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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2024



Hello Families!

What a great turnout we had at Fall Fest. It was so fun to see all the children dressed up in their Halloween costumes. Congratulations to the Wendt Family for winning the "Free Day of Child Care". Thanks to all the staff for their hard work to make our Fall Fest Family Night such a success.

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, and we help to distribute those items onto our 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 holidays approaching, this usually means some days off for children and their families. Remember to submit [Vacation Requests](#) 7 days in advance (in order to receive tuition credit, if eligible). You are not charged for any days Grandma's House is closed.

The weather is starting to change with less daylight outside so children might already be inside the building when it comes to pick up time. The three closing rooms will be Infants, Toddlers and 2 ½ year old classrooms. The babies will switch between either infant classroom depending on what is best for the children. The toddler group can be found in 005 and anyone over the age of two, can be found in the 2½'s classroom. I hope this helps families know where to go at the end of the night for pick up.

This month's shoutout goes to Ms. Olivia and Ms. Drea, our middle toddler room teachers! Ms. Drea has been with Grandma's House since 2017, and Ms. Olivia just joined Grandma's House this past summer. These two teachers started working together right away and they are having so much fun with the toddlers! One of their most favorite things to do is sing with the children and read books with them. They are constantly singing to the children and they love it! The children love to read so many books with them. Ms. Olivia and Ms. Drea are always laughing and having fun with the toddlers, it's so fun to see! These two teachers also love to take the toddlers outside, go for walks, and even bring activities outside with them as well. They brought out a color sorting activity, musical instruments, and they even went on a leaf hunt on the playground! Ms. Drea and Ms. Olivia do a great job keeping the toddlers busy! Some fun things they have recently done include painting with apples, doing an apple taste test, exploring pumpkins, and playing peek a boo as a group under a bed sheet! Keep the fun going!

Thanks,
Jess Strick, Director

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2	Emma F.
2	Josephine K.
2	Mackenzie A.
4	Bella M.
4	Mila H.
7	Ellis S.
9	Brady B.
11	Finn A.
12	Daquon W.
16	Nina L.
21	Weston A.
22	Ronin S.
23	Roman M.
23	Quinn M.
23	Amelia K.
23	William B.
25	Lucy A.
25	Elias C.
29	Ellie K.
29	Madison K.

Look What We Did!

Brown Bear

Jungle Book

We sure have been busy signing off milestones on our new portfolios for our little growing friends. Here are a few things we are currently working on:

Health/Motor: reaches, grasps, and holds objects or transfers objects from one hand to another.

Social/Emotional: observes people and activities or turns/looks when name is called.

Cognitive: begins to act bored or fuss if activity does not change or repeats actions to get an effect.

Language/Literacy: begins to imitate sounds they hear or vocalize and pats pictures.

Remember, every child develops at a different pace so don't be concerned if your child is not doing these things quite yet. We will continue to work hard to help your child reach their developmental milestones.

Infants, Ms. Cassidy and Mr. Jared

Very Hungry Caterpillars

Crispy, comfy, cozy! Which means Fall is here! Last month we handled a variety of colorful leaves and a basket of apples counting them to build number recognition. For sensory, we tasted and touched warm/cold applesauce, and finger painted with red paint. The children crawled and rolled over pillows placed on the floor, some friends had assistance with lots of smiles. As we look forward to the Harvest season and the chillier weather, please be sure to dress your child in layers

It's Fall! We kicked off a great start to the season with a field trip to the Pumpkin Farm! It aligned perfectly with our Farm and Pumpkins themes this past month. A standout Farm activity was observing a science experiment using vinegar and baking soda to make popcorn kernels "dance". We also had a great time learning some country line dancing moves! During our Pumpkins unit, the children loved exploring pumpkin "guts" with all their senses! We also enjoyed our Halloween Party, celebrating together as a class. We are looking forward to this next month and hoping for continued nice weather!

2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Little Superpigs

The Fall weather is looking like it is finally here to stay. What we need from you is a hat and a pair of thin mittens for the chilly mornings. Please help us by labeling everything with your child's name. Our first portfolio focus this past month was practicing flipping our coats. This is something you can do at home by placing the hood of your child's coat at the tops of their feet then have them put their arms in the arm holes and flip it over their head. Our next focus was waiting/taking turns. The phrase that we use when they are waiting for a turn is "go ask them if you can have a turn when they are done". Our final focus was kicking a ball to friends and teachers on the playground.

