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Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2026



Hi Families,

BIG NEWS: WE PASSED OUR REACCREDITATION WITH NAEYC!!!

This accreditation confirms our dedication to the high-quality care we provide to your children and our commitment to building meaningful and lasting relationships with our families.

Thank you to everyone that attended our **Fall Family Night!** We love to host events for you to meet with other parents and teachers. If you have any ideas of what we can do to improve our family events, please join me at the center for a parent's meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 pm.

We have a very busy October full of parties and field trips. Our older classrooms will be heading to the pumpkin farm and First Stage Children's Theater will be coming to the center to put on a show.

Twice a year, in October and April, teachers set aside time to talk with you about your child's development and goals. We will be holding conferences in mid-October. Please keep an eye out for an email link to sign up through sign-up genius.

Thanks,
Claire Cramton, Director
claire@grandmashouse.org



1	Quinn R.
2	Sam K.
4	Rosalie O.
7	Khalid A.
7	Judah B.
11	Corey L.
13	Eva R.
16	Bennett S.
20	Graham F.
22	Ms. Christie
23	Ms. Jackie
24	Ms. Becca
24	Ms. Diana
26	Cecilia N.
26	Reginald N.
26	Ms. Sheryl



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

Ms. Pakou 9 Years
Ms. Theresa 8 Years



Young Infants

Our Summer Program has come to an end; we are so excited to welcome the fall season into our classroom! As we begin our Fall Program, we are looking forward to watching your little ones discover all the wonderful sights, sounds, colors, and textures that make this season so special. Throughout the month, we'll enjoy cozy

Older Toddlers

We had such a fun start to the Fall Program! We have explored a variety of activities with our "Old Macdonald" and "Shapes and Colors" lesson plans. We dressed up in animal hats and glasses, identified animal sounds, matched colors, worked on shape sorting, practiced jumping, running, rolling and walking up

stories, fun sensory experiences, songs, and simple activities designed especially for our youngest learners. Last month we learned about all different kinds of fruits; we also learned about beautiful colors. In October, we will learn about the Farm. We will read books like "My First Farm Book of Words" by Castle Street Press and play with animal finger puppets. We will also learn all about ourselves. We will do fun things like mirror play for babies to see themselves. Please check your child's cubby to ensure that we have proper cool weather clothing. We still try to take babies out on walks weather permitting. We look forward to creating meaningful learning experiences that encourage curiosity, development, and lots of smiles as we enjoy the cozy season together! Both Mr. Justin and I are here to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to sharing all our little autumn adventures and special moments with you!

Mr. Justin and Ms. Netzy

Infants

Welcome to our October Infant Newsletter! Our infants explore the world through interactive, multi-sensory activities centered on themes of space and autumn. Our space theme focus is light and music. We viewed Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" and looked at planets hanging around the room. We explored high contrast shapes including suns, stars, and moons. For math, we explored gravity by watching different

stairs. Together we completed tasks for social emotional growth and read lots of books. Coming up, we will learn all about Fall. We will look at the changing colors of leaves, take nature walks, and play in fall themed sensory bins. As the temps cool, please make sure to switch out your child's cubby clothing to be seasonally appropriate. As always, reach out with any questions.

Ms. Jackie and Ms. Dawn

Almost 2's

Welcome to our brand new class! We are so excited that you are all with us. Our friends have been busy exploring the loft and classroom as well as getting used to a slightly new routine – they are champs at it. We had a lot of fun with art using our smelly paints, painting with applesauce and the pudding everyone helped to make. We "may" have enjoyed tasting some, too! Everyone became slightly more obsessed with cars and transportation, too. We like to use our bodies to fly like airplanes, drive a truck, and beep the horn on our buses. Next month we will be exploring Fall, Apples, and Pumpkins as well as enjoying the beautiful weather playing on the playground. Here's to a great Fall season!

Ms. Cassie and Ms. Natalia

2's

sized bubbles float in the air and then fall and pop. For our theme Jump into Fall, we browsed through our family photos and books in our reading area. We looked at high-contrast lenses and dot patterns. For sense of sound, we read *Fall is Here*, *I Love Fall* and *I am a Tree*. We listened to music about Fall and sang, *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*. For math, we counted leaves on the wall as well as counted fingers and toes during daily interactions. We have been enjoying our walks outside and will continue to go for walks. Now that it is getting cooler out, please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing in their cubbies.

Ms. Judeen and Ms. Sam

Older Infants

September was full of fun, learning, and exploration. We enjoyed our walks and even had the chance to explore the playground. We spent a lot of time reading themed books, singing songs, and building our early communication skills by practicing simple sign language such as “more”, “all done” and “eat”. We love watching children begin to recognize and use these signs to communicate their wants and needs. October is bringing us lots of cozy Fall fun to the classroom. Some activities we will be enjoying are applesauce Oobleck and cinnamon scented painting. To wrap up the month, we will have a costume party. More details will be shared as the date gets closer. Thank you for being a

Happy October! It was such a joy getting to know our new friends. Last month we focused on learning about changing seasons and the zoo. We loved all the fine motor apple exploring activities as well as our classroom “petting zoo”. To finish off the month, it was a great change of scenery to ride the bumpy bus to the Milwaukee County Zoo. We put all our learning to work at a zoo. We continue to work a lot on our self-help skills daily. This month we will put an extra focus on things like dressing and undressing ourselves (including shoes), helping clean up, washing hands independently, waiting for our turn and more! Each day we learn more while continuing to have tons of fun. The class has been especially excited about trying out our class pottys. Please stock cubbies with weather appropriate clothing and let us know if you have any questions. Have a great October.

