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A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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Director Notes

Dear Parents,

What a month we had! Thanks to all the families that participated during the Month of the Young Child. Whether it was at Art Gallery Night, Breakfast with your child, Diversity Inservice, conference nights or the ice cream social, we always enjoy the opportunity to talk with you!

Class lists will be up and summer calendars will be out this month.

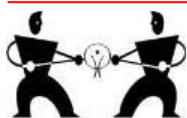
Calendars will be sent home in cubbies and class lists will be on my door. If you have a schedule change for the summer, please let me know as soon as possible.

One of our parents, Jason Hennen, is a lieutenant with the Elm Grove Police Department, and has brought to my attention a scam that is happening in our area. We have not had any car break-ins in our parking lot, but there is a group of people who are targeting cars parked at churches, parks, work out facilities and daycare centers. They break into the car, steal wallets or purses, and then try to cash fraudulent checks made out from the victims account. He said these people are smart and quick, and could take your purse in a matter of seconds, even in our very busy parking lot. Please make sure you either take your purse with you when you come inside the building, or put it in your trunk before you even head into the center. And, please lock your car! If you would like more information, you can visit this link <http://www.brookfieldnow.com/news/126181228.html>. As always, my door is always open!

Christie Dapelo, Director

Happy Birthday

3	Ms. Esther
7	Bennett Hahn
9	Tyler Kopp
9	Zachary Kopp
10	William Myers
11	Kyra Auchampach
14	Leah Czervionke
17	Beckett Blieferticht
18	Claire Fee
18	Sofia Vue
20	Malisa Gray
20	Isabel Multer
22	Mondes Kelly
23	Lauren Dapelo
24	Aubrey McNab
24	Simon Banda
24	Ms. Margarita
27	Evan Calado
29	Olivia Hoemke
30	Quinn Hathaway
30	Ms. Nikki S.
30	Ms. Kim
31	Madelyn Serdyski



THANK YOU!

We raised over \$1350 from our Art Gallery Night and will benefit Strain the Brain and UNICEF.



Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 7-11, 2012

Super Sleuths

We would like to thank all of the parents for doing such a great job on the children's "All About Me" Projects. They look terrific and let everyone see your child's true colors. It was fun seeing the results of everyone's creativity. We would also like to welcome Bennett to our room. Just a reminder that warmer weather is fast approaching and we would appreciate parents to start looking for and bringing in swimsuits for water play.

Ms Pam & Ms Joan

LITTLE WILD THINGS

We are sad to say goodbye to Will, Praveen, Lynn, Aidan, Corinne and JJ as they move up to the third baby room. We will welcome Kylie, Molly, Hannah, Joseph and Lucas! We would like to wish all of our Mom's a Happy Mother's Day. Please remember to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing.



Ms Selene & Ms Lao

Congratulations

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Jess	13 Years
Ms. Amy	12 Years
Ms. Nikki S.	4 Years
Ms. Rose	4 Years
Ms. Sandy	2 Years

Save The Date!

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Grandma's House Family Picnic

Wirth Aquatic Center

Watch for invitations with RSVP card!



Summer Program starts June 11th!



Watch for Summer Class Lists & Field Trip Calendars* to be out by the middle of May!

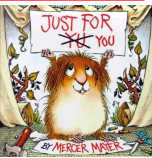
*Field Trip Calendars are due back by Friday, June 1st.

Sweetest Things



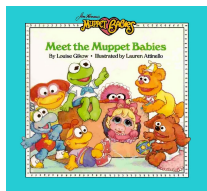
This past month has been quite eventful! We enjoyed our Goofs and Giggles Unit as well as our Spring Unit. We hope everyone enjoyed all of the special month of the Young Child activities. It's nice to see all of the families get together for events. This month we look forward to exploring earth and space and also zoo animals. To further expand our zoo unit, we are hoping to plan a family outing to the zoo on May 19th or 20th. Please let us know if you would be interested. *Ms Megan & Ms Sandy*