2 1/2's, Ms. Jennie and Ms. Janell

for exploring the outdoors and playing on the floor in our classroom.

Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Savannah

Wild Things

Happy November to you all! We are thankful that you share your little ones with us during the week. We have completed our units on Fall and Nursery Rhymes. We painted pumpkins and worked on our pincer grasp with peeling and sticking flannels on the wall. We also read stories about leaves and pumpkins. We sang songs like, *Wheels on the Bus* and *Itsy Bitsy Spider*. This month we will be learning about Turkeys and Transportation. Two small reminders...please make sure your child's cubby is stocked up with spare changes of clothing and all your child's outerwear items are labeled with their name.

Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Jenny

Puddle Ducks

Fall is in full effect. We still spend most of our days outside and with that, we just ask for thicker jackets and even hats and gloves for those chilly mornings! The children are now understanding the classroom routine and getting to know their classmates! A portfolio focus of ours is to show affection through hugs, kisses, and cuddles. Some things the children have been interested in are patting friends

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

We had so much fun at Fall Fest with everyone! In October, we dressed up like superheroes, explored the inside of a pumpkin, and even took a pumpkin home, as well as watched a very cool Pete the Cat play. Our friends really enjoyed picking up leaves from outside to make a nature board and create cool glow in the dark artwork. In November, we look forward to doing a Pets unit and talk about the different things our friends do during the Thanksgiving holiday. It's getting chilly outside so please bring those boots, hats and mittens with your child's name on the tags. Thank you!

3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison

The Crayons

We cannot believe that we are already in November! There has been so much we are learning and so much we are looking forward to! We have enjoyed riding the bus to go on field trips. Our favorite was going to the pumpkin farm and getting to pick out any pumpkin that we wanted. We also liked going apple picking and to see the Pete The Cat play. Some skills that we have been working on are fixing our own coat sleeves and flipping our coats on. A good way to practice at home is letting your child try to fix their sleeves if wrong and putting their own jacket on. We have also been working on our letters. A really cool activity that helps with letter recognition that can be done at home as

on the back when they're sad. We started off the month learning about color. The magnetic tiles were introduced, and children have started looking through them, noticing the difference in shades of color. Right now, we are exploring all things nature! Going on nature hunts around the playground, watching the birds, and seeing how the wind makes the trees and leaves dance.

Toddlers, Ms. Olivia and Ms. Drea

Panda Bears

Wow, we cannot believe how fast October flew by! We had such a fun time during our Pumpkin unit making and trying pumpkin bread and pumpkin pie. We also had such a fun time with our Halloween Party. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share for the party. We continue to enjoy playing in the sensory bin that is filled with black beans. We worked on our scooping which helped us work on using our spoons. As November brings chillier weather, we would like to continue to work on helping with dressing by using the flip trick to put on our coats as well as helping with the unzipping of our coats. We will continue to work on using objects the right way. You can do this at home with your child by making sure they use their cup to drink instead of dumping. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

1's, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.

well is taking post it notes with one letter on each and placing them around your house. Then ask your child to go find you a letter. We had a great Fall Fest seeing everyone have a fun time together. As we are heading into the colder weather, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothes as we do go outside as long as it's above zero. Please make sure all of your child's items are labeled with their name.

4's, Ms. Brittnee

Pigeons - 4K

Did you know our 4K class adopted a cow? Well even though it would be fun, the cow will not be living here at Grandma's House. Our class will receive bi-monthly updates, pictures, and activities about our calf. Our cow is named Jacaranda and the host farm is Orthridge Jerseys located in Lancaster, WI. Thus far, we have received information about the farm and our cow, Jacaranda, was born September 17, 2024. She was 60 lbs. and 30 inches tall at birth. The class used her height to measure up to her to see how tall they would be over the calf. It will be fun to see how tall she gets in a short amount of time. We also read some fun facts about dairy farms, cows, and dairy nutrition. We are so excited to keep learning about "Discover Dairy" through the whole school year. Make sure to walk through the room and watch for postings of updates and pictures.

4K, Ms. Holly

