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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2023

Thursday & Friday, 11/23 & 11/24
Grandma's House CLOSED

Dear Families,

Wow, the year has flown by! Can you believe we have reached the holiday season already? Every year Grandma's House and our families try to give back to the children in the community with the "Giving Tree". Grandma's House is given wish-lists from children that we put onto our Giving Tree. Families can pick an ornament off the tree and help make the holidays a little brighter for some families. Keep a look out for the tree towards the end of the month.

With the holiday time approaching, this usually means some days off for children and their families. Remember to submit [Vacation Requests](#) online 7 days in advance (to receive tuition credit). Just a reminder...you are not charged for any full days that Grandma's House is closed.

The weather is getting colder and there is less daylight outside so children might already be inside the building when it comes to pick up time. The three closing rooms will be babies, toddlers, and 3 year old rooms. Babies will switch between rooms depending on what is

best for the children. You will find the toddlers in 003 and anyone over the age of two will be in the 3 year old room. I hope this helps families know where to go at the end of the night for pick up.

This month's shout out goes to Ms. Lori and Ms. Jenny in Toddler 1! Lots of transitions take place when children first join their room. Bottles are turning into sippy cups, 2 naps a day are turning into 1 nap, crawling is turning into walking, and room tidiness turns into dumping zone. Ms. Jenny and Ms. Lori handle all these changes with a smile on their faces. Ms. Jenny and Ms. Lori are a great balance in the room, they each bring their own style and uniqueness. Ms. Jenny loves to introduce messy projects and Ms. Lori enjoys doing stories with their friends. Together they make a great team. Daily, they take the toddlers outside, reading books, doing art projects, bubbles, and lots and lots of clean up!

Thanks,
Jess Strick, Director

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THANK YOU for your Food Drive Donations!
4K Class delivered donations to Waukesha Food Pantry



PICTURE DAY
Monday, November 20th

**Mark Your
Calendars!**

Grandma's House CLOSED

**Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1, 2024**

SPECIAL HOURS

Tuesday, 12/26 - Friday, 12/29

Hours:

6:30 am - 5:30 pm



- 2 Mackenzie A.
- 2 Josephine K.
- 2 Emma F.
- 4 Bella M.
- 4 Mila H.
- 5 Ms. Susan
- 7 Ellis S.
- 9 Brady B.
- 11 Finn A.
- 11 Oliver M.
- 12 Daquon W.
- 14 Paige P.
- 17 Carson R.
- 21 Weston A.
- 22 Ronin S.
- 23 Quinn M.
- 23 William B.

23 Roman M.
25 Elias C.
29 Madison K.
29 Ellie K.

CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Ms. Kimberly 1 Year

Scholastic Book Orders ~ Now Online!

PLEASE HELP US EARN NEW BOOKS FOR THE BEDTIME BOOK CORNER

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. You will set up an account in which they will ask for our Center Code: **JC8WF**. 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 **Monday, 11/20***

Reminder, our center earns books each time you order.



Babyland

We would like all of our families to know how grateful we are to be able to care for your little ones! The infants are especially grateful for all the fun playing/learning

Creative Colors

The trees are changing colors and the breeze has a slight chill to it. Please bring a hat, mittens, and a coat; with all items labeled. This past month we focused on

opportunities they are offered. We've been working on building trusting relationships with each child. We know they feel safe when they are most comfortable with their daily classroom teachers. To build these relationships, we demonstrate kindness and respond quickly & positively to each child's needs. All children also learn best through play! We offer a variety of light-up/musical toys to initiate experimentation and exploration of cause & effect relationships. They love to hear music and watch the lights flash! As always, as the weather changes, please be sure your child has seasonal clothing in their cubbies and outerwear for walks.
Infants, Ms. Holly & Ms. Nikki

DJ's

The DJ's are thankful for our loving families, as we pause and reflect on the year of 2023. We are also thankful for the growth we have had this year. The children are holding on to chubby crayons, toddler paint brushes and scrunchies for creative art experiences. We have enjoyed our chances to investigate out on the playground feeling hay, scooping sand in/out of the sand box, climbing the climber, and figuring out how to slide down. Have a wonderful day with family and friends.
Older Infants, Ms. Denise & Mr. Jared

Busy Bees

fine motor skills. We have been practicing with Playdoh as you can push, pull, squeeze, pound, and roll it. We have also been working on shape recognition, they are all great at it. At home, you can encourage self-help skills such as putting their own shoes on and taking them off. Snow will be here sooner than later so those simple skills can be extremely helpful when getting ready to go outside.
2 1/2's, Ms. Jennie & Ms. Janell

Clever Cacti

We hope everyone had fun at Fall Fest. We loved seeing all the costumes! This past month we have learned a lot about ourselves and the Fall time. We discussed a lot about our emotions. We also got to explore some new science and nature items. These include pine cones, leaves, gourds, wood pieces, and worms. It's important to go outside and see what we can find. Try going on a scavenger hunt at home. The children have really enjoyed our sensory activities, too. They got to explore sea shells, moss, rice, black beans and sand. Have a great Thanksgiving!
3's, Ms. Ashley Z. & Ms. Rina

