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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2021

Grandma's House will be CLOSED
Thursday, November 25th
Friday, November 26th

Dear Parents,

Even in fall and winter, we use our outside time as an extension of our classrooms and the children go outside at least twice daily. In addition to gross motor activities and group games, the teachers frequently bring music, books, and art projects outdoors as the Wisconsin weather allows. Children under two years of age will go outside as long as the wind chill is above 20 degrees and the older children as long as the wind chill is above 0 degrees. Please remember to bundle up your children with hats and mittens (and, snow pants and boots as winter approaches). Make sure to label everything with your child's name as many items look very similar. If you are missing an item, double check our lost and found just inside the main entrance.

As a reminder, Grandma's House is closed **Thursday & Friday November 25th & 26th** so that our children, families, and staff can enjoy a long weekend! Also, as you plan ahead for the upcoming holidays, keep in mind that travel quarantines are still required if parents are not fully vaccinated. If this applies to your family, please note the quarantine on your

vacation request or send me an email.

Speaking of Fall, on Tuesday, November 23rd, we will host our annual Thanks for Giving Luncheon. This luncheon is a wonderful opportunity for families to show their appreciation to our dedicated staff! Click here to sign up:

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Thanks,
Kristie Potter, Director
kpotter@grandmashouse.org

Scholastic Book Orders ~ Now Online!

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](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). You will set up an account in which they will ask for our center code: **M8RF4.**

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 me with our center order.

Book orders are due by Tuesday, November 9th

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom!



- 5 Hannah F.
- 5 Will G.
- 9 Ms. Judeen
- 14 Legend R.
- 15 Henry L.
- 18 Ruth H.
- 19 Jea'Niariya B.
- 20 William J.
- 20 Ren G.
- 22 NyNy B.
- 22 Geila H.
- 25 Gabriel T.
- 26 Emma M.
- 28 Ella A.
- 28 Briana H.

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Mr. Scott	29 Years
Ms. Salessa	5 Years
Ms. Cahre	1 Year

Young Infants

October was a fun month, but now the babies are getting ready for Thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for! We are very excited to start another month in the infant room with your babies. Our Theme of the month is "Trees" and we will read books about all kinds of trees. "Leaf Baby", by Mary Barrett, "Little Acorns" by Igloo Books, and "Five Little Pumpkins" by Mary Beth Butler. We will have some fun projects planned for your children

Toddlers

Thank you for such a spooky and successful harvest party! Everyone looked boo-tiful! We are really noticing how the vocabulary in the classroom has exploded. We hope you are hearing and seeing this at home, too. With a strong foundation in words, we are using them to get what we want. We are working on phrases such as "more please" and "stop it, mine". We cannot tell you how exciting it has been to see the children putting

throughout the month. This is a great time of year to be taking walks, watching the leaves fall and change colors. This month we will continue learning about fall colors, weather changes and everything that is associated with autumn! Children will work on their fine motor skills and practice grasping. Some babies will strengthen their crawling skills while interacting with their classmates. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

Have a great month!

Young Infants, Ms. Alex & Ms. Jamie

Infants

Happy Fall! We are so excited to see the leaves change colors and feel a cool breeze come through. To keep our friends warm, please bring in sweaters, jackets, hats and mittens as we will continue to go on walks and enjoy nature. In the spirit of fall holidays, we will embrace fall colors and incorporate them into our lesson plans. Our portfolio focuses include assisting in gross motor skills like balancing by sitting with support and understanding Hi and Bye and incorporating waving hand movements. Make sure to check out our art wall that gets updated bi-weekly and showcases our amazing creativity skills and relate to our lesson plan themes.

Infants, Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam

Older Infants

these phrases together all by themselves. Our daily goals in November will include using words, dressing ourselves, and emotion regulation with lots of cuddles. Our upcoming themes will be weather change, appropriate clothing, and thankfulness. If you have not done so, please send us family photos to be included in our thankful/grateful book.

Toddlers, Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Kate

Almost 2's

Fall is here and we have enjoyed looking at all the beautiful trees as the seasons change. We are learning a new fine motor skill by using Rainbow colors to glue on to paper. Our science experiment consisted of milk, dish soap and food coloring. We all liked watching the colors change as we stirred with a Q-tip. To help improve our vocabulary and language skills, we have been reading books with nursery rhymes. We love teaching your children through play!

