# THE FAMILY TREE



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

GUESS WHAT???? We, The Family Growth Center have adopted a cow!! Yes, you read correctly. We have partnered with Discovery Dairy and are very excited for this year's program to begin. We will find out more during this month, so watch for announcements at the registration table. There will be opportunities for the children to participate in naming our cow, learning about our cow and many more activities. We, the staff, are very excited for this program and are looking forward to sharing our cow with everyone! This month in my classroom there will be a few small changes. I will be out for a couple of weeks while I recover from some surgery (all good I promise) and Ms. Kathy will be in my classroom in my place. There will be lots of fun happening in the classroom and we look forward to singing, and dancing!!

-Angela Bunker, Infant Toddler Teacher

### **News from the Preschool Room**

This month is an exciting month! We have lots of opportunities to get outside and observe the changes of Fall. The children are able to use all of their senses to learn, explore and take in their surroundings. One of our favorite activities is going on walks. The preschoolers enjoy getting to stop and explore interesting trees, flowers, stumps, animals and much more. Our conversations stay curious and wondering what the children see, feel, smell, hear and even sometimes they imagine what it might taste like! Our walks maybe slow moving yet the interactions and learning that happens is natural, impactful and fun!

Call the FGC and come learn, make new friends and have a blast!

-Beth Corcoran, Preschool Teacher

#### **NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR >>>**

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know... I will be retiring as Director of Family Growth Center the end of November 2021. I have been director for 22 years now!! Family Growth Center has certainly been my second home!! I will miss all of you!!

- Kathy Kelly, Director kathykelly@childandfamily.org or my cell #517 648-4245.

#### 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**.

For more information on childcare call (517) 371-1347.

## **DURING NON-FGC HOURS CALL (517) 371-1347 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE**



Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday 549 E Mt. Hope Lansing, MI. 48910 (Bethlehem Lutheran Church)

# OCTOBER 2021 Family Growth Center Calendar

TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY
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FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS		FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: 900am – 1130am		FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: 900am – 1130am PRESCHOOL IN THE
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				*We are meeting off site at our Family Growth Center Garden Thursday afternoons – parents must stay with the children. Ask the staff for more information.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	
Protein: Colby Jack Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Pears & Zucchini Grain: Whole Grain Crackers	Protein: Yogurt & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Bananas & Pumpkin Grain: Whole Grain Granola	Protein: Turkey Chunks & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Green Beans and Mangos Grain: Whole Grain Crackers	Protein: Turkey Hot Dogs & Milk Fruit and Vegetable: Applesauce & Peas Grain: Whole Grain Buns	Fall

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