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Growing Highlights

November 2022

Dear Parents,

November, a time to be thankful... each day there is so much to be thankful for, but it's nice to have a whole month dedicated to it! I am thankful for my family, the teachers I work so closely with they are part of my family, and the families that attend here. Everyone together has made the center what it is, not perfect, but a pretty cozy place to play!

As it gets colder, please bring in hats, mittens, warm coats, boots, and snow pants. Also, please label everything! Ask your child's teacher what the system is for storing these items- so you know where to find it all.

Each room has a parent board in it. Lots of information can be found on it. Since we started using the app, I feel the parent boards have been pushed to the background. Please take a look around and find the one in your child's room. Glance over it at least weekly to see what's going on!

Conferences were offered in October, but we are always available to have one. If you have a concern about your child, we have resources to help guide you. I will be sending out a letter soon regarding 4K for next year as far as how that looks on our end with the Hartland Lakeside District.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jane Sweet

Director

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Grandma's House CLOSED
Thursday, 11/24 & Friday, 11/25

Parent's Night Out is back!
Saturday, December 10, 2022
3:30 - 7:30 pm
Sign-up sheets coming soon!



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| 1 | Ms. Tricia |
| 4 | Mackson W. |
| 7 | Ava W. |
| 9 | Lily F. |
| 10 | Caroline W. |
| 12 | Celia H. |
| 16 | Messiah I. |
| 20 | Violet B. |
| 20 | Ilah B. |
| 21 | Finn S. |
| 24 | Jamison K. |
| 25 | Evelyn C. |
| 26 | Ariana H. |

CONGRATULATIONS!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Ruth 20 Years

Scholastic Book Orders

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: 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, 11/18

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



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.

There has been lots of gross development happening in our room with babies crawling, pulling up, and cruising along furniture. Life is always on the move in our room! We also take the time each day to have quiet moments of play on the floor, reading books, and sharing poems and/or finger plays. This helps to build a child's social and emotional development.

Children just need to know that they are loved and someone cares about them.

2's

Phew! October went by fast! We had so much fun exploring with gourds and pumpkins and feeling all the different textures inside and out. We went on our first field trip this Fall to the pumpkin patch and everyone had so much fun picking out pumpkins. Although it's getting colder out, we still love to spend time outside. The children love playing with the crunchy leaves on the ground and watching them fall down. When we are inside, we read lots of books and flannel stories about Fall. We have started our November themes such as Turkeys, Manners, and Feelings by reading books and flannel stories, creating and having fun with feathers and sign language. We will be practicing signing things like "please" and

Taking a few moments each day with your child in your lap reading a simple book does wonders to build that reassurance of love. Here is a poem that collaborates with our lesson themes that you may want to share with your baby.

Five Leaves

Five little leaves, so happy and free,
Hung from a branch of a maple tree.

The wind came whistling all around,
And one little leaf came tumbling down.

(Continue with four, three, two and one)

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 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.

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!

Ms. Kristine & Ms. Mo

Older Infants

"thank you". With Thanksgiving coming up, we ask what the children are grateful for, they love telling us the things they love; mommy, daddy, puppies and books! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Ms. Tricia & Ms. Desi

2.5's

There were so many different highlights last month, it's hard to choose which ones to share! Some of our favorite activities we did together were making applesauce in class and catching leaves in the air as they fell from the trees while we called out the color of the leaf that we tried to catch. We also pretended to pick apples off the tree in the classroom. I look forward to another cooking activity this month making Layered Pumpkin Pie in a jar, pumpkin color matching, pumpkin stamping, and exploring what the inside of a pumpkin feels like. Have a safe and LOVING Thanksgiving!
Ms. Andrea G.

3's

Hi Families! We've been so busy the past month! We went to the pumpkin farm. That was a huge hit! We've learned about our Five Senses. One activity that we did during this unit was make lemonade! Some children thought it was amazing while others did not enjoy it. We also did an experiment with baking soda, vinegar, and food coloring. We hid a color under

The Cherry Blossoms have been busy trying new skills. We have new walkers, new standers, and new language skills just to name a few of all our newest accomplishments. We are learning everyday through play and exploration. Our classroom is set up in a way to allow for the child to explore new activities and practice new skills throughout their day. Last month, we explored pumpkins and changes we saw in Fall happening around us. The children saw inside the pumpkins, saw parts of the pumpkin, and even did art with their own pumpkins. This month we are going to learn about leaves, family gatherings, and feathers/turkeys. It was nice to see all the smiling faces that joined us for Family Night at the center. Next month be on the lookout for our Parent's Night Out information. As we go into the Thanksgiving season, we would like to thank all of our families for being part of our classroom. Your participation helps our class grow and learn. We love talking to each and every one of you and consider you all family.

Ms. Andrea K. & Ms. Bry

Toddlers

This month we will be exploring and having fun with farm animal toys, barns, mini hay stacks, and play food and dishes! Our lessons this month are Thanksgiving and Farm. We will even include some fun snack activities to do, too. Our friends love to eat, as you probably already know!! We

the baking soda and then put vinegar on top and tried to guess what color was going to appear. In the coming weeks, we will be doing a unit on Fall and Pumpkins. During this time we will be exploring the insides of a pumpkin. Just a friendly reminder as it is getting colder, please have weather appropriate clothes here and make sure hats, mittens, and jackets are all labeled. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me.

Ms. Chantel

4's

Hello families, October flew by between our field trip to Ebert's, Homecoming parade & Family night. We are a very busy classroom. Lots of energy, imagination, and laughter happens here! In the month of October, we explored the farm, apples, and pumpkins. For all who were able to enjoy our field trip to Ebert's, it was a blast. We listened to a story called The Leaf Thief which Ms. Emily has now purchased for our classroom. We could hear a lot of giggles while the story was read to us. The children were able to decorate their own mini pumpkin using cut out leaves, acorns, pinecones, and lots of glue. We then hopped on the hayride and explored the pumpkin patch where they got to choose and carry their own pumpkin to the trailer. We painted with apple halves, animals, pinecones, and explored the inside of a gourd. In our sensory table,

have been working hard on following simple tasks such as putting toys away when we are done with them. Our friends love it when we turn on the cleanup song and it's a great way to motivate them to pick up toys. We have also been encouraging them to use forks or spoons when eating. For the most part, everyone is doing great; we just need a little more practice. This is something that, if done at home too, your kiddo can excel at right away. We hope everyone has a wonderful start to the holiday season!!

Ms. Ruth & Ms. Kelly

the children loved playing with oatmeal and Squirrel corn. They were playing hide and seek with the objects with Ms. Emily. We are always working on our portfolio focuses with goals that are set every two weeks. Last month we worked towards cutting a straight line, ABA patterning, differentiating the seasons, and repeating classroom guidelines. Thank you all for bringing in warmer outdoor clothes while this weather is a roller coaster. Please check your child's cubby to switch out summer clothes for Fall clothing. One last request, if anybody has plastic grocery bags they don't need, please bring them in. We are always in need of these bags. Thank you!

Ms. Shannon