Toddlers, Ms. Theresa & Ms. Rosanne

2's

Thank you to all who have taken the time out to meet with us about your child's conferences and updating all the important information. We had a fun October painting pumpkins, talking about pumpkins, and reading stories about pumpkins. We love all the great things about fall! Please make sure you check

Our class “traveled” to the continent of Africa this month. We tasted a Moroccan orange salad and we painted our own Kente cloths. Each color represents something, and the children got to pick which colors they wanted to use on their cloths. We got to move our bodies to music while listening to African tribal music and to the Lion King Broadway musical CD’s. We also took a trip to the farm and read books like, “Spot Goes to the Farm” and “Do Cows Meow?”, We worked on our pincer grasp by eating puffs and cheerios. We love to sing the song “Five Little Pigs”, sung to the tune of “Five Little Ducks”. If you would like to sing it at home, here is how it goes:

Five little pigs rolled in the mud
Squishy, squashy, felt so good
The farmer took one piggy out
“Oink, oink, oink”, the pig did shout
(repeat down to one little pig)
No little pigs rolled in the mud
They all looked so clean and good
The farmer turned his back
And then those pigs rolled in the mud again!
Older Infants, Ms. Christie & Ms. Melissa

Young Toddlers

Wow, have we been busy this past month! Thank you for taking some time to list goals and update your child’s information. With lots of our friends turning one, there has been a lot of transitioning so thank you for helping us make it as smooth as possible. Last

your child’s cubby and bring in weather appropriate clothing. We will continue to work on colors, shapes, and language skills. You can help at home by talking to your child about the color of their clothes and the shapes you see around your home or even in the environment outside. We will also incorporate art folders in your child’s cubby, so please check them daily and take home all artwork. If you have any questions, please let us know! We appreciate all the help and understanding so that our friends can meet their developmental goals each day.

2’s, Ms. Salessa & Ms. Brittannie

2 1/2’s

We had a great time on our field trip to the pumpkin patch. A big THANK YOU to our parent chaperones. We also had fun dressing up for our costume party. Last month, we worked on snipping with scissors, colors, and numbers. This month, we will focus more on our self-help skills, name recognition and consistency with our colors. We like to encourage all our children to be leaders and helpers in the classroom. The children love to help stack chairs, clean tables, and take the dishes back up to the kitchen. This helps them gain independence and confidence. We will encourage the children to recognize their names by displaying a “Who’s here today?” chart of the children’s names and faces. This also encourages patience to sit longer at group

month, we worked on our gross motor skills by using push toys and crawling through tunnels. Although the children are non-verbal, it doesn't mean they can't communicate. We have been encouraging and practicing using sign language to communicate our wants and needs. We have been practicing "all done", "more", "eat" and "milk". Sign language can be an effective communication tool and can even reduce frustration in your children. If you want to try using sign language at home, mealtime would be the best place to start. In November, we will have some fun learning about farms and farm animals. We will do some pretend play and dress up as farm animals. We will also work on hand-eye coordination with large puzzles and by placing plastic eggs in egg cartons. Stay tuned for lots of photos!

Toddlers, Ms. Pakou & Ms. Maddy

Toddlers

Winter is coming up fast and we want all of our friends to stay warm. Parents, please make sure you bring in winter clothing as well as weather appropriate change of clothes for the cubbies. Welcome to all of our new friends! We look forward to having lots of fun with you. We enjoyed our walks to the park and took lots of pictures. Our harvest party was a blast. All of our friends and teachers looked amazing in their costumes. Our classroom has had a few exciting art projects which involves

time. Lastly, the children may not understand names of colors without repetition. We would like to encourage parents to help work on color recognition at home, too. Conferences have come and gone but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. All portfolios have been sent out electronically on the MyKidzDay app. 2 1/2's, Ms. Johnnetta & Ms. Samantha

3's

We are having an amazing time these past few weeks. We have been going over our colors and shapes and have started on name and letter recognition. Our favorite stories are "Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes", and "There is a Monster in this Book". Some of our favorite activities have included fruit taste testing, slime and playdough making, and transition dance parties. As a reminder, it is getting cold outside so please bring in jackets and hats along with extra clothes. Please take any warm weather items home. Thank you!

3's, Ms. Claire & Ms. Shaparis

4's

If you were to ask the class what their favorite activity was this month, they would say the pumpkin farm! We were all surprised to see the bumpy bus had their windows painted for Halloween and inside spider webs/spiders suspended from the

painting pumpkins with different colors. We are exploring colors in the classroom and our little ones are excited about that! We also experimented painting with toy cars. It was fun to see the different lines we could make. Let us continue our safe practices by washing hands upon arrival when parents come in for drop off. Thank you for everything and we appreciate being able to work with your little ones.

Younger Toddlers, Ms. Diana & Ms. Justine

ceiling. A special thank you to Felix's dad and Teddy's dad for chaperoning! Our portfolio focuses were making simple shapes from playdough, A-B patterning, counting/recognizing numbers and differentiating seasons. Some fun activities you can do at home would be rolling playdough to make snakes and then using the snakes to make the letters in your name. A-B patterning would be in the kitchen. Start with a spoon, fork, spoon and ask your child what would come next. As for counting, you can count to and from day care (How many city buses do you see?) Finally, when discussing seasons, do you have a tree in your yard that you can observe? What is happening to the tree in fall, winter, spring and summer? Take pictures and write down what your child says about the tree and turn it into a book. Thank you for your feedback at parent-teacher conferences. If you ever have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

4's, Ms. Lynn