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Growing Highlights

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Hello Families!

It is going to be an eventful month with all the activities that we have planned throughout the building! We have pumpkin farm field trips taking place for the older children, conferences with your child's teacher, and last but not least...our Fall Fest!

Every October and April, we have the teachers set time aside to meet one on one with families. Each classroom will be putting together a sign-up genius for you to talk about your child's growth and answer any questions that you might have. Please be on the lookout for the sign-ups soon.

If you are new to us at Grandma's House, please save the date for our Fall Fest on Friday, October 23rd. This is a great way for you to connect with other families! It is a nice way to get to know your child's friends and their families. We cannot wait to see everyone in their costumes! We look forward to seeing lots of our families at this event. Please be on the lookout for your invite.

Thanks,

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10	Callum A.
17	Mason G.
17	Ms. Diane
19	Mason H.
19	Ms. Ashley S.
20	Miles S.
21	Julianna C.
24	Ellis M.
26	Tess S.
26	Ms. Sheryl
27	Ensley W.
27	Bradley N.
28	Aria W.



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

Ms. Diane	15 Years
Ms. Jenny	7 Years
Ms. Ana	2 Years



Babyland

Babyland has had such a fun and exciting start to the Fall Program. We are exploring new objects and textures every day; around bottles, diapers, naps, and snuggle time. We have been working toward meeting our developmental milestones through play. We are always encouraging each infant to build strong muscles and better head control with

The Cakes

Happy Fall Y'all! We had a great start to our Fall Program in the two-year-old classroom. During our first lesson we learned about shapes and colors. We explored some new art materials like stamps with ink pads and liquid watercolors. We also enjoyed a lot of opportunities to move our bodies through shadow dancing, shaking tambourines,

plenty of tummy time. This past month, we placed mirrors and different toys in front of the infants to engage and promote more tummy time. During one-on-one time, we have been encouraging the infants to mimic our facial expressions including smiling, frowning, and sticking tongues out! In addition, we work on vocalizing by talking with them. The babies always have so much to say! This helps build language skills for their toddler years. Our Transportation lesson brought in a lot of car, train, and truck toys to explore. The infants also enjoyed investigating what they could do with crayons during our Back-to-School lesson. We look forward to learning about apples and pumpkins this month! We also hope to get out on more stroller rides as the weather cools down a bit. Please make sure to bring weather appropriate clothes for your child.

Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Ashley Z.

Hungry Hippos

Welcome Fall with cooler nights and crisp mornings! We had a very exploratory summer this year. Pushing wheeled toys, standing on our own, climbing the slide climber, sand box sensory, and water play. We splashed, scooped and poured water and even kicked water in the pools. We had a chance to taste fruit juice and ice pops, yummy! This Fall, the Hippos will be encouraged to use simple sign language; *all done, more, milk, drink and eat*, and use utensils with our

twirling ribbon wands, and Music with Mrs. Ryan. Our next theme was All About Me. The children had fun recognizing themselves and each other by coloring self-portraits, completing face puzzles, and exploring the letters in their names. They also loved sampling their classmates' favorite snacks. We are looking forward to more Fall fun, including some Halloween festivities this coming month.

2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Circus Pals

Happy Fall Program! We are so excited to get to know the class and form some nice friendships with them. Everyone loves playing with all the new toys and activities that we do in our classroom. For our first portfolio focus, we worked on following 2 step directions: when we come inside and say "wash your hands and get a story" or "wash your hands and get your water bottle for snack". Another focus we worked on this month was using the proper phrases when wanting a toy someone is playing with. The phrases we use are; "*can I have that when you are done?*" or "*can I have a turn?*" or "*can we play together?*" Our final focus of the month was working on listening and following teachers' directions while we are on a walk so we can make sure everyone is safe.

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

Under the Sea

meals. We will be working on our vocals, singing EIEIO and Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do and just plain singing La La La. This activity strengthens the tongue muscles for building vocabulary. We will continue developing the Hippos clapping and waving at arrival and departure times as we wave at parents and the children and clapping with smiles saying yay! Parent reminder, with crispy mornings, please bring in a jacket, hat, mittens, shoes and change of clothes for the damp playground. Please label ALL items, thank you!

Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Jenny

Wild Things

We would like to officially welcome all our new friends to the Wild Things classroom. Everyone has had such a great transition. This past month we have been expanding our language development through activities and books. We recognize and learn our friends' names by singing songs like *Look Who Came to School Today* and by pictures of our friends around the classroom. Our Dinosaur unit was a big hit! We dressed up like dinosaurs with costumes made by Ms. Colleen. Thank you, Ms. Colleen! The dinosaurs stomped around the classroom and roared to the song *We Are The Dinosaurs*. The Wild Things love music and dancing, which have become part of our daily routine. The other highlight was exploring our Mystery Box which is packed with 10 different sensory objects

It's been so fun getting to know all about our new friends! Everyone is falling into the new routine wonderfully. New to this classroom is group time. All children love to get jobs! Mrs. Ryan is back for the school year with Music and we are so excited! We have spent time working on our colors and shapes. Something you can do at home to help is to continue to verbalize what colors are around you. You can do this at mealtime, while talking in your car, or really anywhere. We are looking forward to a great October!

3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Nikki

The Travelers

This month we had some great times learning all about the friends in the new classroom and Autumn! With all the leaves falling it has really helped the children use the outdoors for a variety of projects. We compared color and size of different leaves that have fallen on the playground. We have searched for different sized worms and bugs that may be hiding under those leaves as well! We spent time sorting animals into farm and non-farm animal categories. The children are getting better each day at recognizing their names! They enjoyed sprinkling sand on the letters of their name. We had a blast on our apple picking field trip! Please make sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing each day.

4's, Ms. Brittnee

Pigeons - 4K

to feel and explore – like a pretty butterfly with crinkly wings and a shiny frog that squeaks. This month we look forward to our Fall units on Apples and Pumpkins.

Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Makenzie

Puddle Ducks

What a wonderful time the Puddle Ducks have been having these last few weeks! We welcomed some new children to our class, and we all loved the new toys, experiences, and routines. One activity in particular we have enjoyed is our sand table. We have a sensory table filled with sand and different scoops and cups. The toddlers absolutely loved this activity. Another activity we have thoroughly enjoyed is the big trucks. These can be filled with toys and pushed or ridden around the classroom. Lastly, we have been learning about boundaries regarding our coloring materials. We are working on treating our art materials with respect. This includes not banging the materials on the table, not eating them, or throwing them. It is all a work in progress, and we will get there in due time. Have a great Fall!

Toddlers, Ms. Cat

Jellybean Junction

Happy Fall! We have been getting into a good routine here in class. This past month we learned “All About Me”. We read books about our feelings, looked into

4K has had a great start to the year! We began by reviewing classroom expectations and learning how to safely use tools such as scissors, glue, and dry-erase markers. Students also started taking on classroom jobs, which helps them build responsibility while caring for our classroom and supporting daily activities. To help us track growth throughout the year, we completed beginning-of-the-year assessments for cutting and writing skills. We also focused on social-emotional learning by reading *How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids*, which teaches students how their words and actions can positively impact others.

We wrapped up September with our Apple unit and our first 4K field trip to an apple orchard. Students explored apples in many hands-on ways by sorting, weighing, observing, documenting, and even cooking with them. It has been a fun and busy start to the school year and I am excited to see all the learning and growth that lies ahead for our 4K class!

4K, Ms. Holly

mirrors to observe the colors of our eyes, and had fun painting with pool noodles. We also learned all about apples. We painted with apples, explored cloud dough, and enjoyed lots of hands-on activities. Looking ahead, we will be learning all things Fall, including leaves and pumpkins. We will be exploring pumpkins, painting and even making some tasty treats. We are also working hard on our classroom routines and self-help skills. We practice using our utensils during meals, drinking from an open cup, and staying seated during mealtimes. With the cooler weather, please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate extra clothing along with a sweatshirt or jacket.

Toddlers, Ms. Michelle and Ms. Ashley S.

