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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2021

Grandma's House will be CLOSED

Thursday, November 25th

Friday, November 26th

Happy Fall everyone!

Can you believe we are heading into the holiday season? **Picture Day is Wednesday, November 3rd.** Ms. Kelly will be doing them again and has an awesome background to use! Pictures always make wonderful gifts for the holidays.

As the weather turns colder, I would like to remind everyone to please bring cold weather gear. The guidelines we follow are children under two go outside if the temperature with the wind chill is above 20. The children over two can go outside if the wind chill is above 0. Please have mittens, hats, snow pants, and boots here so we can all enjoy the snow that is bound to be coming soon.

With the winter months we often see a rise in illness. Last year we had a great year, but almost everyone was masked everywhere. That is not the case this year. We are already seeing more colds, ear infections, and assorted viruses than last year. Please know we do

not send children home lightly. If we call you, it is because we feel it is best for your child. We all know how hard it is to stop working, my teachers are in the same boat if their child's school calls during the day. We make a judgement call to the best of our ability, please understand that. If your child wakes up and is not feeling well, please use your best judgement. If we work together, we can help everyone stay healthy this winter.

Just a couple of reminders...

*School Age Parents, please walk your child all the way down the stairs and make sure a teacher sees you dropping off. That way we ensure everyone is safely accounted for.

*The MyKidzDay app we use is a great messaging tool. All families are loaded on it, if you have not downloaded it yet, please do so. Many messages/alerts/notices go out through the app for your child's class and for the center. If you need a copy of instructions and username/password, please email me and I will send to you.

Take care, I wish everyone a month of blessings and the feeling of Thanksgiving every day.

Thanks,

Jane Sweet, Director

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PICTURE DAY *Wednesday, 11/3*

8:00 - 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. 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. You can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to the center with our order.

Book orders are due by Friday, November 19th

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



- 1 Ms. Tricia
- 3 Armani H.
- 10 Ella D.
- 12 Celia H.
- 16 Messiah C.
- 16 Camden K.
- 21 Finn S.
- 24 Jamison K.
- 26 Ariana H.
- 27 Logan S.

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Mr. Scott 29 Years
Ms. Ruth 19 Years

Infants

Thank you to all the families for taking a moment with us last month to go over your child's portfolio. We hope you enjoyed being able to see the progress that your baby is making and know that they are always growing, changing, and learning new skills each day. To kick off this season of gratitude, we will be doing a family project. Each family will be receiving a paper turkey feather. On the feather, please write things that your family is grateful for this Thanksgiving season or a special message to your baby in honor of

2's

We had a blast with our Autumn Theme. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the interactive songs and poems that we learned with their favorites being "5 Little Pumpkins" and "Scarecrow Scarecrow"! We had a blast on our Homestead Pumpkin Farm Trip. Their favorite part was of course riding the school bus, but we had a blast petting and holding animals, playing in their play area, and riding on the tractor for the hayride. We finished out October with some fun pumpkin and Halloween

their first Thanksgiving. You may add photos and/or decorations of your choice. When the feathers are returned, they will be displayed on our classroom bulletin board for everyone to enjoy. Please don't get your 'feathers ruffled'! Directions will come with each feather and please ask questions if you need to. Many of you have already met Anne-Marie. She is currently attending WCTC to earn an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood. Anne-Marie will be spending some of her time in our classroom as part of her schooling taking the lead on lesson plans, planning children interest activities, making observations in regard to child development and other requirements for her classwork. As we transition into Fall, please remember that we do take the babies outside as much as possible. Having a coat or bunting and hat that is appropriate for the season at day care would be appreciated. Please take a moment and go through your child's spare clothing to make sure it is appropriate for the weather and the correct size. Thank you!

