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## Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2021

**Grandma's House will be CLOSED**

*Thursday, November 25th*

*Friday, November 26th*

Dear Families,

Wow, the year has flown by! Can you believe we have reached the holiday season already? Every year Grandma's House and our families try to give back to the children in the community with the "Giving Tree". Grandma's House is given wish-lists from children, and we help to distribute those items onto our tree. Families can pick an ornament off the tree and help make the holidays a little brighter for some families. Keep a look out for the tree towards the end of the month.

Have you been using our app? If you haven't downloaded MyKidzDay yet, you could be missing out on lots of information! Not only do teachers use it to communicate daily needs, but they also send out reminders and messages. The center also uses it to communicate

center wide events or notices. If you have any questions regarding the app, don't hesitate to ask!

Holiday time usually means some days off for children and their families. Remember to submit vacation requests 7 days in advance in order to receive tuition credit in accordance with our Vacation Policy. If Grandmas House is closed, you are not charged for those days. Vacations can be submitted online at: [Vacation Request](#).

Happy Turkey Day!

Thanks,

Jess Donohue, Director

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**PICTURE DAY** *Friday, 11/5*

**7:00 - 11:00 am**

Bring your SMILES!

## Scholastic Book Orders

*Just in time for the holidays!*

*With a \$25 order, you can pick a free \$5 book (use code READS).*

*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. You can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to the center with our order.*

**Book orders are due by Monday, November 15th**

*Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.*



- 1 Coleton H.
- 1 Brock W.
- 2 Emma F.
- 2 Josephine K.
- 4 Mila H.
- 4 Collin W.
- 5 Ms. Susan
- 11 Oliver M.
- 14 Gavin S.
- 14 Rylan W.
- 14 Paige P.
- 15 Veronica M.
- 17 Carson R.
- 17 Maggie D.
- 20 Lennyn W.
- 21 Weston A.
- 22 Ronin S.
- 22 Ellie G.
- 25 Elias C.

## CONGRATULATIONS

*On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!*

Mr. Scott 29 Years

Ms. Ezzy 1 Year

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### **Glo-Worms**

We sure have been busy marking off milestones on our portfolio focuses for our glow-ing friends! Here are a few things we are working on:

*Health/Motor* – Reaching, grasping, and holding objects or transferring object from

### **Care Bears**

Our biggest highlight of the month was our field trip to Homestead Farm! The field trip was a great sensory experience for us all – feeling the animals' fur, seeing the animals and the crop fields, hearing the animal noises and the rumble of the

one hand to the other.

*Social/Emotional* – Building trusting relationships between each child and teacher. We demonstrate kindness and respond quickly and positively to each child's needs.

*Cognitive* – We offer a variety of musical/light-up toys to encourage exploration of cause and effect relationships. The babies love to hear the music and watch the lights dance!

As always, please check your child's cubby to ensure weather appropriate clothing/outerwear is available.

We are grateful for all of our families!

*Infants, Ms. Holly & Ms. Nikki*

### ***Beanie Babies***

We are busy enjoying the beauty of Fall by exploring Apples, Leaves, and Pumpkins. We are focusing on recognizing familiar objects in pictures by pointing and nodding. The babies also search for partially hidden toys that we have covered with baskets while playing with the children. November is a month to be thankful for so many things. Drea and I are thankful for your little ones.

*Older Infants, Ms. Denise & Ms. Drea*

### ***Hungry Hippos***

Happy November! It is a month to remember the things we are thankful for. As teachers, we are thankful you share your little ones with us during the

tractor, and even smelling the "farm" smells! It also gave the children a new opportunity to practice their social skills – interacting with the farmer, their teachers, parent chaperones, and each other in new surroundings. The end of the year tends to become busy with the holidays, but we plan to keep learning through play and building new skills. The children have already made great progress in learning how to flip on their coats and hang them on their hooks. With the colder weather, we will also start working on unzipping coats, removing shoes, and putting on hats. These self-help skills are so important, and we know the children will be able to accomplish these tasks with practice at school and at home!

