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Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2021

Dear Families,

Hope everyone is settling into Fall well. It is a great time of year; pumpkins, changing colors, cooler weather! We plan on doing the business trick or treat this year if any families need a place to change for the evening or a rest stop during the event. We are not doing inside family events yet, but this one is outside! October conferences will be at pick up and drop off real quick. But if a longer one is asked for, we can set up a time over the phone or virtual too.

I did want to mention that we will continue giving credit for COVID related absences, but we will otherwise adhere to our normal sick policy for all other ailments. We will always credit for quarantines, but for typical childhood illnesses, you will be charged like we did before the pandemic. We staff according to the number of children that are expected to attend each day. Thank you for your understanding.

We will be having a picture day again coming up in November; more details to follow. These make a great holiday gift for family! Ms. Kelly will again be doing the photographing. She is also available for family shoots, too.

Please remember to switch out extra clothes in your child's cubby for the cooler weather. We go outside twice a day at least.

Happy Fall!
Thanks,
Jane Sweet, Director
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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. You will set up an account in which they will ask for our **center code: H27BF**. 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.



1	Emma S.
3	Ella S.
3	Ms. Mo
4	Edwin C.
6	Easton B.
9	William S.
11	Nolan S.
13	Alexandra S.
15	Kain T.
15	Isabel P.
19	Colt M.
26	Ms. Sheryl
28	Celia N.
29	Benjamin S.

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Andrea K. 9 Years

Infants

Fall is here; like it or not! As we say goodbye to warm weather, cute summer outfits and coming home smelling like sunscreen, we prepare for changes in the classroom just like the changing leaves outside. We welcome new families to our classroom and to the Grandma's House family and farewell to the friends that have outgrown our room and moved to the next classroom. We take the time each day to have quiet moments of play on the floor, reading books and sharing poems and finger plays. This helps to build a child's social and emotional development. Children just need to know that they are loved and that someone cares about them. Taking a few moments each day with your child in your lap reading a simple book does wonders to build that reassurance of love. Here is a poem that relates to our lesson themes that you may share with your baby:

10 Little Apples

One little, two little,
Three little apples.
Four little, five little,
Six little apples.
Seven little, eight little,
Nine little apples.
Ten apples in my pie!
YUM!

Infants, Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo

2's

We have been so busy in the 2 year old room getting used to so many new things!!! We have been working on using regular cups at snack and lunch times, sitting at the bigger table with bigger chairs. But most importantly, we have been learning how to sit on the potty! Our center time has us getting used to our new friends and our new classroom. We enjoy playing in the sensory table, art projects, scribbling with crayons, and playing outside. Our absolute favorite things to do in the classroom are music and movement time to our favorite silly songs (if your child has a favorite song please feel free to share I'll add it to our playlist), and flannel stories/songs or books. The children can sit for almost 30 minutes requesting flannel stories/songs and books, and it is wonderful how engaged they all are in this part of the day. We have been trying to put certain songs or poems in the app for you to do at home. But if your child comes home singing a song, please do not hesitate to ask for a copy, we would love to share our learning with your family. With the cooler weather moving in, please make sure your child has weather appropriate extra clothes, jacket/fleece, and hat/mittens.

2's, Ms. Amy, Ms. Suzanne & Ms. Desi

Older Infants

Fall is here and we are all loving watching all the changes happening around us. The Little Dippers are exploring all the leaves falling on the playground. There are large ones and small ones, wet ones, crunchy ones, bright colored ones, and faded ones. This kind of science exploration and investigation with leaves is a great opportunity for the children to learn many skills. They are using math by seeing the visual of Big and Small. The colors of the leaves also show them colors and the different colors that are in nature. The leaf has many sensory experiences as well. The leaves have a scent, a texture, and are visually intriguing. All the senses are used to investigate and understand the question "what is a leaf?" In addition, the children will pick up or carry leaves around the playground and by doing so they use their gross and fine motor skills. We also use literacy to connect our exploration of leaves through books and flannel stories. One example is the book *A Leaf Can Be* by Laura Purdie Salas. It is a wonderful book that incorporates nonfiction and rhyme to create a poetic journey of leaves. The fall season is a wonderful time, but it does have some interesting weather. Please have appropriate clothes for your child as our weather changes daily and think ahead for winter. We go outside everyday weather permitting. If you have any questions or need suggestions, don't hesitate to ask.

Older Infants, Ms. Andrea K. & Ms. Lara

2 1/2's

Hello Parents! I know some drop offs have been a little bumpy, but rest assured that the transition is pretty quick, and your little ones are off exploring and playing with friends from their class and the other children in the center. I've been getting a lot of questions from parents about what I feel would be best for their children at drop off. My suggestion is to drop your child off in the classroom or outside play area and give them a quick hug and kiss goodbye. This sounds hard to do, but believe me it will be the best way to hit those milestones with separation anxiety by staying consistent. All the children have been really good with transitioning into a happy place once mom or dad have left.

Our classroom highlights in September were getting to know each other by learning about one another through our "All About Me" unit where we learned what each of our favorite colors, animals and snacks to share with friends were. One of our favorite activities was choosing our favorite color piece of construction paper and tearing it up. We then glued it along the first letter of our names.

2 1/2's, Ms. Andrea G.

3's

We are off to a fun start of our Fall Program. We are enjoying learning our shapes and colors and working on our social skills, such as using words to

Toddlers

Happy Fall! Fall is such a fun time for the children to observe all the changes in their environment. The children have been very interested in playing with baby dolls both inside and outside. We have added more baby dolls to the playground since we spend so much time outside. The children express an interest in their nurturing while handling the baby dolls. They use blankets to cover them, feed them bottles, take them on walks in the shopping carts and strollers. The children become very excited when the infant class joins us outside. Even then they want to help nurture the real babies. We've been spending lots of time encouraging the children to communicate both nonverbally and verbally. We find it to be extremely helpful for them as well as for us when they are able to let us know what they need. We use sign language and verbal communication to express wants and needs. During mealtime is a very useful time to encourage children to sign/say "more, please", "all done" and "thank you". Our friends also love to look at our family collages. If you are still working on your family collage, no worries you can bring in when completed.

Toddlers, Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly

communicate with friends and teachers. We are also having fun exploring the toys in the classroom and doing hands on activities. The children love doing art, especially painting and using tools to manipulate Playdoh. Please be sure your child has extra clothes in their cubby.

3's, Ms. Tricia

4's

The children have enjoyed exploring our themes of Construction and Space. During our Construction theme, the children would pretend to build houses and fix things. They also had fun painting with various tools and colors. Anytime they can get their hands messy with paint, they jump right in. During our Space theme, the children really enjoy pretending to be astronauts in their space ships wearing headphones and blasting off into space. The interactions between the children while wearing the headphones was fun to see how they communicated with each other. We have been practicing writing our names by tracing the letters on name cards and on paper before we start painting. Another activity we do everyday in small groups is asking Would You Rather... You can also do this activity at home. The children get excited and really find these fun to answer. The question can be silly, gross, about food, or even out of this world. Here is an example:

Would You Rather???

Roll around in mud OR

Roll around in a pile of lady bugs
If you have any questions or concerns,
please let us know.
4's, Ms. Shannon & Ms. Rachel