# THE FAMILY TREE

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### **News from the Infant and Toddler Room**

Hello from the Infant Toddler Room. This month I predict will be a lot warmer outside. Even though there was not enough snow this winter for me, I guess I'll make it! This month we are going to color more, and play with musical instruments using our small motor skills. We are going to dance and sing more using our large motor skills. We will play ball using our hand eye coordination and play with puppets to use our imagination. Who knows, maybe we will even get a walk outside.

I look forward to spending time with your children. I appreciate all of the valuable time I have with the children and am so very grateful to be able to share my time and love with all of the families here at The Family Growth Center.

> Angela Bunker, Infant/Toddler Teacher



# **News from the Preschool Room**

Morning session: Happy March FGC families! It is with sadness that I inform you that I am leaving the Family Growth Center. March 9<sup>th</sup> will be my last day. It has been my pleasure to learn and play with you. I have enjoyed being a part of your educational beginnings. I know you will continue to love, learn, and grow. All that we do and say in the presence of children in their earliest years-even when we are not purposely teaching it to them, they learn from it. They will carry it with them throughout their lives and at some point act on it in one way or another. Thank you for enriching my life. You will always be in my memory.

Ms. Sun, Morning Preschool Teacher

**Afternoon session:** We welcomed many new friends into our afternoon preschool in February. What a joy to make new friends! Some of our students have been practicing pronunciation. Please continue to model, correct and stretch your child's pronunciation of words at home. Practice will make perfect.

The sandbox has been a favorite play area recently. Did you know we learn about shapes, quantities, sharing, and cooperating, with visual and tactile "lessons" all by playing with sand? It is amazing how much child to child communications, inventive role playing and task solving gets done at the sandbox.

We have been spending time individually at the children's computer in our room. Our computer has learning programs for alphabet and number identifications and much more. The children enjoy mastering maneuvering the mouse as they play "games" on the computer.

Ms. Maria, Afternoon Preschool Teacher

# What is the Family Growth Center?

It is a place for children to enjoy FREE drop-in childcare for children 6 weeks through 5 years of age. A nominal fee is charged to higher income families. Family Growth Center is a program of Child Abuse Prevention Services, which is a division of Child and Family Charities. Reserved childcare is available for children whose parents participate in parent classes at FGC. For more information on childcare call (517) 371-1347.

Parents may use our childcare services twice a week!!

## Our schedule:

Mondays-

**East Lansing FGC** 

517-351-6641 1120 S. Harrison East Lansing, MI 48823 (University United Methodist Church) **Tues-Wed-Thursdays-**



Mt. Hope FGC 517-371-1347 549 E. Mt. Hope Lansing, MI 48910 (Bethlehem Lutheran Church)

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MONDAYS @ East Lansing 9:00-11:30am 1:30-4:00pm	2/29 Protein: Wow Butter & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Apples & Fresh Broccoli Grain: Wheat Bread	3/1 Protein: Bean, Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Salsa & Mandarin Oranges Grain: Wheat Tortilla	3/2 Protein: Roast Beef & Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Peaches & Cucumbers Grain: Wheat Pita Pockets	3/3 Protein: BBQ Chicken & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Mixed Vege & Mashed Potatoes Grain: Wheat roll
TUESDAY @ Mt. Hope 9:00-11:30am 1:30-4:00pm	3/7 Protein: Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Tomato soup & Pickles Grain: Wheat Bread	3/8 Protein: Turkey Dogs & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Peaches & Broccoli Mix Grain: Whole Grain Bun	3/9 Protein: Turkey & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Apples & Carrots Grain: Whole Wheat bread	3/10 Protein: Chicken & Milk (Stir Fry HM) Fruit & Vegetable: Mandarin Oranges & Stir Fry Vegetables Grain: Rice
<b>WEDNESDAY @ Mt. Hope</b> 9:00-11:30am 1:30-4:00pm	3/14 Protein: Sloppy Joe (HM) Turkey & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Green Beans & Pears Grain: Whole Grain Bun	3/15 Protein: Dino Nuggets & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Oranges & Asparagus Grain: Wheat Roll	3/16 Protein: Pepperoni, Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Pineapple & Green Pepper Grain: Wheat Pizza Crust	3/17 Protein: Yogurt & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Bananas & Blueberries Grain: Cheerios
THURSDAY @ Mt. Hope 9:00-11:30am 1:30-4:00pm	3/21 Protein: Chicken Salad & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Kiwi & Cucumbers Grain: Wheat Bread	3/22 Protein: Black Beans & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Mandarin Oranges & Tomatoes Grain: Yellow Rice	3/23 Protein: Corn Dogs & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Mangos & Mixed Veggies Grain: Corn Dog Breading	3/24 Protein: Broccoli Soup (HM) & Mi Fruit & Vegetable: Apricots & Broccoli Grain: Wheat Crackers
	3/28 Protein: Hard Boiled Eggs & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Peaches and Bananas Grain: Oatmeal	3/29 Protein: Turkey Burgers & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Pears & Fresh Spinach Grain: Wheat Bun	3/30 Protein: Baked Ziti (HM) Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Green Beans & Fruit Cocktail Grain: Pasta	3/31 Protein: Baked Beans & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Mangos & Raspberries Grain: Cornbread

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Remember....if Lansing or East Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather so is the Family Growth Center. Please drive safely... please remember to use your seatbelts and have your children in appropriate car seats.