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## Growing Highlights

November 2022



Dear Parents,

Fall is certainly in the air and we had a busy October! Our classes with children ages 2 and up enjoyed rides on the “bumpy bus” to the pumpkin farm while our younger friends appreciated the changing leaves on stroller walks. It was so nice to welcome families back into the center at our Fall Family Night! Thanks for coming! Also, if you haven't signed up for parent teacher conferences this week, it's not too late: [Click Here](#) to sign up.

Speaking of Fall events, on **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** , 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. A Sign-Up Genius will be emailed out later this month.

Finally, as a reminder, Grandma's House is closed **Thursday and Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** so that our children, families, and staff can enjoy a long weekend!

Thanks,  
Kristie Potter, Director  
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**Grandma's House CLOSED**  
**Thursday, 11/24 & Friday, 11/25**



3	Ms. Jenny
4	Scarlett H.
5	Hannah F.
5	Will G.
5	Ms. Liz
9	Ms. Judeen
11	Clarke M.
18	Ruth H.
18	Aya M.
19	Quinn K.
19	Jea'Niariya B.
20	Ren G.
22	Geila H.
25	Gabriel T.
26	Emma M.
28	Briana H.
28	Ella A.
28	Nova E.
28	Ms. Celeste

## CONGRATULATIONS!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Mr. Scott	30 Years
Ms. Salessa	6 Years
Ms. Jenny	1 Year
Mr. Matt	1 Year

## Scholastic Book Orders ~ Now Online!

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It's book order time. You are welcome to order as much or as little as you would like.

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: **M8RF4**. Books can be ordered and paid for online and will arrive at the center 1-2 weeks after the due date.

**Book orders are due by Thursday, 11/10**

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



### 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

### Older Toddlers

Brrrr! It is getting chilly outside. Please remember to bring in heavier jackets, hats, and gloves to keep in cubbies as we still go outside twice per day. Also, remember that the MyKidzDay app is our main source of communication with parents, so please make sure to check out

Baby“ by Mary Barrett, “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein, “Tap the magic tree” by Christie Matheson, and flannel story: “Five little pumpkins” by Marybeth Butler and more. We will have some fun projects planned for your children 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 focus on images of apples, green, red, black and white, and Fall leaves which can encourage their vision development. Children will work on their fine motor skills and practice grasping. Some babies will strengthen their crawling skills while having interactions with their classmates. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have. Have a great month!  
Ms. Alex

### **Infants**

The leaves are changing, the daylight is getting shorter, and a cool breeze flows through the air; we are in the depths of Fall! With the cooler weather upon us, we encourage families to bring in weather appropriate clothing and swap out your little one’s summer gear. In this upcoming month, we will be exploring animals and shapes. Our portfolio focuses include showing a sense of humor by doing things like making or laughing at silly faces and working on fine motor skills by reaching,

all of the fun activities that we do! We will also make notes in there to remind you when your child needs more diapers and wipes. Thanks for helping us out by bringing in the supplies to help your child have a great day with us! We are focusing on name recognition of animals and the noises that they make, while being able to identify them in books or pictures. The children are showing interest in how to put things together, so we are also exploring linking toys and puzzles. As always, stay safe and healthy!  
Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Alyssa

### **Almost 2's**

It’s hard to believe that we are halfway through Fall! We are still going outside with the cooler weather so we ask that families please bring in hats and mittens that we can keep here. We will be holding science experiments like expanding balloons with baking soda and vinegar and taste testing Gala apples by making applesauce together. This month, we will be learning about different types of transportation. Our portfolio focuses include working on fine motor skills by turning pieces of puzzles and matching colors like green, red, orange, and yellow with Fall leaves. We continue to learn through play by making activities fun such as cleaning up our toys when we are all done playing with them and learning how to show empathy towards one another by giving hugs. We love seeing the smiles as

grasping, and holding objects. Through fun and play, these young minds get to enjoy learning, especially through their favorite activity of singing songs! If you are ever interested in learning some of our favorite songs, we are more than happy to share! With the colder weather and holiday-filled days coming up, continue to stay happy and healthy!

