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A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



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DIRECTOR NOTES

Fall! My favorite time of year- sweatshirt weather, colorful leaves, caramel apples, and trips to the pumpkin farm. You will be asked to sign the chaperone sheet for trips to the farm soon if your child is over two. Parents are welcome to join us, too. Lots going on in October- Hartland's Business Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 26 and we plan on rescheduling our Family Fall Festival for the same night. We will have fun activities and dinner from 4:30-6:00 pm. If you choose, you can have your child(ren) wear their costume and you can trick or treat from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We will be out front handing out candy and you are welcome to use our center as a meeting place.

Have you heard about ACH for paying tuition? If you are interested in having funds taken directly out of your bank account and not having to write a check anymore, please let me know! I have forms available with complete instructions.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to stop me!

Jane Sweet, Director

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In order to ensure the confidentiality of all children at Grandma's House, parents may only photograph their own child(ren) when they are in our centers or on field trips.



Delightful Dinosaurs

We have had a great couple of weeks getting to know a new routine and exploring our classroom. Many of the children are eager to potty train, let's work together to make it happen and please assist your child in doing so at home too. I feel it is very important to stay consistent.

September was full of learning about dinosaurs through counting activities such as how many of our bodies can fit into a giant handmade dinosaur foot print. We also used pegs and peg boards to count. We matched colors by using mini dinosaurs and we sorted bugs by size with stickers.

Lastly, we focused on sitting and listening to stories. We found it's a good idea to have something to hold to keep us interested.

Ms. Tricia, 2 1/2's

Upcoming Events

November 1 ~ Picture Day



Dear Families,

Later this month you will receive our NAEYC Annual family survey to complete and return. Your completed survey is a big piece of our accreditation and self-reflection practices. This year when you return your completed family survey you can enter a raffle for 1 free day of child care!

There will **red boxes** in the center clearly marked for you to anonymously return your survey and then a separate ticket to fill in for the raffle and drop in the box as well. Thank you for your participation!

Kim Spankowski,
Education Director

Curious Crawlers

Fall is the beginning of many changes that include green leaves turning into bright colors of red, brown, yellow and orange. We welcome Ms. Loryn back to our classroom. As we welcome new friends to our classroom we will begin to transition from eating solids to table foods, drinking formula from a bottle to whole milk from sippy cups and sleeping in a crib to sleeping on a cot. Our themes we will be working on include Apples/Leaves and Moon/Stars. We will cut an apple in half and use the apple halves for painting. When we go for buggy rides or play outside we will observe the color changes in the trees. Our portfolio focus will be grasping objects. I have observed that young toddlers who learn to hold their bottles on their own can then grasp sippy cups with little difficulty. This is a good age to learn how to utilize tools such as paint brushes and spoons. There can be an amazing amount of progress with this age and it's exciting to see the young toddlers reach those milestones.

Ms. Marti & Ms. Loryn, Toddlers

Merry Monkeys

In September we worked on recognizing numbers and letters. The children are counting to 20 and recognizing all the letters. We worked on cutting a straight line along a black line on a piece of paper. We practiced jumping off of 2 feet with music. We measured items with non-standard units by using colored cubes and counting how many cubes it takes to measure an item. We practiced scribbling in our journals. You can find these in our writing binder on our writing center shelf.

Ms. Shannon, 3's

Marvelous Mouseketeers

Happy Fall! The children and I have been busy getting to know each other and establish a relaxed classroom routine. In our "All About Me" unit we focused a lot on similarities and differences, and how they make us special and unique. Thank you to the families that returned their "All About Me" packet. The children are having a blast sharing them with one another. If you did not turn one in, no worries, you still can. Let me know if you need a new copy. We are starting the month learning about Apples along with the letter Ss. In our Apple unit we will focus on color, taste, smell, and life cycle. In our Community Helpers unit we plan on spending a lot of time walking in our community and learning how we can help out as well. On October 18th we will be taking a field trip to Shady Maple Pumpkin Farm. Please keep your eyes and ears open for details on this trip. This trip will be an early introduction to our final unit of the month which will be Fall/Autumn. Our child portfolio focuses we are working on are: Name Writing, Name Identification, and Cutting on curved/straight lines.

Ms. Amy, 3 & 4's

Creative Critters

In September, we were busy playing with new toys and exploring the "Big Kid" playground. Our portfolio focuses were jumping and sorting. We sang "I See Froggies In My Pond Jumping Up So High-O" and the children love to jump when it's their turn. We have been working on color sorting/matching with colorful blocks and colored cards. We will be taking a look at the changing leaves, talking about the colors we see and using them for science and art projects.

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Carlos, Almost 2's

Happy Hippos

As we enter a new season, we will be learning and discovering many things that fall brings. We will introduce primary colors and allow the children to practice matching colored leaves. The children will be given the opportunity to explore the way leaves sound and feel as we crumble them in our hands.

The themes for this month will be Seeds, Harvest and Autumn.

We will have four portfolio objectives this month, using a spoon independently and scribbling with a crayon. These two objectives are important as they allow children the opportunity to practice eye and hand coordination skills. A spoon will be offered at snack and lunch to allow your child the opportunity to hold a spoon and pick up food as they learn to balance the food on the spoon and bring it forward to the mouth. Paper and crayons will be offered to children to freely pick up and practice holding their crayons as they begin to make marks and try to control their crayons by grasping the crayon with all five fingers and palm.

The other two focuses will be to have them balance while leaning forward to pick up objects and being able to respond as you call their names or ask them a question. Balls and other smaller objects will be placed on the floor in front of the children. This will allow them the opportunity to practice this objective. The children will be asked simple questions like, "Would you like some more milk?" "Can you say please and thank you?"

We would like to welcome all our new friends and families to the Happy Hippos classroom and look forward to getting to know your children as we learn more about them each day. We value the special relationships we are building with our families.

Ms. Andrea G. & Ms. Ruth, Toddlers

♥ CPR/First Aid Classes ♥

Grandma's House offers American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Saver w/ AED and Medic First Aid Pediatric training through **PULSES** to our staff.

Parents are also welcome to participate in this training. This is a great opportunity to learn how to handle emergency situations should they arise.

Our next class is **Saturday, October 14, 2017** at our Tosa Center from 8:30 -10:30 am.

The cost is \$42 per person. If you are interested, please see Jane to sign up.

Happy Birthday

3	Caden Tolliver
8	Isabella Budd
9	Charlie O'Brien
13	Alexandra Smith
15	Mara DuBord
15	Isabel Polczynski
19	Addison Streblov
26	Ms. Sheryl
29	Benjamin Schneider
30	Ruby Bucher

Congratulations

*On celebrating anniversaries with
Grandma's House!*

Ms. Andrea K, 5 Years

Tender Turtles

The Tender Turtles class is looking forward to fall and all of the changes in the air. We will be using our senses to experience the world around us. We use our eyes to see the colors of the leaves changing, feel the cooler air on our skin, hear the whistling of the wind and the crunching of the leaves when we go outside. There is so much to experience outside and we will continue to go out as the weather allows. We encourage parents to continue to bring the light coats and hats so that we can take every opportunity to explore outside. We will be bringing the outdoors inside so that we continue to stay connected with nature. "There is nothing in the intellect which was not first in the senses." ~Aristotle

Ms. Kristine & Ms. Andrea K., Infants

Autumn
is a second
spring
when every
leaf is a flower.

~Albert Camus