Flamingos

Time sure flies by when you are having a ton of fun! We love going on tons of field trips and being able to see different things. We went apple picking and got to pick our

Happy November! We are thankful we are able to spend the week with your child! We completed our Fall unit with mixing and stirring to make Pumpkin Pudding, using our fine motor skills to peel and stick Fall stickers, and scribbling with markers on our pumpkins. Next month we are looking forward to exploring our 5 senses with whipped cream, flashlights, and music. We also will be giving thanks with our Turkey unit. We are continuing to work on using utensils during mealtimes which will help build our fine motor skills. We want to wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Toddlers, Ms Lori & Ms. Jenny

Puddle Ducks

We have officially entered the cold weather season! Please feel free to bring hats, mittens, boots, and snowpants (make sure they are labeled). Over the last few weeks we have been busy exploring everything. Everybody made Fun Facts About Me books, so we have spent a lot of time looking at those! We also scribbled on our face pictures with markers and are trying to say everyone's names. Discovery baskets were introduced – magnetic/non-magnetic items, boxes and things to fit inside them, and textured items. The texture items basket was the most popular, followed closely by the ones with boxes! We also did some scribble writing and a lot of painting. Right now we are exploring nature. We go on nature hunts around the playground, watch the birds,

own apples. We went to a huge new playground in Menomonee Falls, where we were able to climb high, go down giant slides, and spin around until we couldn't spin anymore. With the 4K classroom, we got to do a Bat Class and learn all about bats! We also went to the pumpkin farm and got to pick out our own pumpkin! One of the activities we liked the most was getting to paint little mini pumpkins with new acrylic paint. We enjoyed using small paint brushes to add details to our pumpkins. Another great fine motor activity that we did was ripping up orange pieces of paper and then gluing them down to make our very own paper pumpkin. We also added brown paper for a stem and green paper for a leaf. Another activity that we really enjoy doing is file folder matching games. We are excited for what the next month will bring in our learning and adventures.

4's, Ms. Brittnee

4K

The food drive was a hit! Thank you so much for donating. Now our 4K class will deliver the food items to the Waukesha food pantry. To better understand why we are donating food, we read the book *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt. This helps the 4K students learn about empathy and how to be grateful for the food they have. Since it is October, that means we have been in 4K for 2 full months now. Since you are not able to be here with us, I figured I would give you a run down as to

and play with the big bale of straw on the playground.

Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Makenzie

Honey Hive

Fall is finally here! We are excited to share the wonderful skills we have been working on, such as flipping jackets over our heads to place them on. The Honey Hive has been busy over the past month. During our Water Exploration unit, we participated in experiments, such as placing bath bombs in water to watch the reactions. It foamed, sizzled, and changed colors. We also enjoyed exploring hair gel inside a bag with seal animals. This unit we sorted Fruit Loops by color on colored trays. During our Fall unit, we worked on more math. We counted Apple Jacks while placing them on pipe cleaners and learned our colors by sorting green and red apples on colored paper. We also introduced new music, such as country music dancing with scarves to help with movement. We would like to continue our self-help skills, such as using a fork and spoon while eating.

Young 2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Tasha

Forest Friends

It's hard to believe that November is already here! We had so much fun making our snack mix during our Shapes unit. We also loved exploring with pumpkins including painting, washing, and even

how 4K does their group time.

First, we hand out their names, sometimes I will spell their name out loud, or sign their name, they are getting good at noticing their name as well as others in sign language. They choose what job they want.

Some jobs are to help at lunch time like lunch runner, chair stacker, table washer, and light helper. We also have a line leader and book picker. The jobs I wanted to talk more in depth about are the jobs we do for our morning group:

100's Counter. This person adds one straw to our number chart and groups together any sets of 10. Then they print the number of how many tens and ones we have charted thus far. They also guide the class to count by tens and then by ones. Sometimes we will sing and dance to a counting song at this time. The 100's counter is actually adding up all of our days until we get to 100 and that's when we will have a 100 days of school party.

Number Counter. This person essentially tells us what the date is. They add the date number to our number line as well as print the date and year. After switching the day of the week, they will then lead the class in saying "Today is Wednesday November 1st 2023."

Morning Greeter. This person calls classmates up to "greet" them using a chart of different greeting options. This is a great independent transition for the students.

Data Person. I know it sounds very perfect! Well, this student comes up with a question that they personally ask each classmate and then tallies up their

tasting them. This month we've continued exploring our senses in the sensory table by digging in it and spending time outside. As the weather has gotten cooler we've been working on putting and taking off our jackets before and after our outside time. Next month we look forward to spending more time outside, continuing to use words to make wants known, helping with getting our jackets on and off as the weather gets colder, and following our classroom guidelines. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving full of gratitude and yummy food.

2's, Ms. Bree & Ms. Ashley S.

responses.

I hope you enjoyed joining our group time this month!

4K, Ms. Holly L.