

[View this email in your browser](#)



Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents,

What a spectacular September we had! Cooler mornings, but toasty afternoons full of sunshine are my favorite!

Be on the lookout for a half sheet of colored paper in your child's cubbie this month. This form should be returned to the office whether you have changes to your contact information or not. You can also use this form to let us know who should be contacted first and at which number-if you are rarely sitting at your desk and prefer we call your cell phone first-please note that on the form. You should also let us know about address changes, email address changes, changes to emergency contacts and changes to phone numbers. Having the most updated information on hand is so important, especially if an emergency happens and we need to get a hold of you quickly.

October usually brings us conferences and the fall festival. Unfortunately, we will be unable to do either this year. Instead of formal conferences, teachers will be speaking to you this month and writing down goals-you should be able to access your child's portfolio through the app. If you would like to set something more formal up, please speak to your child's teacher. Also, instead of our large, center wide fall festival, look for smaller parties going on in the classrooms-information about those activities will be sent through the app-details to come!

As always, please see me with questions or concerns!
Christie Dapleo, Director

cdapelo@grandmashouse.org



- | | |
|----|--------------|
| 1 | Sylvia C. |
| 1 | Henry M. |
| 1 | Skylar H. |
| 2 | Jonah C. |
| 4 | Isabelle L. |
| 4 | Benjamin N. |
| 4 | Ms. Kim |
| 7 | Aniya W. |
| 9 | Emmett O. |
| 11 | Emmett M. |
| 12 | Lily L. |
| 15 | Josephine S. |
| 17 | Callie N. |
| 18 | Calli C. |
| 19 | Ms. Sherry |
| 20 | Cady P. |
| 23 | Elijah D. |
| 26 | Ms. Sheryl |
| 27 | Asher B. |
| 28 | Anthony S. |
| 29 | Archer M. |
| 31 | Hayden H. |

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Ms. Esther | 31 Years |
| Ms. Jennifer | 6 Years |

Little Lunas

Pooh-N-Tots

Happy Fall to all! We are excited to be a part of your child's new and upcoming season with new friends, Kelsey and McKenna. Let's also welcome Ms. Katie, as she will be covering Ms. Abbie's maternity leave. This month, we are going to explore pumpkins, gourds, crunchy leaves, and fall colors. Our younger friends will be focusing on lifting up their chests during tummy time. Please take the time to see our chart posted on the refrigerator. For our older friends, we will focus on play and sitting with support, as well as cause and effect, and one on one interactions. We look forward to enjoying the last few warm fall days before the cold sets in!

Infants, Ms. Ana & Ms. Abbie

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

Our friends are working so hard on new skills! From self-feeding to crawling and lots of practice on sitting up without support. The older they get, the more they want to do! We still try to go outside daily, so with the crisp air and wind coming, we ditch the sunscreen and wear coats instead. Please bring in a light hooded jacket. If your little one is over 5 months, it may be time to introduce cereal, fruits, veggies (that you bring from home) and/or table food provided by Grandma's House. Happy Fall Y'all!

2nd Infants, Ms. Cassie & Ms. Virginia

The Candy Factory

We are off to a new school year and would like to welcome everyone to our room. Our year-long goals will consist of learning our colors and shapes, and increasing our vocabulary. We chose the introduction of Pooh Bear and characters as we learned about the colors yellow, orange, pink, blue, and brown. The color yellow seems to be our favorite so far. We will continue with red and green as we learn about apples and the circle shape. We include art projects every week to strengthen the concepts. Please make sure to check your child's silver bags for those and other important notes. With the cooler climate approaching, please make sure to bring in warmer clothes and outerwear. Please remember to label everything! Have a great month!

3rd Toddlers, Ms. Laura & Ms. Kim

Wittle Wizards

The Wittle Wizards have met Harry Potter and his friends at Hogwarts! We loved finding Harry in different places like Diagon Alley and Quidditch Pitch. Following Hogwarts, we explored shapes and colors. We loved making rainbow toast. We will then look forward to talking football, where we will make nachos and match 3 to 4 colored footballs. Following Football, we will explore all things fall. Things such as leaves, apples, and pumpkins. Just a friendly reminder...our classroom is a potty

Quote of the Month: Sometimes you forget you are awesome, so this is your reminder!

We are having a lot of fun moving around and exploring our room. Some of our favorite things to do are playing with motion toys, activity boxes, toys that make noise, and rolling balls around the room. We also enjoy our time outside on wagon and stroller walks. Please remember to bring in a light jacket for our cooler days. Our goals will continue to be self-soothing, using simple signs to communicate, and playing nicely with all of our friends.

