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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2024



Dear Parents,

Please help me welcome our new Assistant Director, Ms. Abbie! Ms. Abbie has been with Grandma's House since 2021. She was most recently a 3-year-old teacher at the Tosa Center, but started her career in the first infant room. Abbie is also a mother of 3 young children that attend Grandma's House. She enjoys spending her free time at home with her family, baking, gardening, camping-anything outdoors!

Salvation Army Coat Drive: We are collecting donations of coats for children of all ages, but the need is greatest for School-Age children. Please look through your closets or ask your neighbors if they have any gently used coats that are no longer needed. The collection barrel is located in the front foyer and will be there until Wednesday, November 20th.

Thanks,
Claire Cramton, Director
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- 2 Simon K.
- 2 Violet G.
- 4 Miles K.
- 4 Scarlett H.
- 5 Hannah F.
- 7 Popie C.
- 7 December C.
- 8 Harrison L.
- 8 Joseph B.
- 9 Nolan M.
- 9 Ms. Judeen
- 10 Sammy G.
- 11 Margot T.
- 11 Clarke M.
- 12 Mackenzie M.
- 14 Ms. Andrea
- 18 Aya M.
- 19 Auggie H.
- 20 Florence G.
- 22 Geila H.
- 23 Brooks M.
- 30 Oscar B.

CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

- Mr. Scott 32 Years*
- Mr. Matt 3 Years*
- Ms. Samon 2 Years*
- Ms. Kourtney 1 Year*
- Ms. Emma C. 1 Year*

Look What We Did!

Young Infants

October was such a fun month filled with all things Fall! We took quite a few walks as the weather has been getting cooler and the leaves have been changing. We also enjoyed learning about Bedtime and Pumpkins throughout the month. For our Bedtime lesson plan, we read about bath time before sleeping in "Bubbles, Bubbles" by Bendon Publishing and then we read the story "Sweet Dreams" by Nancy Tillman. We even looked at Night themed art by Vincent Van Gogh! For our Pumpkins lesson plan, we painted little pumpkins with our hands using fall colors, played with pumpkin seeds in a sensory bin, and read about "Fall Pumpkin Fun" by Martha E. H. Rustad and "Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins" by Dianne Ochiltree. Coming up in November, your babies will be learning about the Fall Harvest and Trees as they change through the seasons. They will also continue to work on reaching their developmental milestones through play and floor time with their peers. Some of these goals include rolling, shaking and banging toys, and even blowing raspberries! Finally, a quick reminder to please check your child's cubby so that they have the weather appropriate clothing needed for taking walks outside when the weather permits. We are always happy to answer any questions you have,

Middle Toddlers

We are so excited for the start of the holiday season! The weather is quickly changing day by day, so please check and fill cubbies with weather appropriate clothing. We had lots of fun this past month and a great costume party to top it off. We have been enjoying the playground as much as possible. We really enjoy flannel stories and bubbles during activity transition times. With the completion of conferences, we will continue to work towards the goals we have set for each child. We are excited to learn about Transportation and Flowers this month. Please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Have a great November!

Ms. Kam and Ms. Aliyah

Older Toddlers

October was full of fun and learning. We enjoyed creating art, exploring pumpkins, and learning about all things Fall. We especially had fun during our costume party! This past month we focused on sense of mine, which is an important developmental milestone at this age. A toddler's sense of mine encourages independence, teaches social skills, and

and we hope you all have a great month!
Ms. Liz and Ms. Netzy

Infants

Welcome to Fall and cooler temps! Just a reminder that we will continue to try to go for walks, so please make sure your child has a jacket and hat in their cubbies. This past month our theme was the color orange. We painted with orange paint and looked at orange and black high contrast pictures. We listened to different multicultural music, and we read books about numbers. Our second theme was all about me. We looked at and touched high contrast tiles and learned the sign for "book". We also enjoyed looking in the mirror at ourselves. Our portfolio focuses for this month were crawls on hand and begins to imitate sounds. Did you know that when babies imitate sounds it is part of their language and social development. Your baby will start imitating sounds as early as one to three months old. They may smile, turn their head, or babble. You can help your baby imitate sounds by modeling the sound, exaggerating the sound, raising your pitch or intonation, and using repetition. As always, be safe and happy!
Ms. Judeen and Ms. Sam

Older Infants

Fall is a great time to drive around and look at all of the leaves changing colors, so

shows that toddlers are starting to use pronouns as well as forming an identity. In November, we will continue working on our self-help skills such as unzipping our jackets. We will also enjoy activities involving turkeys and being thankful. Have a great November!
Ms. Pakou and Ms. Jackie

Almost 2's

We had an amazing start to Fall! We have been working on our fine motor skills doing a lot of puzzles and stacking blocks. We have also been working on our gross motor skills with racing outside, making drums, and music. We welcomed some new friends into our room. We are learning their names and learning more about our Fall weather. We will be learning about gravity, mixing colors to see what color they make, and listening to new stories. The cold breeze is here! We encourage you to bring hats, gloves, and heavier coats so we can enjoy our time outside. As a reminder, please check cubbies daily. Please take water bottles home at the end of the week for washing.
Ms. Justine and Ms. Becca

2's

This past October, the two-year-old room transformed into a world of exploration, engaging in various activities that stimulated their growing minds and bodies. We embraced mathematical concepts and

we decided to learn about all the different modes of transportation. We practiced imitating familiar sounds like “shh-shh-shh” and “beep, beep, beep” as we sang the “Wheels on the Bus”. We sailed plastic boats on water and we looked at pictures of decorated buses designed by Pakistani artist Imran Ahmed. With all of the leaves changing, we thought that it would only be right to learn more about colors. We painted with colored ice cubes. It was fun watching the ice melt and seeing the colors that it left on the paper. We even enjoyed tasting the colorful cubes. We played with colorful scarves and played peek-a-boo with them to find our friends underneath. We watched and listened to a flannel board story called “Rainbow Stew”. It was about different colored fruits and vegetables coming together to make a beautiful rainbow.

