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Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents,

Fall is certainly in the air! Our older children are excited to visit the pumpkin farm and we will be bringing smaller pumpkins and gourds to the center for our younger children to paint, cut open, cook with, and explore!

Families play an important part in our center! In October, we typically meet with parents for in person parent/guardian-teacher conferences. Instead of sitting down for a formal conference, we will send you a message thru the MyKidzDay app with your child's developmental portfolio attached. Then, during a pick up or drop off time, we will share your child's strengths and interests with you as well as set family goals.

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's development further with the teachers, please feel free to schedule a phone or Facetime conference with them!

Thanks,

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- 1 Sullivan L.
- 2 Benjamin G.
- 4 Aiden W.
- 6 Helaina O.
- 6 Rose G.
- 8 Leo M.
- 11 Russell C.
- 11 Jackson D.
- 13 Zeyn K.
- 16 Karina K.
- 19 William G.
- 19 Carson A.
- 19 Gunnar H.
- 20 Ms. Trae
- 22 Zoey D.
- 22 Ms. Christie
- 24 Ms. Diana
- 26 Ms. Sheryl
- 29 Sarai J.
- 30 Jody T.

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with **Grandma's House!**

Ms. Lynn	30 Years
Ms. Pakou	4 Years
Ms. Samantha B.	4 Years
Ms. Theresa	3 Years

Young Infants

Here we are in the first week of October. Summer flew by so fast; I just hope winter goes just as fast. Weather is getting colder, please make sure your babies have appropriate clothing for the season

Toddlers

September has flown by and we can't believe fall is in full swing! We are continuing to enjoy the sunshine on the playground and walks as we explore the sounds of the community and identify our

in their cubbies. In September, we had so much fun reading books and playing on the floor with toys. Last month, we were reading about cars and trucks: *My car and Machines at Work*, by Byron Barton and *Truck Duck*, by Michael Rex. We looked at pictures of different cars and listened to the flannel story: *Lots of Cars*. We listened to Montenegro's dancing folk music and we went outside on buggy rides. In October, we will work hard toward helping each child to reach their developmental milestones. The theme for October is Pumpkins. We will read more books and talk about fall. We will finger paint with orange. Also, we will increase gross motor skills by reaching for hanging toys and work on small motor skills by grabbing and releasing small toys. If you have any questions, we are always available. Have a great Fall!
Young Infants, Ms. Alex & Ms. Jamie

Infants

We hope everyone has enjoyed the wonderful weather we have had this summer. Even though the weather still feels like summer, fall is fast approaching! With that in mind, we would like families to make sure that your child's cubby has the appropriate clothing for the changing weather. We will still try to go for walks as much as possible. The two lesson plan themes we have been working on are "How I feel" and "Fall". We have read books about feelings and sung "If You're Happy and You Know It" and

community helpers (police, fire trucks, garbage trucks, etc.). Moving into October, we will continue working on independence with eating and introduce more tools to improve small motor movements and hand-eye coordination, such as more silverware and small play manipulatives. Our interests have really sparked with sound and we plan to embrace the yelling and screams by directing and playing with volume as well as incorporating other facets of sound-echoing and reverberation. Please ask your child about these and incorporate them into family time. Watch for announcements on our upcoming fall harvest celebration with costumes and treats. BOO!

Toddlers, Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Kate

Almost 2's

It has been so much fun getting to know each of the children in our room and helping them adapt to their new surroundings. They have loved experimenting with technology by playing with our remote-control toys – a police car, fire truck and some llamas. We have done some simple science experiments that they have enjoyed with wind and how it moves things, and items that sink/float. They have also enjoyed finger painting and coloring with gel pens and chalk on wet paper. We have also been working on self-help skills in the classroom – putting their cups and bibs in the bin after lunch and snack times,

enjoyed time socializing with friends on the mat. We also talked about fall and read books about fall and looked at fall pictures. One of our portfolio focuses were “begins to explore objects”. The infants were given many different objects to look at, touch, and manipulate with their hands. Exploring objects gives infants a chance to work on important motor skills. The other focus is “experimenting with cause and effect”. We gave the infants toys such as a busy box where they have to push buttons to make music play and lights flash. This helps your child to develop early communication and cognitive skills. Just a reminder to help make the transition from home to child care, please remember to submit your child’s info on the app before their arrival at the center. Be safe, healthy, and happy!

