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## Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2021

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

Dear Parents,

I conducted a very scientific study regarding toddlers, and the results are below. This could apply to children as old as 5, but the study group was 1.5-2.5 year olds.

### **Toddler Property Law**

*If I like it, it's mine.*

*If it's in my hand, it's mine.*

*If I can take it from you, it's mine.*

*If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.*

*If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.*

*If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.*

*If it looks just like mine, it is mine.*

(Author unknown)

We are trying out a new system for incident reports. We realized we can send them

electronically through the MyKidzDay app and are trying it out in Ms. Amy/Mr. Randy's room and Ms. Jess/Ms. Melissa's room. We have discovered 2 things while we work out the kinks-the first is that it is very helpful if you go into the app and change the email address (we entered it with a generic email address -test@test.com). By removing this address and adding your personal email address, you get the incident report sent right to your inbox. We also discovered that some people are not receiving notifications, even though they have it turned on in the app. To fix this, first log out of the app, then delete it and reinstall it. Some of you have tried just deleting and reinstalling it, but the key is to log out first. If you forgot your username, please let me know and I can re-send it to you.

If you haven't returned the yellow half sheet of paper, please do that soon, as it is important we have the most up to date information on file. You might have noticed that we added vaccination status-that was done to help alleviate the need for me to send emails after every vacation notice that is submitted. We require our staff that is not vaccinated and children whose parents are not fully vaccinated to quarantine for 7 days upon return from any group gathering or out of town event (either flying or driving)-this also applies to families where one parent is vaccinated and the other is not. If we do not receive your yellow sheet or you do not answer the vaccination question, we will require a 7 day quarantine. Thanks in advance to everyone who has returned the sheets, and please keep this in mind as you plan your holiday visits with families.

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

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- 1 Noelani M.
- 1 William G.
- 2 Magnolia G.
- 3 Avery L.
- 3 George K.
- 8 Roman B.
- 9 Samuel S.
- 9 Brooke L.
- 11 Emma K.
- 13 Ayden S.
- 17 Jesse L.
- 17 Ms. Ciana

19 Erin S.  
27 Olivia B.  
28 Benjamin R.  
29 Ms. Melissa

## CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Mr. Scott 29 Years  
Ms. Melissa 6 Years  
Ms. Mai Lee 5 Years  
Ms. Emily 2 Years  
Mr. Randy 2 Years

### Little Lunas

Wow, time really flies when you are having fun! We are absolutely loving working with your babies and getting to know you, too! This month we will be creating a group art project using our senses, offering time for cause-and-effect development with bubbles, listening to Luciano Pavarotti (a traditional Italian opera singer) and reading many Fall and Thanksgiving books. Our portfolio focuses this month are: rolling, following objects with eyes, and reaching for objects.

Infants, Ms. Ana & Ms. Katie

### Somewhere Over The Rainbow

We are having a “scary” good time in the 2<sup>nd</sup> infant room! Our little “witches and ghouls” are hard at work this month on

### Pooh-N-Tots

The leaves are falling, and our beautiful colors will soon be turning into browns and then...white, oh my! We had fun learning about the colors red, yellow, blue, green, and orange. We read books about leaves and pumpkins and “Spooks and Frights”. Our class party was so much fun! We will now be focusing on school and all the fun things we do: reading, flannels, learning about shapes, and coloring. We are making great strides as we repeat stories and songs. We encourage you to keep going over colors and shapes at home. Please remember to label all articles of clothing being brought to the center. Our coat space is limited, so please only one jacket on the hook and no extra bags. Thank you for your understanding. Have a great month!  
3rd Toddlers, Ms. Laura & Ms. Kim

sitting up without support and holding their own bottles. “Mummies” and daddies can help them out at home as well. When playing with your child at home you can sit with them between your legs and once they are established, move your legs slightly away little bits at a time until they are sitting independently. If you are able to, grab a pillow and place behind them so you can join in their play in front of them. If your baby gets bottles at home, try this: Before feeding them, place the bottle at their chest so they will grab around the bottle to help bring it to their mouth. It will encourage them to hold their own bottle and connect hands on bottle to food. A message from your adorable little “monsters”: Remember to bring in a zip up jacket, hat and mittens for our walks!  
2nd Infants, Ms. Cassie & Ms. Virginia

### **The Candy Factory**

We have been extra busy working on new skills this past month! Some of us learned how to scoot, while others learned how to pull up. We are always practicing our fine motor skills during snack and lunch time by using our pincer grasp to pick food up and trying to hold our cup and get it to our mouth. We also love it when Ms. Sherry sings to us and we try to imitate the motions she uses. This month, we will paint with different textured balls and will talk about how the ball feels in our hands as we push it through the paint. We will also try roller painting to music, and talk about moving the ball fast or slow,

