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Growing Highlights

February 2019

Dear Parents,

Raise your hand if you are already done with the snow and cold! Each year I wonder why I still live in a state that requires me to wear so many layers of clothing for so much of the year. I am very much a shorts and flip flop person, not a scarf, coat, gloves and boots person.

Our parent group will be meeting later this month to discuss plans for the Month of the Young Child, our first ever Parent's Night Out, Conferences, Teacher Appreciation Week, Mom's Night Out and the Summer Program. Please shoot me an email or stop me if you would like to be a part of this group that meets a few times a year. A lot of great feedback is exchanged, as well as a few stories and lots of laughs!

As always, my door is always open!

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That moment when you
fake being asleep to help
your child fall asleep
and you accidentally
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take a 3 hour nap.

SAVE THE DATE

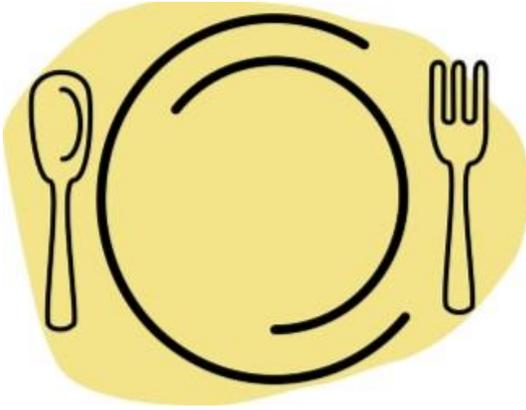
Sunday, June 9, 2019

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

Cuddle Bugs

Happy February! Springtime will be here before you know it but in the meantime, we will be working on a “hearts” unit and a “flowers” unit. During our hearts unit, we will be focusing on visual patterns and learning a new shape. Both units will be focusing on helping our infants gain a sense of self. We will do this by reading their “All About Me” books with them, mirror exploration, and looking at photos of ourselves. We will continue to work on raising our chests off the ground and we will also work on manipulating objects of different shapes, sizes, and colors. This is something you can have fun doing at home with your infant by giving them a

Disney Diehards

This month we will talk about Disney couples with hearts and different forms of transportation. The Disney couples we will look at are Mickey and Minnie, Donald and Daisy and Belle and Beast to name a few. In this unit we will categorize hearts by 1 or 2 attributes while at home this can be done while putting clothes away. For example, find all of the white socks. After that we will look at different forms of transportation from cars or trains to planes and buses. A form of transportation can be categorized by land, air and/or water. So while out with your family, you can look for different forms of transportation!

Ms. Courtney & Ms. Kim, 2's

variety of toys to explore.

Ms. Lauren & Ms. Bethany, 1st Infants

Silly Seahorses

Sweet cuddles and baby giggles make Valentine's Day that much sweeter! Our friends have been working hard in 2019 and I am proud to announce ALL of the babies can sit on their own!! We are really into exploring everything around us. The musical instruments seem to be the favorite thing lately. To promote instrument love at home, you don't even have to buy real instruments (if you have them, that's great!). Use an empty water/juice bottle and add bells, beads, noodles, rice water or paper for "maracas". A drum can be made from an empty coffee container or Tupperware container with lids. A tambourine can be mimicked with baby food lids from glass jars screwed into cardboard. A xylophone can be done with a rubber spatula or wooden spoon and upside-down pots and pans. Get creative and you will see your baby dazzle you with their talent. Please let me know if you have other ideas we can use here.

Ms. Cassie, 2nd Infants

Honeycombs

Here in the Honeycomb room, we are hoping for an early spring. So, come on groundhog...grant our wish! We have been working on following simple directions like using walking feet instead of running feet in the classroom. We have been working on puzzles and everyone does them with great success! Some of our friends can get all their winter gear off and put on their shoes. Please keep encouraging the self-help skills at home. Thank you!

