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## Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2023

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend conferences last month. Drop off and pick up can be such a busy time that it's nice to have an opportunity to talk without any distractions.

Something that came up at conferences indicated that some of the children in our care are receiving services that we were unaware of. If your child is receiving services or seeing a therapist (for speech, occupational therapy, or physical therapy to name a few), it is in everyone's best interest if what they are working on is shared with us. That way we can all be on the same page as far as care and consistency goes, which will in turn benefit your child.

We will continue to collect coats for Coats for Kids until Thanksgiving, and then we will switch gears and collect presents for children in foster care. Be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius later this month!

We are still very, very full, so if you are expecting or are even thinking of trying, please fill

out a registration form to get onto our registration list. The forms are located outside of my office or on our [website](#)-you don't pay the registration fee again since it is a one-time family fee. We are looking at the end of 2024 for our next openings.

As always, please see me with questions!

*Christie Dapelo, Director*

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**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**



- 1 Noelani M.
- 2 Magnolia G.
- 3 George K.
- 8 Roman B.
- 8 Lillian S.
- 12 Ms. Sanja

17	Jesse L.
19	Erin S.
20	Ms. Taylor
22	Ellie G.
22	Benjamin G.
25	Howie Y.
27	Olivia B.
28	Benjamin R.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

*Ms. Mai Lee 7 Years*

*Ms. Emily 4 Years*

*Mr. Randy 4 Years*



### *Infants*

This is the time of year for giving THANKS and our Ocean Babies are thankful for so much. I am thankful for my friends (Aimee and Ali) who will be venturing on to room 002. I will miss them but know I will still see them often. I am looking forward to welcoming our two new friends (Ellie and Miles). During the month of November, we will be exploring the unit "Harvest". We will explore different foods, fruits and vegetables harvested with songs, books, and pictures. The child's interest will be facial recognition along

### *2's*

What type of vest is best for November? - A Harvest! Got your attention but how is it already November?!? Only 2 months until 2024! Thank you to the Salvation Army for letting us trick or treat as we finished up our Halloween unit. We will also do a transportation unit and find out about the many forms of transportation. Please keep working on self-help skills with your little one. We do the "flip" method for our coats. This is when your child stands by the head/hood of the coat and puts their

with self-recognition with our friends. Another way to explore this at home is allowing your child to explore with mirrors. To finish up the month, we will be discussing "Thanksgiving", as we are thankful for our moms, dads, family, friends, teachers, home, school, etc.! We will continue practicing rolling, sitting with/without support, and of course...tummy time! I can't wait to experience more with your child. Please have weather appropriate clothing for your child as we will try to explore the outdoors as often as we can (weather permitting). Happy Harvest!

*Ms. Ana*

### ***2nd Infants***

I am so THANKFUL for each of the families for bringing their babies to GH! They are such a joy and they keep me young. Thank you to all who participated in our Halloween spirit week; they were adorable! This month our focus is going to be on stimulating their senses, mainly sight and touch.

For sight we are going to read/look at high contrast books (red,black,white) and pictures. These are the first colors infants can actually see clearly so the more exposure to them, the more their eyes can focus. At home you can easily print off some pictures of black and white images to have your baby look at or go to the library and the children's section should have some of these available too! When dealing with touch, we are going to

arms into the arm holes and "flips" it on. Also, please make sure your child has appropriate weather clothing in their cubby. Happy Thanksgiving.

*Ms. Courtney and Ms. Esther*

### ***2.5's***

BOO! It's us, the Gnome Schoolers! We have been having a lot of spooky good fun this past month. We have been exploring life cycles of plants-- apple trees and pumpkins to be specific. Your little gnome had a blast on the "bumpy bus"-- I mean at the pumpkin farm.

They got to test out their sense of direction and memory in the corn maze. We all made it out, thankfully. We also challenged their belief of what is real and what is make-believe by learning about Magical Creatures. This is an important ability for young children to have, especially at Halloween time. This ability allows your child to look at possibly scary things and decide if it is something they should worry about or not. It will also help during the other holidays or anytime they come in contact with costumed figures (Disney).

As a class we are always working on self-help skills and as the weather gets colder, we will need more layers to learn to put on. Please encourage your "gnomie" to get dressed in the morning for you, so that they build up the confidence that is needed for getting themselves ready. Please remember that as the weather gets colder, your little one needs

continue expose them to various textures and toys. When we go outside each day we also bring nature to them and let them touch leaves, snow (if we get any, hope not!), and flowers/trees. I talk with them about how they feel. The great thing about the sense of touch is that SO many milestones are mastered. Hope your November is as sweet as pie!