Infants, Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo

Older Infants

October has flown by and we are enjoying every bit of it. We recently created pumpkin art inspired by Japanese Artist Yayoi Kusama. She is known for painting, drawing, sculptures and many other art forms. Her pumpkin artworks were our inspiration and we used black paint and

activities before we transition to Transportation, Colors, and Shapes. In the classroom we have been working hard on identifying our colors by singing "Baa Baa (insert color) Sheep". The children ask for this activity daily and they are all starting to identify the colors before we can ask them. Along with our colors, we have been working on identifying our shapes of circle, square, heart, star, and diamond. With the weather getting cooler we will be working on teaching the children how to put on their cold weather gear including starting to learn how to zip their jackets. Please take a moment to go through your child's cubby and make sure they have all weather appropriate clothing since we do go out multiple times throughout our day at school. Also please check the app daily for updates on the classroom, pictures/videos, and notices if your child is in need of anything. The app is also a great way to send messages to us if you have questions about anything in the classroom.

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

2 1/2's

September was filled with apple picking, apple songs, and many different art and science experiments. Our favorite was hand and finger painting with the colors red and green. During this activity, they were able to experiment with the temperature of paint, hot or cold as well as the texture; smooth or bumpy. Fall is here and the weather changes quickly. If you

our fingers to create our pumpkin art. This artwork involves using fine motor, gross motor, sensory/science experiences, and art appreciation. The activity did get messy and was a new experience for some. I hope this helps a little to explain our creations. I just wanted to add a reminder that we still go out at least twice a day as weather permits and need appropriate outerwear as the weather gets colder. We are also updating our classroom family tree and need a new picture of your family. We use the pictures to talk about family, siblings, pets, and extended family members. Please bring in a photo that we can laminate and display. Thanks for helping us out. We can't wait to see all the beautiful family pictures.

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

Toddlers

With Fall upon us and all the leaves on the playground, we have been enjoying throwing the leaves up and listening to them crunch as we run through them. We have been enjoying all the beautiful changes to the leaf colors. We are working on our small motor skills by putting peg puzzles together, shape sorters, drop buckets, and stacking blocks. Now that we have been spending a little more time inside due to the rainy, cool weather, we have been doing more finger plays and flannel stories. The children enjoy sitting and following along with the stories. The more we read to them, the longer their attention span

haven't already, please switch summer clothing out with warmer clothing for your child's cubby. Please be sure they have a least two sets at all times, maybe a couple more especially for those who are actively potty training.

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

3's

We are having so much fun playing outside and enjoying the beautiful weather. On the playground we pretend to "bake treats" in the sandbox, listen and dance to silly songs, and our favorite, build balance beams with our interlocking blocks. As the weather gets cooler, please bring in jackets, hats and mittens for those chilly mornings along with extra clothes to keep in their cubbies. In the classroom we have been working hard at cutting with safety scissors, focusing on stories being read and relating our own experiences to them.

3's, Ms. Tricia

4's

We had a busy October exploring Apples, Fall and Pumpkins. We examined the inside of an apple and tasted different flavors of applesauce. We even taste tested different apple beverages, such as, apple juice, apple cider, and cranberry apple cider. The children painted with different natural tools like pinecones, sticks, and leaves. We also painted with

increases. We still do get outside twice a day, weather permitting, so please make sure your child has the appropriate outside gear.

Toddlers, Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly

cookie cutters in different shapes. We filled our sensory table with flax seeds and pinecones for the children to dig, scoop and pour. In our Farmers Market, the children bought and sold produce to each other and picked apples from our apple tree. The children also enjoy building with the square magnets, building houses and cars. If they build them big enough, they have found they can fit inside of them. The children also enjoy building with the square magnetic tiles on the light table as the light shows through all the colors. Our field trip to the Pumpkin Farm was so much fun! Not sure which they liked more, the bus ride or the farm. Just a reminder, as the weather gets cooler, please bring in jackets, hats and mittens for those chilly mornings along with extra clothes to keep in their cubbies.

4's, Ms. Shannon & Ms. Rachel