### **Wittle Wizards**

In the Wittle Wizard’s room, we have been working on our self-help skills. We are learning the “flip” method in putting on our coats. Lay your child’s jacket on the floor and have them stand by the hood. Then, have them put their arms through the sleeves and “flip” over their heads. It is a work in progress! We are also working on using our spoons to help us eat our lunch. Please encourage this at home to give them more practice. As a reminder, please look through your child’s cubby to make sure they have appropriate clothing for the cooler days ahead!  
2’s, Ms. Courtney & Ms. Esther

### **Gnome Schoolers**

The Gnome Schoolers have been so busy learning new vocabulary and skills. Since the weather has started to turn cooler, we are learning how to flip our coats on and unzip our coats when we’re done. To flip our coat, we lay it on the floor, stand by the top (hood) and put our hands in the armholes. Then we FLIP it over our heads! This new skill is fun to do and will help when getting ready for school, too! All our little “gnomies” have also learned that our food comes from gardens/farms, not just the supermarket. They had a great time at the farmers’ market, apple orchard, and the actual pumpkin farm. They have also been working on the difference between real and make-believe while playing with

depending on what type of music we are playing. Whatever we do, we are always having fun and learning something!  
3rd Infants, Ms. Sherry & Ms. Ciana

### **Unaccompanied Minors**

It seems that the cold days outnumber the warm ones, which doesn't take away from outside time, we just need to dress for it. So please make sure to look through your child's cubby to check for long sleeve shirts and pants. It would be helpful to keep a light jacket here in case its chilly outside, make sure everything is labeled that goes on the hooks. Outside, we still enjoy picking our tomatoes from our garden and eating them. Not much longer until we have to say goodbye to that fun activity. We also love watching the leaves change colors and fall onto our playground. It makes for a fun sensory activity and to talk about how leaves change in the seasons. Inside, we have been exploring all things nutrition, and how to eat healthy. We "ate the rainbow" and talked about how it's good to make sure you have a colorful plate when you eat. That was a lot of fun, who doesn't love their fruits and veggies. We also really enjoyed all our art projects this unit. We are slowly learning how to do art on our own; which is a big accomplishment for our toddlers. We stamped with apples, colored in shopping carts and even bubble wrap painted grapes! If you like to do art with your little one, try having them do it by themselves. It may get messy but it

all our spooks and frights! Their favorite thing to play with were the mummy fingers, or "mommy fingers". We have moved on to our scientist unit and your little gnomes have been learning how to control their scooping and pouring skills with all of the test tubes and beakers. This skill set will help out at dinner time as well, so please have them use utensils at home to practice their skills. After we are finished with that unit, we will move on to our kindness unit and practice turn-taking, sharing, and using our words to express our feelings without hands. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Our Gnome School door is always open.

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

### **Picture Perfect 3's**

Hello families! We have been having so much fun with our themes! We hope you have been hearing your little ones come home with different songs that we have been singing at school. If you are looking for a little outreach to talk about your child's day, just mention the job board- they will be so excited to share with you all the things we do at group time. We also do a daily question that is posted on our bulletin board by the jobs- we always leave it up so please check that out as well- it is always so fun to see how they answered. Be on the lookout for our next units, Dinosaurs and Giving thanks!

3's, Ms. Jess & Ms. Melissa

helps build their independence and their fine motor skills. There is so much that we do here that you can incorporate at home. Or if there are fun things you do that we can try out, let us know! The biggest skill we work on now is walking on our own. It's a scary step, but so many of them are almost there! We really enjoyed listening and dancing to all sorts of music and have begun to really enjoy flannel songs which is a big skill for them to develop. We also have begun talking about fall harvest which is our fun unit that focuses on the season fall and dips a bit into the spooky Halloween season. We loved getting dressed up for Halloween and celebrating the holiday with some fun theme activities before we dive into all things pets!  
Toddlers, Ms. Kayleigh & Ms. MaiLee

### **The Rolling Scones**

We are continuing to have an active autumn! The past month has been filled with sensory activities. In the beginning of October, we had an apple taste test to try a variety of sweet and sour apples. Adding spices to our art projects created a new and fun sensory experience. During our farm unit, the toddlers loved Old MacDonald, Five Little Ducks and Baa Baa Black Sheep songs and flannels. These really helped them learn and identify animals and their sounds. We also worked on fine tuning using utensils at mealtimes. We encourage you to offer this at home, too. With the cooler days coming, please

### **PK Masks**

We have been super busy learning about unicorns, pumpkins and much more! One of our favorite activities each week is show and tell. We focus on a new topic each week, 26 letters as well as some colors, costumes, and other fun things. This helps us learn and explore sounds the letters make as well as observe colors and shapes in places we may not have noticed them before. As we approach the holiday season, lots of families enjoy some baking. We love to help bake, especially measuring and pouring ingredients into a bowl. Need to distract us for a moment? Have us count out the chocolate chips (saving 1 or 2 to eat when done) or practice rolling shapes with the dough.

4's, Ms. Jennifer

remember to label your child's personal items such as mittens, hats, and jackets. With daylight savings time coming, may the odds be ever in your favor!

2nd Toddlers, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Emily