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## Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2021

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Dear Families,

October is always one of my favorite months as things get back to “normal” within the center with the start of the school year. All the classrooms are getting to know their new friends and adjusting to the Fall weather. Soon we get to pick pumpkins with our older friends and learn the process it takes for pumpkins to grow. Preschoolers also get to see different animals on the farms and what each animal’s “job” is. The younger classrooms love to explore pumpkins while getting messy in the pumpkin carving process. Teachers are also excited to have little parties and dress up days for Halloween! (Be on the lookout for sign-ups.)

The Brookfield Fire Department is coming out this month for our annual fire safety lesson. When the firefighters are here, we get to run through a drill and learn all about the truck/equipment they use. It’s always fun to hear the questions that the kiddos ask the firefighters.

Lastly, this month teachers will be sending you your child’s portfolio to look at. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your child’s teacher about their progress.

Happy Fall!

Thanks,

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# Scholastic Book Orders

PLEASE HELP US EARN NEW BOOKS FOR THE BEDTIME BOOK CORNER

*It's book order time.* You are welcome to order as much or as little as you would like.

Orders can be placed online. Go to [scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://scholastic.com/bookclubs). You will set up an account in which they will ask for our center code: **P6N7H**. Books can be ordered and paid for online and will arrive at the center 1-2 weeks after the due date.

**Book orders are due by Monday, October 18th**

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



3	Selena L.
4	Laurel H.
5	Madelyn M.
10	Addison C.
13	Ayla S.
15	Isabella E.
16	Brody E.
17	Ms. Diane
21	Anthony W.
25	Loretta R.
27	Brody N.
29	Hailey M.
30	Wyatt S.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

### OCTOBER

Ms. Diane 10 Years

Ms. Tasha 1 Year

## **Glo-Worms**

Happy Fall! We would like to start by welcoming Ms. Nikki to the youngest baby room! She has primarily been with the older babies, so we are excited for her to join us! We have been working hard on meeting our developmental milestones through play. We are always encouraging the babies to build strong muscles and head control through tummy time. Every minute counts! When at home, you can encourage tummy time by placing your baby on their tummy and place a mirror or various toys in front of them to engage with. During one on one time, we're encouraging infants to mimic our facial expressions like smiling and frowning as well as vocalizing using syllables by talking with them. They always have so much to say! This helps build language skills for their toddler years. We brought in a dancing puppy to work on cause and effect relationships by encouraging each infant to push the button to turn it on. As we are always experiencing Wisconsin weather, please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing and outerwear! We look forward to more stroller rides.

Infants, Ms. Holly & Ms. Nikki

## **Beanie Babies**

Fall is here! Beanie Babies would like for all of our cubbies to do a weather update: long pants, socks, shoes, jackets, and warmer sleep sacks. Remember to

## **Care Bears**

The Fall Program kicked off to a great start in the 2 year old room! We learned a little about ourselves during the All About Me theme. We graphed our eye colors and talked about each sheet on the All About Me Wall. We also explored some Fall items during our Apples theme. We practiced our fine motor skills by threading Apple Jacks cereal on pipe cleaners. We also sorted Apples by color which is a great math activity. At home you can start talking about Fall as well. You can talk about the leaves changing colors, leaves falling to the ground and about the changing weather.

2's, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Ashley

## **Pac People**

We have worked on hand dexterity by playing with playdoh and practicing our scissor cutting skills. These are important skills for encouraging independence. We are also working on our self-help skills such as taking off shoes. In October, we are going to dive into activities involving a Fall theme. The cooler weather is upon us, please bring in a warm sweatshirt or jacket labeled with your child's name.

2 1/2's, Ms. Jennie, Ms. Diane & Ms. Janell

## **Lite-Brites**

please LABEL everything. We will be focusing on the following portfolio focuses:

\*Infants turning and looking when names are called by “Where is (name)” and clap when they look.

\*Searching for partially hidden toys by shake a toy and hide it under a blanket or toy.

Older Infants, Ms. Denise & Ms. Drea

### **Hungry Hippos**

With cooler temperatures, falling leaves and pumpkin flavored everything, it is definitely feeling like Fall! We have been busy playing and learning with our new friends. This past month we have been encouraging your child to use sign language to communicate “all done” and “more”. Our new friends are learning to navigate the stairs and slide on our indoor climber. What great gross motor skill practice! Our themes for September were Nursery Rhymes and Apples. During our Nursery Rhymes theme, we explored painting with new textures. We used cotton balls and black paint to create art after reading Baa Baa Black Sheep. With our Apple theme we also learned about textures by mixing cheerios into applesauce with our hands. In October, we look forward to learning about Everything Fall and Pumpkins.