Ms. Christie and Ms. Dawn

1's

October was a fun month, but now the children are getting ready for Thanksgiving. This is a month of family giving, gatherings, and blessings. We have so much to be grateful for! We are very excited to start another month in our room with your children. In October, we had so much fun painting on pumpkins, using Fall colors, as well as reading books about Autumn, like “Mouse’s First Fall” by Lauren Thomson, “Acorn was a Little Wild” by David Najar, “Biscuit Visits the Pumpkin Patch” by Satin Capucilli, and more. Our

enhanced our hand-eye coordination by building towers with wooden blocks. The children excitedly counted the number of blocks they used and took delight in the crash when they knocked them down. Our young explorers also donned their chef hats in the loft, where they engaged in imaginative play. They created different pretend dishes, bagged up groceries, and enjoyed eating their creations at the table. One of the themes we did was Fall. We embarked on a leaf hunt, collecting colorful leaves outside, which we later used to craft a beautiful collage and even jumped into a leaf pile. Our adventure continued with a trip to the Pumpkin Farm. The class loved the corn maze, the pedal cars at the pretend track, and selecting a pumpkin. We continued the experience with pumpkins in our Spooky unit. The children used their guessing and predicting skills by uncovering surprises hidden within

pumpkins, created pumpkin faces, and dumped and filled with bones.

On Fridays in our classroom, we have a dance party. Through song and movement, we enhance the children's learning experience. They develop listening and direction-following skills with the Freeze Dance, improve their gross motor abilities with The Floor is Lava, and learn body part recognition with Tooty Ta, among many other fun dance songs.

As the weather changes, please ensure your child has weather-appropriate clothing in their cubby. We look forward to more exciting adventures and discoveries next month!

Ms. Diana and Ms. Kourtney

Themes of the month in November are "Forest Animals" and "Giving Thanks" and we will read books about baby animals who live in the forest and about Thanksgiving: "Who" Peek-a-Flap by Jaye Garnett, "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell, "Spot's Thanksgiving" by Eric Hill, "Thanksgiving Counting" by Barbara Bardieri McGrath, and flannel story: "Five little pumpkins" by Marybeth Butler. 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, and look at the two different high contrast baby books: "Forest" and "My First Autumn". Children will work on their fine motor skills, practice walking, and practice putting things into containers. Some children will use spoons during mealtimes, and more. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have. Have a great month!

Ms. Alex and Ms. Myeesha

Young Toddlers

Hello Families! We have been enjoying the Fall weather, taking walks to the park. We walk on the trail and observe and identify the colors of the trees as they change. We see squirrels, chipmunks and

2 1/2's

Happy Fall 007 families! We are excited to welcome the month of November with lots of fun activities and educational goals. We will continue to work on fine motor skills with activities such as lacing, placing/pulling, and scissor snipping. We are also working on color matching, shape recognition, and counting 1-10. While at home or on the go, encourage your child to point out different shapes and colors that they see. As the weather is getting cooler, be sure to bring weather appropriate clothing (long-sleeved shirts, hats, gloves, coats, etc.) Lastly, we would like to invite you to join us for our Wacky Wednesday Pajama party, November 27th to kick off our Thanksgiving weekend.
Ms. Brittannie and Ms. Mia

3's

As we are sure you all have noticed, the weather has been super consistent. Please keep bringing weather appropriate clothing as we do spend a lot of time outside. This past month, we have been doing a lot of art, motor, and shape/letter activities. We will be continuing with that in this coming month but also hope to incorporate more math and science skills/activities. They have been loving sensory play and as many hands-on activities as they can so we will be implementing those into our themes as well. Please make sure to check your

a friendly goose that likes to honk to say "Hello". We've been playing with puzzles to practice our fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination. We practice counting apples with songs and flannel stories and talk about big and little leaves. For art, we had fun making a collage with red, orange, and yellow tissue paper and painting prints with aluminum foil. We read *The Leaf Blew In* and *Apples to Go*. We also sang *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt*. We enjoy watching your children grow and learn.

Ms. Theresa and Ms. Inna

child's cubby daily. We use plastic cups for water so water bottles can be taken home as we don't use them anymore. Bedding should be taken home weekly for washing. We have been getting tons of questions of the day suggestions and we love that. Keep posting your questions on the board. As always stay safe and healthy and let us know if you have any questions.

Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Jenn

3's/4's

We sure did have a busy October with field trips, conferences, and our costume party! In between all of that, we worked a lot on letter and number recognition, cutting straight lines, and writing skills, while also learning about Halloween. As we move forward, we will be continuing to focus on these same skills since the best way to learn is through repetition! We will also be learning about pumpkins and Thanksgiving and discuss what we are thankful for. Also, since it is getting a lot colder outside, especially in the mornings, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing in their cubbies as we do go outside 2-3 times daily. We are thankful for your help keeping us warm and healthy.

Ms. Samantha and Ms. Abbie