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Growing Highlights

DECEMBER 2024

Happy Holidays

SPECIAL HOURS				
Monday Dec 23	Tuesday Dec 24	Wednesday Dec 25	Thursday Dec 26	Friday Dec 27
6:30AM - 5:30PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	6:30AM - 5:30PM	6:30AM - 5:30PM
Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3
6:30AM - 5:30PM	6:30AM - 5:30PM	CLOSED	6:00AM - 6:00PM	6:00AM - 6:00PM

Hello Families!

As we officially enter the holiday season, every year Grandma's House chooses to put together a Giving Tree and work with a local organization to help others. This year we will be collaborating with a company called [We Are Foundations](#) who support local foster families. We have a Giving Tree up in the front entry way. We invite you to take a tag (or two) to help a child in need, so they can receive a special gift this holiday season. If you choose to take a tag, we ask that you purchase the gift and bring it back by **Friday, December 13, unwrapped** with the ornament tag attached. Thank you in advance for helping several families this holiday season!

From December 16 - 23, we are doing some fun holiday dress up days (see below)! We will be hanging up fliers around the building and teachers will send out reminders of the dress up days. We are excited to see all the spirit that the holidays bring!

Winter is upon us! Just a reminder that children go outside twice daily depending on the weather. Children under two years of age go outside if the wind chill is above 20 degrees and children who are two years and older go outside if the wind chill is above 0 degrees. Please remember to bundle up your children in hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots. Make sure to label everything with your child's name as well!

This month's shoutout goes to Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison in the 3-year-old room! These two do an amazing job together and they truly know how to work well with each other. They do an excellent job at keeping the children busy by always having activities out on the tables for the children along with fun movement songs and books at group time. The children's favorites are the small motor and fine motor activities at the tables, but they also love to paint as well. Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison love to do spontaneous days like pajama days and they recently had a "game" day where they laid out a bunch of different board games throughout the room for the children to play together. They also love to take the children on walks outside as much as they can!

Thanks,
Jess Strick, Director

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**2024 VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING
Parking and Road Closure Map**

Roads will be closed from 4:45 to 7:15

Legend: **P** Parking, **▲** Road Closed

Map details: Shows streets including Burleigh Rd, N 186th St, N Brookfield Rd, Wilderness Way, McCoy Park, BriO Studio, Vennture Brewing, Pleasant St, Hoffman Ave, and River Rd. Markers indicate parking locations and road closures. A note states: "Brookfield Rd open to Hoffman Ave. To Detour use River Rd".

**Brookfield
Tree Lighting**

December 5th - 5-7 pm

Brookfield Road will be CLOSED
starting at 4:45 pm
between Burleigh and railroad tracks.



- 1 Dominick Z.
- 1 Hunter H.
- 2 Alanah L.
- 4 Khalia W.
- 7 Noah V.
- 8 Addison S.
- 9 Ms. Savannah
- 12 Madelyn A.
- 18 Elise A.
- 18 Nora A.
- 18 Theodore P.
- 20 Bennett S.
- 21 Kinsley F.
- 21 Evelyn B.
- 22 Norah E.
- 22 Owen D.
- 25 Bryar V.
- 27 Olivia S.
- 28 Zoey P.
- 29 Otis M.
- 30 Jack M.
- 30 Penelope K.



Look What We Did!

Brown Bear

We cannot believe the end of 2024 is almost here! As always, we are growing and learning each day by playing and exploring. This past month we have been busy learning through our Harvest and Thanksgiving lesson plans.

Health/Motor: We worked on raising our chest off the floor by providing opportunities to build our muscles during

Jungle Book

Winter is coming! We have had so much fun this past month. We started the month with our Forest unit where we used our fine motor skills to create “hedgehogs” out of clay. A highlight was definitely going on a Bear Hunt around the center. We then had our Weather unit where we had fun doing some indoor puddle jumping, measuring ourselves using

tummy time. The children were given mirrors encouraging them to look at themselves.

Social/Emotional: We sang plenty of songs to the children during one-on-one time.

Language/Literacy: We explored new textures including the insides of pumpkins and gourds while the teachers taught us descriptive words.

We hope everyone stays warm and safe this holiday season! Enjoy your family time.