Toddlers, Ms Lori & Ms. Tasha

### **Toy Story Kids**

Happy Fall and Welcome to the three year old room! We’ve had a great first month and we’re looking forward to many more! We kicked off the fall with an All About Me theme where we took time to get to know one another. During this theme, we also practiced our cutting with scissors by cutting a body on paper and then put it back together the right way. We also worked on drawing recognizable forms by drawing ourselves with our families. These are two great small motor skills to work on at home. The children love to cut anything whether it’s blank paper or cutting pictures out of a magazine. Then we moved to our Apples unit. In this unit, we worked on color matching by matching colored caps to the correct colored container. We also worked on sorting apples by size; like small to big apples. At home, you could have your child sort their cars or dolls from smallest to biggest as well. Also, with the fall weather approaching, please bring a sweatshirt or jacket for your child for the chilly mornings. Please label all of your child’s belongings!

3’s, Ms. Cassidy & Ms. Jenna

### **Candyland Kids**

I cannot believe fall is already here! We have been busy exploring the new classroom and love that we get to play on the big playground! Our first Theme was All About Me and we are working on fine motor skills of holding a pencil correctly and the proper way to hold a scissors and

We are looking forward to a fun filled October. We will be focusing on Fall, Apples, Leaves, and Pumpkins. Our first portfolio focus is engaging in simple pretend play by giving the children the opportunity to express themselves through dress up clothes, costumes, kitchen props, and puppets. Our second focus is pointing to familiar objects in a book or flannel story. We can do this by reading Fall stories. We will ask the children to point to different things on a page or flannel board or simply asking "where is the (orange pumpkin)?" for the children to point out. We look forward to enjoying the beautiful Fall weather.

Older Toddlers, Ms. Julie & Ms. Rosa

### **Puddle Ducks**

Seasons change, and so do we! Our Puddle Ducks are enjoying life and learning lots. We are working on drinking from cups without lids – this helps develop muscles used for speaking – many of the children have mastered it, and the rest are quickly catching up! Our exploration of spheres and other three-dimensional shapes was interesting. We learned the words Cube, Sphere (tricky, but fun), and Cylinder. The children explored a round invitation that included tubes, bracelets, pom poms, muffin tins, and cans. We worked on a series of paintings using different shades and varieties of tools – cotton swabs, scrubbers, and brushes. We found a new book we like called, "Outside My Window." The

be safe. One of the activities we did was cut paper to get the feel of how to use scissors; we just cut the paper into little pieces. The next activity we did was match our alphabet letters together. Using a cookie sheet, we wrote the letters uppercase and then had to find the magnetic matching letter to go with it. The next theme we are going to be doing is Autumn, where we are going to be looking at a new form of artwork made by the Warli tribes. We are also listening to and learning a new story, "The Wheels on a TUK TUK" similar to "The Wheels on the BUS".

4's, Ms. Brittnee

### **4K**

4K is off to a great start! We have learned the different jobs in the room and how to become more independent. The children are learning about the expectations for the class. For example, when a 4K'er works hard on their lessons like printing their name, cutting skills, or being a great leader in the class, they receive a "kiss on their brain" which is a marking in their binder and when they receive 5 they get to pick out of the prize box!

Accomplishing tasks, no matter what the task is, is a huge success for this age. It shows they can do anything they set their mind to. When we "help" them put their coat on or clean up their dishes, we are teaching them they cannot do it to our expectations; thus we have to step in. The help we should be teaching is what to do

children love to look at all the places in it. We are looking out all of our windows now and talking about what we see. A fun way to help your child with language and making observations is to look through your windows and ask – what do you see when you look through the window? Here's to a fabulous Fall and awesome Autumn!

Almost Two's, Ms. Cat & Ms. Ezzy

to help them to be successful next time. If they have a spill, instead of cleaning it up for them show them where the towel is or how to ask for the towel to take care of it themselves.

Lastly, we have been growing into a little community here in 4K. Each day we cheer on our classmates' accomplishments, talk out problems, and we are getting a better understanding of how others may feel by our actions.

4K, Ms. Holly L.