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Growing Highlights

February 2019

Dear Parents,

Winter is upon us and it seems to have hit us quickly, all in one weekend! As the weather allows, our teachers are working to ensure that the children still get outside to enjoy some fresh air. Thank you for bringing in boots, hats, mittens, snow pants, and warm coats so that we can bundle the children up. We appreciate you taking the time to label everything, and if you are ever missing an item, be sure to double check the lost and found just outside of the main entrance. It might take us 20 minutes to help get everyone dressed, but the kids need that opportunity to explore the outdoors, even if it is just running around for 10 minutes! By the way, if it is too cold to venture outside, the classrooms have lots of gross motor activities to enjoy including tunnels, balls, hippity-hops, hula hoops, and parachutes. Finally, we are working hard to keep winter germs to a minimum for our children. Our teachers always wash their hands when they arrive every day; please help us in the mornings by washing your child's hands at drop off time.

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day, we invite you to read a story to your child's classroom on Friday, March 1st. Please see the sign up in your child's classroom to pick a time that is most convenient for you!

Here's hoping that the groundhog does not see his shadow and we have an early spring!

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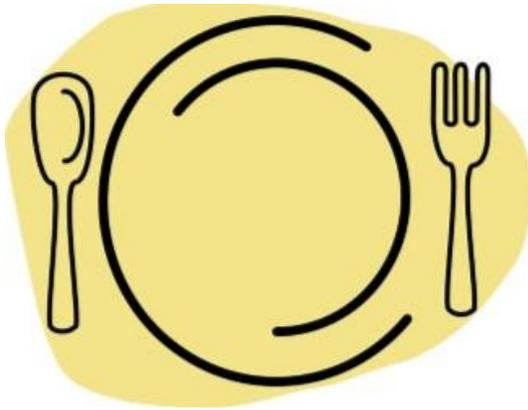
Sunday, June 9, 2019

Grandma's House Annual Family Picnic

Upcoming Events

PJ & Book Drive ~ Starting 2/18

NOTES FROM GRANDMA'S KITCHEN



Did you know...

Fresh or Frozen fruits and vegetables are used in our snacks & lunches instead of canned fruits and vegetables.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Little Sprouts

Welcome new families! Our new infants are adjusting well to their surroundings. We have all been enjoying tummy time, bubbles, music and stories. In February, we will explore units on “Things That Go” and “Nursery Rhymes”. We will continue to build skills needed to roll, sit and engage with others.

Ms. Ericka, Infants

Cabbage Patch Kids

Babies, babies, babies at play! What are we learning and doing each day? With our January informal parent teacher

Lemon Head Crew

The Lemonheads have had an amazing start to the 2019 New Year. Our children have experienced a vast amount of growth in all areas of their development and we are excited to keep the momentum going. Our last lesson plan consisted of math, science and self-help concepts. This month we will continue to work on these concepts and will also be incorporating social-emotional and color concepts into the fold. We look forward to achieving this through our next lesson plan which will talk about feelings.

Ms. Zee & Ms. Mia, 2-1/2's

Strawberry Shortcakes

conferences, we had a great time sharing how your child is learning and growing each day. How your child plays, learns, speaks and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age and can vary from child to child as to when they achieve them. By knowing these milestones for your child's age, you can act early by talking to your pediatrician if you have any concerns or questions in regards to your child's development. Feel free to ask us for activities that you can do at home to help your child continue to grow and learn. Reminders: Please put labels on your child's bottle (not the top), on their car seats and have a warm hat, snowsuit and mittens in their cubbies.

Ms. Judeen & Mrs. Jefferson, Infants

Veggie Tales

Last month the Veggie Tales crew celebrated a special birthday. A. A. Milne, the creator of Winnie the Pooh, would have celebrated his 137th birthday on January 18th. The children got to work on their small motor skills by unwrapping presents and some children got to enjoy a

We have been keeping very active and busy in the two year old room! The children have mastered color matching and labeling, naming animals, drawing a vertical line, and jumping with both feet off the ground. We will continue as always to practice self-help skills like getting dressed and washing hands.