Infants, Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam

Older Infants

Welcome to our Fall program! We are so excited to have so many new faces in our class as well as a few returning ones. We would like to welcome Dylan and her family as they are new to our center. Last month, we learned all about the Farmer’s market, and fruits and vegetables. We practiced our fine motor skills by picking up plastic fruits and vegetables and placing them into containers. We looked at artwork from Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, who uses fruits and vegetables to create portraits. The pattern

getting soap to wash our hands, and using our hands gently with friends.

Toddlers, Ms. Theresa & Ms. Rosanne

2's

We are all getting into our new classroom routine! The children really love flannel stories and we have been learning about colors and shapes. One of the activities that we have done in the classroom is mixing water with food coloring. We love to watch the water change color. We have been practicing “flipping” our jackets, so we will be experts when the cooler weather comes! This is something that is easy to practice at home, too! Have a good month.

2's, Ms. Salessa & Ms. Brittannie

2 1/2's

Can you believe it is already Fall? The past month has been filled with so much adventure! From welcoming new friends and teachers, to getting a new wall and a new fence! While all of that was happening, we were also working on color and shape recognition, manipulating nuts and bolts, and screwing and unscrewing. Over the next month we will be continuing these skills as well as beginning to practice snipping and cutting lines and matching 1-2 attributes. We will be doing all this while learning about the zoo, farm animals, and pumpkins. As always, please let us know if you have any

that we explored was waves as we looked at wavy patterns found in heads of lettuce. We also learned about community helpers. Some of the books we enjoyed were, "Whose Hat is This?", "Here Come the Helpers" and "Future Doctor." We worked on goals such as stacking rings and blocks and waving. Please check your child's cubby and replace summer clothes with clothing that is appropriate for the changing weather!

Older Infants, Ms. Christie & Ms. Melissa

Young Toddlers

We have really enjoyed this transition to our new room. The past few weeks we have been getting to know your little ones very well. We have been talking about and exploring food. We used play food to introduce and begin recognizing different types of food like fruits and veggies. We also made some cool paintings using food stamps. This month we will be focusing on fall. We will read about the changes that are going to happen outside and will begin to teach the sign for "apple". We are excited for the season to change and all the fall activities that come with it!

Toddlers, Ms. Pakou & Ms. Maddy

Toddlers

Our class currently loves two things lately: dump and fill activities, as well as books, flannels and music. One of their favorite

questions.

2 1/2's, Ms. Johnnetta & Ms. Samantha

3's

The children have done a great job learning our daily schedule this past month. We have learned a lot about their interests; one of which is any science or sensory activity. We have made slime and playdough and are planning on doing more experiments like a chemical reaction with colored vinegar and baking soda. We will also try making "water walk"! We are counting down the days to our field trip. Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet.

3's, Ms. Claire & Ms. Shaparis

4's

What a busy month we have had! We spent the month exploring our classroom, establishing a routine, and acquainting ourselves with each other. We investigated artwork by Piet Mondrian and primary colors. October will find us learning about fall and nocturnal animals. Our field trip will be to Green Meadows Farm on Tuesday, October 19th. Please let me know if you are interested in chaperoning! We will also be learning about Paul Cezanne – a French artist. As fall is here and the weather is changing, please check your child's cubby and take home any summer clothes. These can be replaced with

books is Peek a Boo Moo. This book gives the children the chance to learn animal sounds, play peek a boo, and increase language development. Over the next few months, we will be focusing on language development in the classroom. Language development in children is amazing and by the time your child is 18 months old, they should have a vocabulary between 5 and 10 words. Reading books, telling stories, and describing daily events to your child provides a language-rich environment. But, language development is a two-way process: The amount of verbal interaction with your child is as important as the amount of language you use. Along with the focus on word usage, we are also starting to recognize body parts: eyes, ears, mouth, and nose are just a few. As a class, we sing songs and point to our body parts. As the weather starts changing and getting cooler, please check your child's cubbie for season appropriate clothing and a jacket; we do go outside twice a day.

Younger Toddlers, Ms. Diana & Ms. Justine

warmer clothes and don't forget socks and underwear! Some mornings can be cool, so please leave a sweater or hoodie here so we can put it on if needed.

4's, Ms. Lynn