LITTLE CRITTERS



Spring is in full bloom even though some days are still cold. Our circus unit, we had lots of fun making our own clowns. We even played with vanilla pudding which they all loved. Everyone did a wonderful job on the All About Me project. We are continuing to reach our developmental skills with all of our friends. Bennett is eating center food, drinking out of his sippy cup and now fully walking...how exciting! Beckett is standing on his own thinking of potentially walking. He is again continuing to eat different foods at snack time. Quinn is trying more center food and really enjoying it. Tyler reached a great milestone...he signed "more" and loves eating the center food! Zachary is trying to pull himself up and get down on the floor. Kate is working on crawling and is making progress! She does a great job with the sippy cup. Ali loves eating the center food. She is getting used to going outside. Jake is a great eater! He also does a great job crawling all over the place. Elliott is trying new foods like tater tots and waffles. He is a great eater and loves to try new things. *Ms Esther & Ms Kelly*

Muppet Babies



Bugs, Bugs and more bugs! This month we are learning all about creepy crawlers! Some of our activities include singing the Itsy Bitsy Spider, reading The Grouchy Ladybug, and painting butterflies. Come check out our flowers growing on the patio! They are getting big!

Ms Margarita & Ms Michelle

Little Einsteins

We certainly have been taking advantage of our wonderful weather. There are several classroom themes planned for us to "get up and go!" Did you know that Passport to Play at the West Suburban YMCA is a free program for some healthy fun for the whole family? It occurs on Saturdays from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. The program ends on June 9th. For more information visit www.ycamke.org/activities/family. A big thank you to all of our families who participated in the Month of the Young Child!



Ms Melissa & Ms Nancy

Positively Poppins



"Old Ms. Amy and Old Ms. Katie had a farm and on that farm they had the Positively Poppins." And what are they learning? Well, we have learned about eggs, gardens and farm life. Almost every day we ask the children a question pertaining to our theme. Here are some of their answers:

What veggie grows in the garden?

Nathan – That's a potato
Nico – Peas
Paige – Broccoli
Will – Eggplant
Gabriel – Broccoli
Spencer – Carrots
Noah – Onion

What lives in an egg?

Anderson – A pillar (caterpillar)
Edward – Chicken
Oliver – This Froggy
Charlie D. – Chicken in it

And nobody can resist making farm animal noises. Moooving along to oceans...see you soon!
Ms Amy & Ms Katie

MICKEY MOUSE CLUBHOUSE



We are excited about the weather change because we are ready to plant some flowers in our garden outside. We are looking forward to our Cinco de Mayo unit.

We would like to invite parents and children to a fiesta! The party will be held on Friday, May 4th from 5:00-6:00 pm. We will provide authentic foods and maybe a dance or two! Katrese will bring in tacos and churros and Chelsea will bring in Tamales, Flan and Mexican soda. If you haven't had a chance to meet other parents, a party is a good way to start!

Ms Katrese & Ms Chelsea

STUDENT CROSSING



We hope that everyone is enjoying the spring season! We have been enjoying the weather. Please take a minute to look at our changing seasons board located on our white cabinet by the door. We would like to extend an invite to all of the mothers in our class to save the date for May 11th. We will be talking about farm and we are going to have a "farm" lunch. Everything served will come from a farm. A signup sheet will be on our parent board for items to be brought in. We hope everyone can make it! We also need your help... We are planning on doing a recycling unit and are looking for lots and lots of recyclables. Anything from the bag oranges come in to shampoo bottles, pump soap containers, yogurt containers, plastic bags, etc. The children will be measuring, building, sorting and even starting to make our own compost pile. Everything is welcome! We have milk crates next to our sensory table that we are using to start our collection. Thanks, for your help and we hope to see lots of moms on the 11th.

Ms Jess & Ms Holly

♥ CPR/First Aid Classes ♥

Grandma's House offers American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Saver w/AED and Medic First Aid Pediatric training through PULSES to our staff. Parents are also welcome to participate in this training. This is a great opportunity to learn how to handle emergency situations should they arise.

Our next class is **Saturday, June 2, 2012** at our Tosa Center from 8:30 -11:30 am. The cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested, please see Christie to sign up.