Infants, Ms. Cassidy and Mr. Jared

Very Hungry Caterpillars

Tis the season to be jolly! The Very Hungry Caterpillars can't wait for the anticipated colorful lights and decorations to be seen throughout the center, streets, and our homes. We have been very busy with our Sensory and Harvest themes. We had lots of smiles exploring the inside and outside of a pumpkin. We are tasting lots of new foods prepared by Ms. Erin, yummy! Also, smelling seasonal scents in our sensory bottles like pumpkin spice, cinnamon, mint, and nutmeg. We even handled a variety of Autumn board books. During diaper changes and bottle feedings, we giggled when pointing to our facial parts. Our friends have been clapping on command while singing, *If You Are Happy* and *Open, Shut Them*. We used pots, pans, and pretend food for our dramatic play. We will be working on fine tuning our pincer grasp and working on crawling on hands and knees when being

raindrops, and doing a lot of fun weather themed art activities. With the weather getting colder, be sure to bring in hats, mittens and heavier coats all labeled with your child's name. We have started working on flipping our coats ourselves and putting on our own hats and mittens. We are looking forward to a fun winter.

2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Little Superpigs

This month we have had a very busy time enjoying the outdoors before we have to start bundling up for the winter. Please be sure to bring a hat and mittens labeled with child's name every day or leave in their cubby. This month we worked hard on being safe listeners and friends in the classroom by using our words instead of our hands when we want something our friends have. Our second focus this month was self help skills. This can be worked on at home by allowing your child to dress themselves, putting on shoes, coats, and taking them off. Doing this at home and encouraging independence allows for less frustrating moments for the children. Our final goal for this month was our fine motor skills using scissors and zipping our coats.

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

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

exposed to tummy time. We will continue pointing at pictures, friends, and toys. This season, take time to breathe, enjoy your family and friends, and have a Merry Christmas!

Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Savannah

Wild Things

Happy Holidays! Can you believe it is already December? This past month has flown by! Many of us have been practicing our walking skills and taking our first steps! Such a fun milestone to see. We love to celebrate these accomplishments by clapping and getting excited for ourselves and our friends! During our Transportation unit we sang "Wheels on the Bus" and we have done a great job learning the motions. We used our fine motor skills to paint with small cars and trucks on poster board and our large motor skills to push and pull trucks around the classroom. During our Turkey unit we read books about being thankful. We talked about being thankful for our family, friends and of course, food. Speaking of food, we also tried pumpkin pie. Most of us loved it! This next month we will be exploring and learning about the themes of Silver & Gold and Winter Holidays. We wish you and your family safe and wonderful holidays.

Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Jenny

Puddle Ducks

Tis the season! The holidays are just around the corner and we are so excited! This past month we have had our Pets and Farm themes. During our Pets theme, we worked on simple puzzles by having different puzzles out during center time. We also worked on naming things such as toys or other objects when asked. We did this while playing or doing centers. This is something you could practice at home with their toy animals for example. Then during our Farm theme, we practiced matching objects by grabbing an object and asking them to find the matching object. We also practiced knowing familiar signs by showing them a sign and asking what it is. You could play the sign game while riding in the car. With colder weather and snow approaching, please be sure to bring in snowpants and boots along with all the other necessary winter gear; hats and mittens. We tend to have multiple items in the same color, please label all your child's belongings. Thank you!

3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Madison

The Crayons

We are so happy that the weather has been good to us, and we can still get outside a lot! We are also excited to have Ms. Michele's Creative Expressions and Mrs. Ryan's Music back! We enjoy learning new songs and new ways to do art. We have been learning about the Farm and Turkeys and what we are thankful for! One lesson we have really liked doing is

What a fun month we have had here in the Puddle Duck classroom! This month was filled with cooler days, as well as some rainy ones. With that being said, we had the opportunity to wear our rainsuits outside! These protect our clothes from the water. We read lots of our favorite books including, Let's Go Wheels on the Bus, 5 Little Ducks, Little Quack, Babies Around the World, and our All About Me books. We have also been practicing stacking blocks! This works on fine motor skills as well as coordination. Another fun activity we have done is exploring the insides of pumpkins. We touched the cool strings and seeds as they squished in our hands. We also discovered tiny snails in the garden. Inspecting them, their shell, and the way they get around was so much fun! We love doing art! Some process art projects we did include painting with sponges, coloring with markers, and coloring on our "face pictures". What a wonderful beginning to our colder days.
Toddlers, Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia

