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## Growing Highlights

December 2018

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Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and looking forward to the holiday season. We have had so many new families join our Grandma's House family lately. I just wanted to remind everyone that if you ever have a question, please do not hesitate to ask! It is a lot of new information when you begin a new child care situation. We strive to make sure every family knows that we are here to discuss anything you may wish to discuss. Also, we do have an ACH payment option that we can implement so you do not have to leave a check each week. Tuition is due in advance of each week of attendance.

I hope that many of you can come to our Annual Holiday Babysitting Night, December 8th, 4-8 pm. We donate our time and we accept whatever donation you can make to help local families in need. It is a fun night of crafts, movie, dinner, games, and more!

Please look at the back door for the Giving Tree! If you can, please take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap it, and put the tag back on it. The gifts can be dropped off in my office by Friday, December 21st. They will then be delivered to the families that weekend in time for Christmas. We have been doing this for the past 12 years and each year our babysitting night and Giving Tree seem to grow.

*Jane Sweet, Director*

## Price Listing 2019

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Grandma's House CLOSED:  
*Monday & Tuesday, 12/24 - 12/25*  
*Monday & Tuesday, 12/31 - 1/1/19*

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### NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

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#### *Rainbow Fish*

We are seeing so much change around us and especially in The Rainbow Fish room. We first want to welcome all the new families that have recently joined our classroom and want to thank you for letting us be part of your lives. To our recent graduates and families who are moving on to the next room, we know you will do great things and we will miss you all. We are in the heart of the holiday season and have many things to celebrate all around us. Our room has been

#### *The Lorax*

We are having lots of fun in our classroom everyday. We explored Apples, Pumpkins and Turkeys in November. We hope everyone met our turkey named Francis. The children really enjoyed making feathers for Francis by coloring milk filters with markers. Ms. Donna helped the children spray the filters to brighten the colors up. They always made sure Francis was watching them. We also had fun painting with cranberries by

experiencing many things we would like to celebrate as well. We have seen so much growth this year in all the children and celebrate every milestone we cross. We have new rollers, new crawlers, new eaters, and new grabbers. So much newness in the room is very exciting for all. We want to remind all the families that with snow comes the salty sidewalks. As a precaution, we would ask that you use the blue booties outside our door when entering the room or remove your shoes to prevent any unwanted debris to be tracked into the room. Thanks in advance. If you have any questions or just want to get to know us better we welcome all conversations.

*Ms. Andrea K. & Ms. Kristine, Infants*

#### *Lunch*

We will be working on Music and Holiday themes and will enjoy using drum sticks to paint with, and we will listen to and sing holiday songs. A child portfolio focus we will be working on is *to throw a ball*. Many times a toddler will throw a toy instead of a ball. I encourage them to throw a ball instead of a toy. Hopefully, by demonstrating that throwing a ball is an appropriate activity as opposed to throwing a toy, the children will eventually

dipping them in paint and rolling them around in paint. They had a lot fun shaking and rolling the cranberries. We also had fun painting with cookie cutters in the shape of a pumpkin. The children love playing outside, be sure to have a hat, mittens, boots and snowpants for your child.

*Ms. Shannon & Ms. Donna, 3's*

#### *A Bad Case of Stripes*

We have been having fun with our theme units of Colors and Shapes. We have been channeling our creative artistic side to create abstract art work. This month we are going to do two author studies on David Shannon and Eric Litwin. Our child portfolio focuses for the month are:

*\*writing our first and last names*

*\*identifying #1-10*

*\*Identifying the colors: red, blue, yellow, green, orange, black, white, purple*

*\*cutting on straight and curved lines*

*Ms. Amy, 4/5's*

#### *The Dot*

It seems as we get closer to the holidays, time just flies by. I hope everyone had a

learn to play with the toy and throw a ball. Another portfolio focus is *to regularly indicate wants using simple sign language*. Sometimes, learning sign language parallels learning verbal language. A toddler often times understands the meaning of the word before they begin to sign the language. For example, I will sign *to drink* and the toddler will point to the sippy cup indicating to drink as opposed to signing to drink. Eventually, some toddlers will begin to use the sign language *to drink* more often than pointing.

*Ms. Marti, Toddlers*

### *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*

This time of year there is a lot of hustle and bustle while families prepare for family gatherings, celebrations and gifts. We've noticed that your children bring wonderful gifts to our classroom and we would like to share them with you.

*Lucy - Wonder*

*Adley - Calm Nature*

*Lilly - Expressions*

*Sawyer - Enthusiasm*

*Czarlye - Dance moves*

*Adalind - Entertainer*

*Ariely - Curiosity*

wonderful Thanksgiving and got some good family time in. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the school age room was very busy with all things Thanksgiving. We played bingo, made watercolor turkeys, and even made cranberry glazed meatballs (these were a big hit with many of the kiddos - I am already getting requests for our next cooking adventure!). I want to remind families to please make sure they are sending appropriate, outdoor gear to school. We walk to and from school every day and it is starting to get quite chilly out. I also want to remind parents to please walk their child downstairs in the morning. It is important that the teacher in the room sees you so we can pass along any messages/notes. Have a wonderful holiday season.

*Ms. Donna, School Agers*

## Happy Birthday

2 *Kara Hoeft*

3 *Michael Bartz*

8 *Samuel Schroeder*

13 *Zachary LaCombe*

14 *Aleksander Duvnjak*

15 *Madelyn Miller*

16 *Novarae Parrish*

19 *Mackenzie Kempen*

*Nova - Nurturing*

We wish all of our families the gift of  
togetherness and joy throughout the year.

*Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly, Older Toddlers*

21 *Charlotte Baker*

22 *Henry Buechl*

22 *Jack Buechl*

29 *Decklin Whelan*

*Very Hungry Caterpillars*

Fall is going by so fast! We have been very busy exploring the fall weather and getting used to putting on all our warm weather gear. Please bring in outdoor gear and extra clothes. In November, we focused on the environment and kicking balls on the playground. We explored bugs, objects in the sky and listened to trains outside. We practiced kicking a variety of different sized balls on the playground, too. We also worked on sorting colors and matching shapes by using shape sorters, matching *Brown Bear*, *Brown Bear* flannel pieces, using shape cookie cutters to make cookies, dancing with colored ribbons, and counting colors and shapes throughout the classroom.

*Ms. Tricia & Ms. Chantel, 2's*

## Congratulations!

On celebrating anniversaries with  
Grandma's House!

*Mr. Carlos 8 Years*