Ms. Shaparis, 2's

Zany Zucchinis

We had a very busy month in our classroom. One of our themes was a "Revisit to our favorite books". One of our goals was to identify the parts of a book. When at home, please continue to reinforce this. Ask your child about the author, illustrator and the title page. We also have discussions and conversations to help understand the content of the story. Another theme we did was our five senses. Children love to learn using their senses to explore, observe and experiment. When cooking /baking at home, use scientific terminology and vocabulary like melting, solid, liquid, frozen, etc. A few reminders...Please read our daily message board. This is a great conversation starter as to what your child learned through play on that day. Also,

small treat of organic puffs the day of his birthday. We painted with orange and black paint, got to see and feel a real carrot and Eeyore sang us some songs when his hand or stomach was pushed. We learned about the different dinosaurs and did feet track painting, too. We learned about their different sizes and whether they were big or small. In February, we will learn about our teeth. We will play with teeters, read different stories about teeth and paint with toothpaste.

If you haven't done so already, please remember to bring in photos of your family, pets or anyone that is special to your child. We would like to put together a photo album that the children can look through whenever they want.

Ms. Christie & Ms. Melissa, 2nd Infants

Red Hot Chili Peppers

We hope the first month of 2019 has treated you well. We spent the month of January getting to know our friends who moved up from 002. It is always a pleasure to see the relationship of children who move up together from class to class! Also, using sign language is an ongoing theme here in room 003. We are constantly doing

please check your child's cubby for season appropriate clothing. Spills and accidents do happen and we have had several friends sad because they had to borrow Grandma's House clothing. Finally, remember weather permitting we go outside twice daily. Please have labeled outdoor clothing here everyday.

Ms. Lynn & Ms. Nicole, 3's

Wild Berries

January was a busy month for us. Our themes were super heroes and Barbies. We worked on ABA patterns with color pom poms, we read books and enjoyed making playdough. It was also fun to bring out the super hero prop box and the Barbie dolls and house. During our next lesson plan, we will be working on shapes and numbers and being able to label them. We will also work on letter recognition and writing our names.

Ms. Jessica, 4's

Wild Watermelons

A new adventure begins in the school age room. During the day, there is a small group of older 4-year olds in the room and

signs that indicate the child's wants or needs. Some of the signs we use are: more, all done, eat, milk, and please. It is really great to actually see them get it. We strongly encourage families to continue this at home. We find it very helpful!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Pakou, Toddlers

Little Cuties

With the cold weather upon us, we have been spending more time inside with great and fun activities. We encourage our little friends to play in groups by having more social life play activities such as building towers with blocks together and taking turns knocking them down. Our main focus this month is to work on increasing our vocabulary language skills along with recognizing our family/friends in photos. We are going to be doing a lot of artwork to allow the children to express themselves creatively and have a chance to get messy through play.

Ms. Sam and Ms. Johnnetta, Toddlers

Bananas in Pajamas

This month we will be doing lesson plans on love and friendship. We will also be doing a Dr. Seuss themed lesson plan. We

then we combine with the school agers when they return in the afternoon. This month we learned how to play Yahtzee. We have been practicing our addition skills. We have also been enjoying ourselves with lots of art. The older fours have been learning about winter and we charted what happens during this time. We also explored what is living and non-living. We have really enjoyed reading lots of books about winter. Some of the silly books we liked were "Shh! We Have a Plan!" and "The Book With No Pictures." Next month we will be talking about pets and emotions.

Ms. Ami, School-Age

Happy Birthday

2	<i>Divina Lopez</i>
2	<i>Oliver Grassel</i>
4	<i>Anna Raskin</i>
9	<i>Calvin Zenisek</i>
11	<i>Kiariyon Billups</i>
11	<i>Ms. Sam</i>
12	<i>Roland Ensz</i>
18	<i>Lakendrick Campbell</i>
19	<i>Eliot Schumacher</i>
20	<i>Ms. Nicole W.</i>
23	<i>Emmaliese Podd</i>

have been spending a lot of time indoors due to the cold weather. We try to keep active by dancing to the sounds of music. Our Banana friends enjoy all the art activities we have been doing. We are also keeping busy by counting items in our room. Shapes and colors have been a big part of our lesson plans. We talk about big and small by asking questions such as "Where is the big heart?" or "Where is the small heart?" We love teaching, loving and caring for our little banana friends.
Ms. Salessa & Ms. Brittannie, Almost 2's

26 Cyrus Neuberger

26 Austin Temke

Congratulations!

On celebrating anniversaries with
Grandma's House!

Ms. Rosanne 20 Years