*2's, Ms. Amanda & Ms. Ashley*

### ***Pac People***

As the colder weather approaches, we have started working on learning how to flip our coats when putting them on and hang them on our hooks when we take them off. Practice makes perfect, so feel free to practice at home. This month our focus was working on big and little matching by printing two different sized pictures and asking which one is bigger or which one is smaller. Another focus this month was color matching by using a muffin tin with different colored papers lining the bottom of the muffin cups and matching different colored pom poms with the lined muffin tin. Lastly, we practiced our scissor skills; which is a work in

week! We've completed our units on Fall and Pumpkins. During our Fall unit, we enjoyed making a collage with tissue paper, leaves, and stickers. For our pumpkin unit, we made Mummy art with masking tape and googly eyes. Art projects are a great way for your children to improve their fine motor skills and we have so much fun in the process. Our lesson plan format has changed a bit and we've added two new art categories: Visual and Dramatic Arts. We have had fun learning about Van Gogh and dancing with fans to traditional Chinese music. It is so exciting to explore new things! This next month we look forward to learning about ourselves during our All About Me unit and also giving thanks with our Turkey unit.

*Toddlers, Ms Lori & Ms. Tasha*

### ***Toy Story Kids***

We are so excited for November to be here! We will be focusing on our Families and Community. One of our focuses will be to begin using at least 5 words. We want to encourage our friends to start communicating with us and their classmates. We encourage parents to ask their child questions at home and encourage conversations. We look forward to exploring themes of harvest, food, families, and much more!

*Older Toddlers, Ms. Julie & Ms. Rosa*

### ***Puddle Ducks***

progress as many of our friends are unable to do this right now. This skill is one of the hardest hand-eye skills to achieve, so we will continue to work on it!

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

### ***Lite-Brites***

We have had a great start to our Fall! We really enjoyed our trip to Green Meadows Farm. We saw a lot of animals and got to pick our own pumpkins from the patch. Our favorite part was holding the kittens and petting the goats. In October, we had Farm and Pumpkin units. During our Farm unit, we focused on recognizing shapes with farm animal pattern blocks. We also worked on our writing skills copying circles and crossing our lines. We had a lot of fun exploring pumpkins in our pumpkin unit. We became pumpkin scientists and explored the properties of pumpkins. We hypothesized whether our mini pumpkins would sink or float and used tweezers and magnifying glasses to look inside the pumpkins. Please go through your child's cubby! Make sure your child has weather appropriate extra clothes, socks, and shoes labeled with your child's name.

*3's, Ms. Cassidy & Ms. Jenna*

### ***Candyland Kids***

Time is flying by while we are having so much fun learning and exploring. We learned about Autumn and learned a new

We are enjoying this warm Fall weather so much! Rainy days don't bother us - we have rainsuits now so we can go out in the wet! They are great when paired with rain boots - then we can splash in puddles! We found that rainsuits are not only great for rainy weather, but they are also great on chili and blueberry lunch days (which is good because for some reason the Puddle Ducks like to sit on blueberries!) We are continuing to love painting - this time we mixed paint with glue, flour, and cornstarch. We taped leaves on paper and painted those too. When we are outside, we like to collect a basket of "interesting things" and look at them together. All you need is a basket and go for a little walk. You can do it inside, too! This encourages conversation - building skills, vocabulary, curiosity, and fine motor skills. You can take pictures of what you find and make a little book - adding quotes from your child.

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

song "Grey Squirrel" and learned the dance moves to go along with it. The children enjoyed learning a new silly song and being able to move along. We worked on our 1 to 1 correspondence and matched the number of apple erasers to the number on the apple. We are still very into reading and listening to the "Wheels on the tuk tuk" and are requesting that all the time. We also learned about shapes and colors, we looked at the Lion King on Broadway and compared the Broadway show to the song in the movie. We pointed out similarities and differences between the two. We also enjoyed looking at all the costumes and looking at the face paint the characters were wearing.

*4's, Ms. Brittnee*

#### **4K**

Did you know Grandma's house 4K class adopted a cow? Well even though it would be fun, the cow will not be living here at Grandma's House. Our class will receive monthly updates, pictures, and activities about our cow. Our cow is named Reeses and the host farm is Brey Cycle Farm in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Thus far, we have received information about the farm and our cow's birth stats. The class already measured up to the cow to see how tall they would be over the calf. We also read some fun facts about dairy farms, cows, and dairy nutrition. We are so excited to keep learning through the whole school year about our cow!

*4K, Ms. Holly L.*