3rd Infants, Ms. Sherry & Ms. Ciana

Unaccompanied Minors

We hope that you all are settling well into the new room and schedule. It has been wonderful getting to know your little one. Each child seems to be adjusting well and is learning their way around the classroom. We know that transitions are a bit scary, but we are here to help in any way. So be patient with us as we navigate this together. So far, we have been focusing on getting to know everyone in our classroom. It's a pleasure to read the "All About Me" books. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the sheet and returning it to us. Eventually, we will laminate it and place it in our library to be easily accessed. It's so great to see each child looking through it and just getting to

training room. Before they use the toilet, we have the children try to push down their pants and then have them pull off "stickers" or tabs as long as there is no BM. While your child is being changed, have them work on those self-help skills. *"Working hard is important but there is something that matters even more; believe in yourself"* - Harry Potter
2's, Ms. Courtney & Ms. Esther

Gnome Schoolers

Welcome to the Gnome Schoolers! We are very excited about learning in this room. We would like to let you know about some highlights in our room. First, each of your little ones have a "take gnome" box for all their important paperwork and artwork. Second, there is a blue bag on each of their hooks and you can leave any outerwear in them, as well as their bedding. Next, we have the "Today we..." board that contains all the things we learned that day as well as some info about the room. Once you're in the room, we have the "thistle make you smile" area that showcases your child's answers to daily comprehension questions. We also have the "I can..." area that showcases milestones that your child may be mastering. Please make sure to come check out your little "gnome's" room and all the cool things that we have to offer! Any questions feel free to contact us!

2.5's, Ms. Amy R. & Mr. Randy

know their classmates. Our main goal is to help each child recognize familiar objects/people as they look through books. Soon, we can say, “where’s mama/dada?” and they will be able to point to who we are asking for. It’s such a significant milestone to achieve and see in action. Besides getting to know one another, we will be learning about Apples. We will be painting with apples and exploring them. Also, we will be tasting some caramel apples. We cannot wait to see how each child uses their senses to expand their knowledge of apples. More so, we will be focusing on using spoons and forks during lunchtime. Using utensils helps with eye and hand coordination and fine motor skills. If you would like, you can give your child a spoon to use at home during mealtimes to practice. Lastly, please take cot sheets and blankets home to wash at the end of the week. Also, this is a great time to go through your child’s cubby and switch out some short sleeves for long sleeves and add some pants. We know that the days are still lovely, but we like to be ready for unexpected cold days. In addition, please take home any items that you feel are too small for your child. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Have a great October!!!!
Toddlers, Ms. Kayleigh & Ms. MaiLee

The Rolling Scones

Picture Perfect 3's

Fall is here! Our new group has really settled in nicely to the start of our fall program. The big “hit” areas of our classroom have been the art shelf and the block area. Everyone has been very creative in those areas. We have seen so many masterpieces created from gluing, painting, and even snipping with scissors. In the block area, they have been building towers, animal cages and roads. It is so fun to watch them use their imaginations. We all know the cold weather will soon be coming. We just want to remind you that the children do share cubby spaces. With that being said, please make sure you hang up coats and snow pants together on the hook that is under your child’s picture. Please let us know if you have any questions.
3's, Ms. Jess & Ms. Melissa

PK Masks

Welcome to all the PK Masks! If you haven’t been getting our daily updates, please make sure to touch base with Ms. Christie. Did you know that one of our favorite things is our job board? Our job board has a variety of skill building opportunities for everyone. One of our favorite activities last month was going to the apple orchard and then making applesauce with some of the apples we helped pick, wash, peel, and cut. That’s a lot of gross and fine motor skill building!!

Hello from the Rolling Scones! We kicked off the start of the fall program with a lot of excitement! Although we lost our beautiful, old tree, we are still enjoying activities outside. We will continue to use hats and sunscreen while the sun is still bright! As a reminder, please go through your child's cubby to take home summer clothes and replace them with fall clothing. On another note, this September, we focused on using our signs and/or words, especially at mealtimes. The toddlers love to communicate "more", "please", and "all done" in particular. They usually like to display the sign or say the words during the meal or before washing hands. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us. We have also noticed that the toddlers really enjoy smelling spices. We have a small bucket full of sweet and savory spices. We sit down with the toddlers during circle time so they can sniff and smell. Their favorite smells so far are garlic and pumpkin spice coffee grounds. This activity is a great way to help children learn about their sense of smell, where their nose is on their bodies, and practice taking turns. With all of this in mind, leaves are falling and Autumn is calling!

2nd Toddlers, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Emily

Happy Fall!
4's, Ms. Jennifer