay is our favorite activity to do during the summer. The children love to splash, scoop, pour, catch fish in nets, float boats, and throw balls in the water. This is a great way to practice our fine motor and gross motor skills as well as learning to play and communicate with friends. We had many Camping and 4th of July activities which included making firework art, a camping sensory bin, dancing with streamers, and singing songs about summer.

Our playground was under construction for a few days too and we took advantage of it by taking many walks around town. The new turf looks great and the children enjoy exploring it.

The rest of summer is going to fly by fast so don't forget to take time and enjoy those summer days with family. To end the summer, don't forget about the Family picnic on August 22 at Wiberg Aquatic center in Brookfield. Hope to see you there!

Puddle Jumpers - Ms. Tricia and Ms. Keurstyn

Summer Water Play

It sure has been hot, so we have been enjoying water play as often as we can! The children explore with squishy toys, buckets, scoopers, and watering cans. They love dancing and jumping through puddles—and, of course, sitting in them to cool off. These playful experiences support sensory exploration, gross motor development, and social engagement.

Ice Cream Fun

In the classroom, we completed a unit on ice cream. Our favorite activity was exploring all things ice cream during our Ice Cream Party, including the toppings. This gave the children opportunities to use their senses, practice language skills, and engage in pretend play.

America's Colors

During our America's Colors unit, the children:

- *Created red, white, and blue collages while practicing how to hold and use glue sticks.
 - *Strengthened fine motor skills by peeling and placing stickers on their collages.
 - *Marched to parade music while waving streamers.
 - *Painted with forks, star cookie cutters, and crayons to finish the unit with a bang!
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Mini Water Bottles - Ms. Kelly and Ms. Mo

We can't believe how quickly summer is flying by! We have been having so much fun and keeping very busy with all our adventures. One of the biggest highlights has been our field trips! Riding the bus is an exciting experience and learning how to safely hold the railing and walk up and down the bus stairs took a little practice but we have some bus riding pros now!

Our first trip was to the zoo, and even with all that walking, everyone did an awesome job. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent chaperones, Denise and Sarah, we couldn't have done it without you! Since then, we explored parks, cooled off at splash pads, bounced around indoor gyms, and even enjoyed some special visitors right here at the center. Our Foam Party and animal visitors were definitely crowd favorites!

With these hot summer days, we have been making the most of water play on the

playground. There are lots of smiles, splashes, and giggles, and it's easily our favorite way to beat the heat!

Lately, we have also been working on trying all the foods on our lunch plates. We never force anyone to eat something they don't like, but we do encourage everyone to take at least one taste of their main entrée before asking for extra fruit, bread, or, on special days, chips. More times than not, we realize it tastes better than we might think!

You may have noticed an increase in biting in our classroom recently. While it hasn't been something we've dealt with for quite a while, these phases can pop up from time to time in a toddler classroom. Please know we're keeping a close eye on everyone, stepping in quickly when needed, and helping our friends learn gentle hands, kind choices, and better ways to communicate. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We're all working together to help everyone have a safe and happy day!

We hope you're enjoying a summer full of fun and we can't wait to see what adventures the rest of the season brings!

Reef Dwellers - Ms. Desi and Ms. Faith

How is it already August?? The summer sure is flying by! We have been spending most of our time outside doing water play, especially last month! It has been so, so hot! We've also been filling our days with awesome field trips to splash pads, parks, indoor play places, and all of the super fun field trips that come to us! The Foam Party and Ms. Kim's Animals are definitely fan favorites! It was so heartwarming to see all the children's faces light up as each animal was brought out. They were all so kind to the animals and were so brave about touching them. The only thing some of the children were a little nervous about was holding the bird...and I don't blame them! We started the summer learning about Fireworks and used cut up paper towel tubes to paint some red, white and blue fireworks on paper. We then transitioned into learning about Fruits. We painted with lemons and limes, counted watermelon seeds, and played together in our new sensory table! The table was filled with rice, toy apples, scoopers, and muffin tins. The children sorted the red, green, and yellow apples into the muffin tins. We're starting this month finishing up our ocean lesson plan and will finish our summer learning about the Zoo and Zoo animals! I can't even fathom that I'm talking about the end of summer already, it goes by too fast! As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns!

Wildflowers - Ms. Emily and Ms. Bry

We hope everyone is having a great summer. We have been having a blast in the classroom so far! We have gone on lots of field trips and we have had a lot of fun field trips come to

us. We had Kim's Amazing Animals bring in some animals for us to interact with. We went to Wiberg Wading Pool and so many more!

We have been learning about the Zoo, the Fourth of July, and Frozen Treats. During our Zoo lesson, we created mystery art and painted with Q-Tips. During our Fourth of July lesson, we painted with forks to make fireworks, and had a yummy red, white, and blue snack. During our Frozen Treats lesson, we painted with ice cubes and made pudding popsicles.

As we gear up for most of the children getting ready to go to school, we continue to focus on their independence skills, social emotional skills, and solving conflicts on their own. One way you can help with their independence skills to get them ready is encouraging them to get dressed on their own, including socks and shoes. One way you can help with social emotional and problem-solving skills is to help them find the words they need to resolve a conflict on their own such as "I was playing with that, can I have it back please?" If you have any questions or want some tips, we are always here.

Spelunkers - Ms. Donna and Mr. Barron

Hello School Age families! It is hard to believe that summer is already halfway done. We have had a very busy first half of summer. We have explored caves/crystals, camping, and dinosaurs. We enjoyed digging for crystals, making lava slime, and playing lots of games. We have also had some very fun field trips with Lava Island and the Dock Hounds game being two of the favorites so far. We have also had some fun times doing water play at the center, including our "water balloon extravaganza" complete with special popsicles. As a reminder, please always have a swimsuit and closed-toe water shoes at the center. When it is really hot out, the only way we can go outside is if we do water play. We will be having a special BYOW (bring your own white) tie dye event on Wednesday, August 12. If your child would like to participate, they can bring one white cotton item (t-shirt, pillowcase, pants, socks, etc.) to tie-dye. The more cotton the item, the better it will take the dye. If your child is not here that day but would still like an item tie-dyed, they can bring it in before August 12th and I will tie-dye it for them. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

