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Growing Highlights

October 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy Fall! I love this time of year. This month we will have a family night the same night as business trick or treat, Thursday, October 25th. We will have fun activities and a dinner provided. Please feel free to change into costumes here or come in costume and then venture out for the business trick or treat. It is always a fun night and I love sitting on the wall outside and passing out candy. The center can be your home base if you need a restroom stop or a place to warm up.

Pumpkin farm field trips are scheduled for October 22nd and 23rd. Your child's teacher will have a sign up permission sheet. Chaperones are always welcome and if you do not want to ride the bus, you could always meet us there in your own car. Just let your child's teacher know.

We have a picture day scheduled in November again so it will be just in time for holiday pictures and gifts.

Please give your child's cubby a quick glance for cold weather clothes and bring a sheet and blanket for nap each week. We really appreciate it.

Jane Sweet, Director

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 10/25

Family Night & Hartland Business Trick or Treat

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Rainbow Fish

Change is in the air! The temperatures will be coming down soon, the leaves will be changing into rainbow colors and we will all put on our favorite sweater before heading out the door. We are also going through changes in the baby room. We are saying good bye to our friends that have grown and become more independent and hello and welcome to new babies and their families to the Grandma's House Family.

We will be focusing on movement during floor time and reaching for toys and other items during play. We will also be using our fine motor skills to pinch and grasp smaller toys

The Lorax

We are having so much fun in our new classroom! It did not take long for the children to get used to all the new areas they can explore. Themes we are exploring are Back to School and The Lorax. One of our child portfolio focuses that we are working on is labeling colors. We have been working on matching colors, now we are labeling colors by finding objects around the classroom and saying the color. We are also working on counting 1-20 getting to 10 easily and

and finger foods during feeding times. As we transition from summer to fall, please remember that we do take the babies outside daily. Having a light weight coat and hat that is appropriate for the season at day care, would be appreciated. Please take a moment to also go through your child's spare clothing to make sure it is appropriate for the weather and is the correct size.

Ms. Andrea K. & Ms. Kristine, Infants

Lunch

Welcome to Fall! We have chosen book titles for our classroom names. I chose the children's book "Lunch" by Denise Flemming. It's about a whimsical mouse eating through fruits and vegetables on top of a black and white checkered tablecloth. In addition to fruits and vegetables, we will be working on Healthy Eating and Fall themes. One child portfolio focus we are working on is to manipulate toys with fingers to create cause and effect relationships. We do this by playing peek-a-boo or covering a toy with a bucket/scarf and letting the children use their hands to remove the bucket/scarf. Another child portfolio focus is stoops to pick up toys. I have observed the children using the window sills, toy shelves and table as support with one hand and then stoop over to pick up a toy with the other hand. It's great to see the children make the

then around 14, 15, & 16 flip/skip numbers. What makes it fun is that the children LOVE to count no matter how high we go! We have a field trip on Tuesday, 10/23 to Homestead Farm, please keep an eye out for more details.

Ms. Shannon & Ms. Donna, 3's

Peter Rabbit

September went by so fast! We are all settled into our classroom and we spent most of the month getting to know each other. Our group is full of energy and ready to go every day. For this reason, I have incorporated a few new techniques (running racetrack on the floor, pushing hands on the wall, a hitting mat) to redirect this energy. During October we will be focusing on portfolio goals and reinforcing these techniques. Our themes are leaves and pumpkins. Our activities include painting pine cones, leaves, and pumpkins, tasting pumpkin pie, and observing the change of season. Keep a lookout for a conference date if you would like to meet to discuss your child's portfolio. If you have any concerns about development or just need some advice, please don't hesitate to

connection between support and independence.

Ms. Marti, Toddlers

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Happy Fall! This is a beautiful time of year. It's nice to watch the children observe the changes that fall brings like the cooler weather, leaves turning colors and falling to the ground. During October we will learn about Fall Colors, Pumpkins, Apples and Gourds. Our child portfolio focus includes working on jumping up & down while singing "I See Froggies in My Pond" during transition times. We will work on stacking by providing stacking cups or peek-a-boo blocks for the children. While we are outside we will focus on pulls & pushes toys and throws a ball.

Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly, Older Toddlers

Very Hungry Caterpillars

We are having a great start to Fall! We are learning about people in our community and exploring what they do. During Community Helpers unit our two child portfolio focuses were using the pincer grasp and removing clothing. We worked with tweezers to pick up paper donuts and paper apples to place into drop bins. We worked on removing clothing

contact/approach me. I am here to help you. I hope you have a fantastic October!

Ms. Loryn, 2-1/2's

A Bad Case of Stripes

We have been super busy getting to know each other and explore both outside and inside the classroom. At least once a week we visit the garden beds to collect our harvest. This month we will be going on our first field trip to Homestead Pumpkin Farm, please keep an eye out for information regarding the details of the trip.

Here are a few of our favorite activities:

**name writing*

**building with blocks*

**journaling with Ms. Amy*

**Letter Friend songs*

**Baby Shark*

Ms. Amy, 4/5's

The Dot

I hope that everyone is getting settled into school nicely. The children have done a great job of adjusting at Grandma's House. We have some new faces as well as some returning

such as pulling down pants to get a diaper change, putting shoes on, and putting on/taking off art smocks. During All About Me our child portfolio focuses were to sit for stories and matching. We read many stories during group time where the children are encouraged to sit. We sometimes let them hold an item of interest to engage them longer. We worked on matching boy/girl pictures, pictures of people and handprints. Please bring in your family pictures for collages.

Ms. Tricia & Ms. Chantel, 2's



Dear families,

As part of our new NAEYC requirements we are working to implement several eco-friendly practices company-wide. With your help in the following areas we can do what's best for your children and their future:

- do not allow your vehicle to idle in the parking lot (barring extreme temperatures),
- wipe your feet upon entering the center on the walk-off mats provided to reduce possible

faces. I want to remind everyone that we do have a closed toe shoe policy. If your child would like to wear open toe sandals, please make sure to bring a pair of closed toe shoes to wear while at Grandma's House. I would also like to take some time to discuss homework. If you would prefer that your child does or does not do their homework while at Grandma's House, please let me know. I do have some children that choose to do their homework after snack. I cannot always check their homework so I would suggest that even if your child does their homework here, you should still check it at home. Also, I cannot make your child do their homework but I can most certainly encourage them. Finally, I want to remind parents to check out our lost and found (located at the top of the stairs in the back hallway) for towels, swimsuits, and sweatshirts left over from summer.

I look forward to a fun school year.

Ms. Donna, School Agers

Happy Birthday

3 *Caden Tolliver*

3 *Ms. Mo*

6 *Easton Badillo*

exposure to lead-contaminated dirt,

- always use shoe coverings in the infant classrooms (no bare feet), and
- thoroughly wash all fruits and vegetables to avoid possible exposure to pesticides (and we are doing the same here as well).

With the holidays soon approaching, we also wanted to share a link to finding the safest, non-toxic-toys, for your children:

<https://www.mommytomax.com/ultimate-guide-best-non-toxic-toys/>

8	<i>Isabella Budd</i>
9	<i>Charlie O'Brien</i>
13	<i>Alexandra Smith</i>
15	<i>Mara DuBord</i>
15	<i>Isabel Polczynski</i>
26	<i>Ms. Sheryl</i>
28	<i>Celia Novotny</i>
29	<i>Benjamin Schneider</i>
30	<i>Ruby Bucher</i>

Congratulations!

On celebrating anniversaries with
Grandma's House!

Ms. Andrea K. 6 Years