Panda Bears

Wow, how time flies! It's December and that means snow is coming! We plan on going outside as much as the weather will allow us. Please be sure your child has snow pants, boots, hat, and mittens. In November we had fun painting with different items such as feathers and leaves. We also had fun measuring how tall we are with both leaves and turkeys. We had many bubble dance

practicing our scissor skills by cutting on different kinds of lines like, curved, straight, and wavy. Another activity that we really enjoy is putting big and little farm animals together. For example, if we have a goose, we need to find its gosling. During the Thankful lesson we talked a lot about what we are thankful to have. We also liked making our names with turkey feathers and placing them on a turkey body. We are enjoying being able to get out and about on field trips as well. As always please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothes as we do go outside as long as the feels like is above 0 degrees.

4's, Ms. Brittnie

Pigeons - 4K

Let's check in with the kindergartners. I asked each 4K student what they enjoy doing in 4K:

Taylor - "play at the table making bracelets"

Addison - "playing with my friends"

Ayla - "playing art and coloring with all my friends"

Rowan - "playing with the playdough"

Cora - "Playing races outside"

Emmett - "doing iron beads"

Ronin - "I like doing jobs"

Norah - "doing jobs like data person"

Lyla - "I like the field trips"

Mason - "I like to do the letter of the week"

Parker - "learning about letters"

Brooks - "I like to eat smarties"

Maya - "free play so I can read books"

Bryar - "I like to do toothpick pokers"

One subject we worked a lot on in

parties, too! This month we are going to work on matching 2 similar objects using file folder games. You can work on this at home by having your child match 2 of the same shoes. We are also going to work on using utensils during lunch. At home you can also encourage your child to eat with utensils during mealtimes. We are so excited for another fun filled month.

Toddlers, Ms. Makenzie and Ms. Ashley S.

November was our social emotional skills. We learned what makes a good friend, we practiced talking nicely towards each other, and we discussed if a problem is "big" or "small". Then we worked on solutions to different problems. New words were also introduced like instigator and encourage. Lastly, we practiced these wise words: if you send kindness, you will get kindness but if you send grumpiness, you will get grumpiness back.

4K, Ms. Holly

Grandma's House Price Listing

Effective January 6, 2025

Daily Rates		Under 2	2 Year Olds	3-4 Year Olds	5+
Full Day	Youngest/Single Child	88	79	71	62
	Older Child(ren)	75	67	60	53
Half Day (5 hours or less)	Youngest/Single Child	--	60	57	54
	Older Child(ren)	--	53	51	48

Full and Half day rates include lunch and snacks.

School Age Rates		Full-Day 5K through Fifth Grade		
Full Time-Weekly	Before	After	Before & After	
Youngest/Single Child	85	110	135	
Older Child(ren)	75	95	120	

Students attending full-time do not pay extra for single school-off days, with the exception of Winter and Spring breaks during which the Full Day Daily Rate is paid (see above).

Part Time-Daily	Before	After	Before & After	
Youngest/Single Child	19	24	29	
Older Child(ren)	17	21	26	

Part time fees are based on a permanent or submitted schedule. School days off are charged at the Full Day Daily Rate (see above).

Please see Center Director for additional School Age Policies.

Miscellaneous Fees	
One Time Non-Refundable Family Registration Fee: <small>Families may only register at one Grandma's House Center</small>	\$150
Returned Check Fee: (Checks presented once to our bank)	\$20
Late Fee for every 15 minutes past 6:00 p.m.:	\$20 / child
No phone call for transportation needs or school age absence:	\$10
Holding Fee: <small>Grandma's House offers families the option of holding their child's spot at our centers for a short-term, temporary leave of absence by paying a holding fee. Parents must submit a Return Date with their holding fee. If children do not return to Grandma's House on the agreed-upon Return Date, parents have two options:</small>	\$50 / child
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay tuition equivalent to 4 days of attendance for each child beginning on the Return Date for each week until they return to the center. 2. Children are placed on our Inactive List. Parents may re-enroll their child(ren) at a future date based on availability at the center. Availability is not guaranteed. 	

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