Ms. Judeen & Ms. Sam

### **Older Infants**

Fall is a great time to drive around and look at all of the leaves changing color, so this month we learned about all the different modes of transportation. We practiced imitating familiar sounds like “shh-shh-shh” and “beep, beep beep”, while singing “The Wheels on the Bus”. We learned about gravity as we rolled cars down ramps, and we looked at pictures of ourselves riding on the toy bus in our classroom. If you haven’t seen it...check it out! With all the Fall festivities, some include dressing up. During the month of October, we turned into robots! We tried to make mechanical objects work after watching someone else do it on switches, buttons, and knobs on our toy robots. We made our way through an obstacle course, moving like the wind, and blowing all the leaves around. We enjoyed matching shapes and seeing images of robot parts and art created by robots. We ended by singing and reading “If You Are a Robot and You Know It, then your circuit board will show it.” Watch

they learn new things.

Ms. Claire & Ms. Theresa

### **2's**

Hello Families! Wow, we only have 2 months left in this year. For the month of November, we will be focusing on dressing and undressing ourselves to go outside. We will be matching colors and learning about animals that live on the farm. It’s starting to get colder out so we ask families to please bring in warm jackets and hats for our friends to wear as we continue to go outside with winter coming soon. Thank you!

Ms. Diana & Ms. Brittannie

### **2 1/2's**

First off, we want to say Happy Fall and a warm welcome to Ms. Abby who will be Mr. Matt’s new co-teacher. We know that it has been chilly out lately, so we ask families to bring in winter wear like pants, long sleeve shirts, extra socks, and of course, hats and mittens. In the month of October, we learned all about different shapes and colors that are all around the classroom. We encourage parents to continue talking about shapes and colors whether it be at home, while on walks, or even just car rides to and from day care. We have been focusing on learning to hold markers and crayons while having fun scribbling and creating little works of art. We will continue into the month of

those robots, they are ready to fly away!  
Ms. Christie & Ms. Rolanda

### **Young Toddlers**

Fall is here! As it gets colder, we continue to go outside to get fresh air and enjoy the playground. Recently we learned about pumpkins. We painted mini pumpkins and did sensory play with pumpkin puree. We practiced working on counting from 1 to 10 and worked on gross and small motor skills by crawling through tunnels and learning to feed ourselves with a spoon. In November, we will be learning about identifying emotions. We will read books and look at pictures that depict different emotions being felt. With the colder weather, we ask families to please go through their child's cubbies and swap out summer clothes for warmer clothes like coats, hats, and gloves.

Ms. Maddy & Ms. Destiny

### **Toddlers**

Fall is in full swing and we have been so busy learning and growing! Some fun things we did last month include exploring the inside of a pumpkin, experimenting with slinkys, and strengthening our leg muscles by stomping on a musical piano mat. We've also been working on learning names of teachers and classmates as well as trying to identify our emotions. Doing both of these things fosters our sense of self and improves our social/emotional

November focusing on creating straight lines as well as starting to create shapes. If there are any questions or concerns, we welcome families to reach out! Stay warm!

Mr. Matt & Ms. Abby

### **3's**

This past month has been very busy with field trips to the pumpkin patch and the apple orchard, learning about Fall holidays, and having a costume party with many yummy treats.

Our previous focuses have been learning letter and number recognition, tracing, and practicing cutting. For November, we will continue focusing on the same skills as well as following directions and working on balance by standing on one foot. We will be learning about superheroes, turkeys, Thanksgiving, and community helpers. Learning about community helpers will lead us right into our exciting, upcoming field trip to visit a firehouse.

With the colder weather upon us, a reminder to families to please make sure that your children have warm coats, hats, and gloves as we go outside 2-3 times a day. If there are any questions, we encourage families to ask!

Ms. Salessa & Ms. Samantha

skills. Lastly, we want to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us during our October events. We look forward to building positive relationships with not only your child, but with you as well! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

Ms. Emma & Ms. Pakou