*Ms. Cassie and Ms. Katherine*

### ***3rd Infants***

***Quote of the month:*** *Real strength has to do with helping others – Mr. Rogers*

Our Turkey gobblers are sure helping each other by hugging and sharing their toys. We have been very busy learning new sign language words. We enjoy looking out our big window and watching the leaves fall while we talk about the weather and how it changes from hot to cold. For all of our newcomers, please bring a family photo for our family tree. We also do a fun activity in the morning where we see our friends' pictures and discuss if they are at school or at home. If you have any questions, our door is always open. Happy Harvest!

*Ms. Sherry and Ms. Kelly*

### ***Toddlers***

Hello 004 families, and welcome to our new friends! As the temperatures continue to drop, please be sure to check your

appropriate outerwear. Feel free to keep a hat and mittens in their blue bag.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

*Ms. Amy R. and Ms. Virginia*

### ***3's***

Hello, ChimpanTHREEZZZ!!!

What a whirlwind of excitement we have had in our classroom these past few weeks:

- Ms. Abbie having her baby
- Ms. Michele working with us
- Conferences taking place
- A pumpkin patch field trip
- Halloween events

And, next up, we'll be busy prepping and getting ready for all those cold and wintry nights and days!

Speaking of which, we have continued working on taking off and putting on clothes by ourselves—which will come in handy when we need to put on our snow-gear (hats, mittens, winter jacket, snowpants, snow boots—you don't need them quite yet but, just wanting to give you an early reminder that...winter is coming!).

For coats, keep on practicing/working on our "One, Two, FLIP!" routine (we'll send a video in the app for you) which has been quite handy! Also, should an arm sleeve get turned inside out, simply hold the coat (or sweater or pants) up for them and have them "reach inside all the way, grab the sleeve, and pull it out" to help them see how they too can be part of the process in

child's cubby to ensure that all extra clothes fit and are weather appropriate. Also, be sure to send your little one with a hat and mittens/gloves each day, and boots as we approach the cold winter months. October was a great month in 004. We learned about pumpkins, and the children LOVED this unit, especially the sensory bags filled with pumpkin guts! We had so much fun celebrating trick or treating around the center as a class, but now it's time to switch gears a bit. After our Halloween theme wraps up, we will begin learning about transportation, and then we will have a unit on giving thanks to close the month. We are planning to have a classroom potluck at the end of the month, so please be on the lookout for information and a sign-up sheet for that! As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have as we look forward to a great month with our Wild Ones!

*Ms. Mai Lee and Ms. Taylor*

### ***2nd Toddlers***

Fall is in the air! The past month has been filled with pumpkins, leaves, and laughter. As the weather becomes colder, please check your child's cubby for clothes suited for fall and winter. Please start to bring in hats, waterproof mittens, and thicker coats. In October, the toddlers experienced various art projects, books, and sensory experiments. They were really interested in exploring gourds and pumpkins tangled in our spider web

problem-solving and gaining self-help skills!

Additionally, as it has been in the past, cold/flu season is here! We have been working on (and practicing) on our coughing technique (covering our mouths with our arm), sneezing technique (turning away—using arm if possible, and washing our hands soon after), and keeping our hands (and non-food-related-items) out of our mouths (while sharing is caring, no doubt...we don't want to share too many germs and have friends—be they small or large, get sick).

Keep on keeping healthy in any and every way possible, and let's make this winter simply magical by continuing to work together! If there is anything you need, be sure to let us know, and we will do our best to help you out as much as we can. Enjoy and...can't wait to venture out into the frozen tundra in the weeks (and months) to come!

OOOOH OOOOOH AHHHHH  
AHHHHHH!!!!!! ~"Change tomorrow,  
today."

*3's, Mr. Randy and Ms. Kailie*

### ***3-4's***

How time flies when you're having fun. And we've been having nothing but fun while still learning in the preschool room. This month was no exception. We've really enjoyed getting into our show and tell routine, learning about the letters in our alphabet. We also really enjoyed our field trip to the pumpkin patch and are excited

sensory bin. They also loved to paint over and peel off Halloween shapes to create unique art. Have a great Fall y'all!

*Ms. Hannah and Ms. Emily*

### ***3rd Toddlers***

Gracias, Merci, Danke...every language has a way to say, "Thank You". In America, November is the month in which we give thanks for all that we have. Here in the Tender Hearts classroom, we can't quite verbally express our gratitude yet but that most certainly does not mean we are ungrateful. We let our hugs, kisses and gentle touches do the talking and thanking. During the month of November, the Tender Hearts will continue to work on color and shape recognition as well as using our utensils and getting the hang of that darn open cup!

*Ms. Laura and Ms. Elise*

for the upcoming field trips this month. We're working really hard on identifying our names in print before we move on to writing them independently. This month we are going to be learning about our solar system and the planets in it, as well as dinosaurs. So, keep a look out for all those fun learning moments. As always, the Wisconsin weather can be ever changing, so make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their cubbies.

*Ms. Kayleigh and Ms. Alyssa*