Ms. Esther & Ms. Gabby, Older Toddlers

Fairytale Forest

Calling all scientists! Our little scientists had so much fun doing all of the experiments. They learned about famous scientists like Jane Goodall, Albert Einstein and Marie Curie. We have also learned all about space and all the planets. We worked on sequencing, shapes and colors. We will be doing an "Alice in Wonderland" unit where we will talk about real life versus imagination. We look forward to seeing you for our Mad Hatter's tea party.

Ms. Amy R. & Ms. Brianna, 2-1/2's

Space Cadets

The new year is off to a great start! We are looking forward to the month of February and celebrating Valentine's Day with our babies. Most of us are turning 1 and are becoming very mobile. They sure do keep us on our toes! The children really enjoy when we sing and read to them. Please remember to bring in extra warm clothes. We hope you have a great month.

Ms. Sherry and Ms. Shantice, 3rd Infants

Busy Bees

Greetings Busy Bees! With the end of a chilly January brings a month filled with love, friendship and fun. The month of February is a time to focus on developing friendships with our peers. The Busy Bees strengthen their friendships with others by playing with and interacting with classmates throughout the day. The Bees love to play games with one another as a group. A game they enjoy is to hold hands and dance to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat", which encourages trust and builds their friendships with each other. You can do this at home with them, too! The Bees begin by holding hands with each other

Wild 3's

Happy February! This month we will be focusing on our themes of friendship and the Arctic. Our big Valentine's party is Thursday, February 14th. We will be having a potluck lunch and exchanging valentines. Please see the notes that we sent home for more information. We will also be going to a play on 02/12/19, and the Zoo on 02/25/19, for a penguin class. Please make sure to sign the permission slips on our parent board.

Ms. Jess & Ms. Amanda, 3's

Hot Tropics

Before our first big snowfall of the season, we were enjoying the tropical-like weather. It allowed us a lot of opportunities to get outside and develop our gross motor skills! We are really excited for our next "field trip" when the Milwaukee Public Museum brings dinosaurs to us! Recently, we have been learning about patterns such as ABA, stripes, polka dots and even shapes. You can help us recognize patterns and shapes by discussing them as they appear in our everyday lives – road signs, tree shadows, and our clothes.

and gently rocking their arms back and forth as the song is sung. Feel free to ask us to demonstrate or answer any questions you have. Another activity that builds friendships as a group and helps them develop fine motor skills while enjoying an audience and applause is by doing the actions to the "I Put My Hands Together: Heart Fingerplay" story time rhyme. As the lyrics are sung, the teacher and students gradually form a heart and applaud afterwards. You can do this activity at home with your child by saying or singing:

"I put my hands together" (press hands together)

"This is how I start" (shake hands while pressed together)

"I curve my fingers right around" (curve the tips of your fingers to form a heart)

"And I can make a heart!" (shake heart from side to side)

Applaud afterwards.

You can find a video demonstration of this activity on You Tube by searching "I put My Hands Together" (Heart Fingerplay), by Jbrary.

Enjoy these new songs and ideas with your toddler.

Ms. Virginia & Ms. Hannah, 2nd Toddlers

Join us on Thursday, February 14th at 3:15 for our Valentine's Day party!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Terra, 3/4's

Happy Birthday

7	<i>Liv Tucker</i>
9	<i>Kate James</i>
9	<i>Jack James</i>
10	<i>Cara Greene</i>
11	<i>Aiden Maas</i>
12	<i>Allison Meyer</i>
14	<i>Logan Riffel</i>
17	<i>Declan Pirlot</i>
18	<i>Lilly Maas</i>
26	<i>Ms. Dawn</i>
27	<i>Charlotte Hammelman</i>
27	<i>Ms. Cassie</i>

Congratulations!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Cassie 9 Years

Ms. Courtney 6 Years

Little Einsteins

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Hugs and kisses are how toddlers say

I love you!

This month the Little Einsteins are hard at work recognizing colors and shapes, particularly the color red and the heart shape. All work and no play make the Little Einsteins dull toddlers. That is why our class and the Busy Bees teamed up to have a Valentine's Day party. Food, fun and friends will all be in attendance!

Ms. Laura & Ms. Debra, 3rd Toddlers