Ms. Aliyah and Ms. Kourtney

2-1/2's

Fall is here! With the weather changing, please make sure to switch out clothes in your child's cubby. Also, please check the parent board for upcoming events. We will be going to the pumpkin farm this month, which is going to be lots of fun. This month we are talking about all things Fall. We will provide opportunities for children to do art with sticks, sponges, and their hands. We will be adding dress-up clothes to encourage children's self-help skills. We have counting activities as well

part of our classroom family. We can't wait to enjoy all that October has to offer.
Ms. Drea and Ms. Pakou

Young Toddlers

The children had a great time exploring their new classroom as they discovered all the new activities and books. We started off the month with a unit on Sesame Street. The children used their imagination to play peek-a-boo with Big Bird, Oscar, Zoe, Elmo, and Cookie Monster. Next, we used our fine motor skills to dump and fill with Cookie Monster and his cookies. We ended the unit by reading *Bubbles Bubbles* and *At the Zoo* featuring the characters from Sesame Street.

Along with the Sesame Street unit, we became Rock Stars with our next unit. The children displayed their musical skills by playing guitars, keyboards, maracas, xylophones, and rain sticks. When the echo microphones came out, the children loved hearing the sounds they made echo throughout the room. To encourage our gross motor skills, we put on toddler dance music and moved our bodies to the music. We hope everyone enjoyed the Family Fun Night because we did and enjoyed seeing so many friendly faces and having fun. Just a reminder of the changing seasons, please check that your child has appropriate seasonal clothes in their cubbies. With winter arriving in the next few months, we will try to go out daily, so please plan for snow pants, boots, coats,

as improving our fine motor muscles. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask us!
Ms. Brittannie and Ms. Becca

Young 3's

Hello families, Fall is here! Please make sure to bring extra weather appropriate clothes to keep in your child's cubby. At the beginning of October, we will be talking about Community Helpers. We will be dressing up like police and firefighters as well as doctors and nurses. We will be doing some sensory art using our "helping" hands. We will be doing some matching activities, a cooking project, and painting with unconventional tools. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to message us in the app.

Ms. Jenn and Ms. Melissa

3's

Hello Fall! Our friends have really loved all the exciting changes the "big kid room" has brought, especially the classroom "jobs". Have you learned our weather song yet? Or, been asked "what job do you want today?" The favorite might have to be "teacher helper" because you get to wear a fun necklace and go on secret missions with the teacher. Last month we explored our new classroom and playground, enjoyed our apple unit and our field trip to the orchard. Thank you for coming to family night! This month we will

and gloves. Thank you again.

Ms. Diana and Ms. Liz

Toddlers

Welcome, Families and Friends!

We are so happy to begin our Fall Program. We are excited to welcome a few new children to our classroom and wish all the best to the children who have moved on to their new rooms. This month, we will begin a color unit using flannel stories, colored dishes, and books that help children identify and talk about different colors. These activities support language development, cognitive growth, and early observation skills. For gross motor development, the children will play with our colorful parachute and spend time outdoors. We will also create art using a variety of tools, including sponges, fingers, and brushes, to encourage creativity and fine motor skills. We will continue to go outside twice daily, weather permitting. Since mornings may be cooler, please send a sweatshirt or light jacket for your child.

We are excited to watch your child grow, learn, and explore through play this Fall.

Ms. Theresa and Ms. Christie

continue to explore exciting sensory experiences, practice recognizing our names in print and celebrating all the season has to offer.

Ms. Abbie and Ms. Cyrus

4's and School-Age

Thank you to everyone that stopped in for family night. It was so fun chatting with all of you. September was such a fun month with a lot of big transitions for some. We worked on a lot of writing and number experiences such as writing our first and last names, writing numbers, and starting simple addition and subtraction. They are all getting so good at writing their names. We started propagating plants again and exploring a lot of fun science activities. We also implemented journals that have been used along with other projects to expand our expression in art. This month, we will be continuing to implement all of these fun things but in ways and with themes that continue to challenge us and expand our learning. We will also be starting to discuss days of the week and the months of the year. I am very excited to see their gears turning. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out. Stay safe and healthy!

Ms. Alyssa

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Thanksgiving



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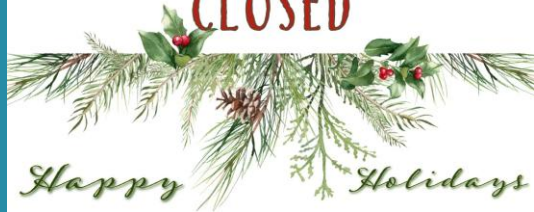
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Happy Holidays