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Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2026

PLAN AHEAD!

*Arrowhead Homecoming Parade
Friday, 10/2*

No Street Parking starts at 2:00 pm

E. Capitol and North Ave. closing at 4:00 pm for Parade route

**Parade starts 4:30 pm*

Dear Families,

October is one of my favorite months of the year! It's also a busy month at the center. We will be posting conference sign-up sheets during the month in your child's classroom. This is a great time to connect with what we are seeing at the center and discuss goals for your child that you may have or want us to work on while here. Watch for the sign-up sheets! We recently discussed at our staff meeting what skills each classroom focuses on and when we get them compiled, we will share them with you.

We will also be having our Fall Family Night on Thursday, October 22nd. The Family Night in the Fall is always on the same night as the Hartland Business Trick or Treat. We will have dinner provided from 4:45-6 pm and a few activities. After dinner, if you are staying to trick or treat, you are welcome to use the center as a home base: to change into costumes, use

the restroom, etc. We will be on the wall outside like usual passing out candy! It is always a fun night! If you are not trick or treating hopefully you can stay for dinner and have some fun at the center!

I hope that you all can enjoy some beautiful Fall weather before you know what comes... snow!! Whether it's taking a walk, going apple picking, or raking leaves, children just want to spend time with the ones they love!

One thing I want to ask is that everyone is driving carefully when pulling into the back lot. That corner by the back door has some blind spots and we just want everyone to stay safe.

Happy Fall,
Jane Sweet

Director

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2	Henry W.
3	Makenzie B.
3	Ella S.
3	Ms. Mo
5	Ms. Taylor
6	Shiloh R.
11	Emmie K.
12	Jack G.
12	Nicholas G.
17	Lucia F.
23	Maura C.
24	Owen S.
26	Clara S.
26	Ms. Sheryl
28	Graham B.
28	Celia N.
30	Henry C.
31	Bennett P.
31	Ms. Delia



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

Ms. Andrea 14 Years
Ms. Keurstyn 1 Year



Monkeys in a Barrel, Infants

Welcome to all the new families in our room. We are excited to get to know each other better in the coming weeks. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help you navigate through parenthood!

Our classroom has been on the move! Most of our friends are working on sitting up, rolling over, and beginning stages of army crawling. The room at times can be in disarray as toys are played with, dropped and moved along with the babies. By encouraging floor play and tummy time from early on, the babies are in a variety of positions throughout their day and not in one chair or bouncer for a prolonged time. An environment is created that allows them to move freely and achieve mastery of their bodies and large motor skills.

We also spend as much time as we can outdoors. We have a mat and corral that we use on the under two playground for the babies to lay on and watch the leaves move with the breeze and stay safe from our walking friends. Toys like rings, rattles, and sensory items are used to encourage

Clue, 2.5's

We are officially in the Fall season and we couldn't be happier! We are all about the cooler weather and all the fun this season brings. One thing we enjoy in the Fall is our field trip to the pumpkin farm! Last month we put a lot of attention into getting to know our new class. There is lots of trial and error with classroom set up and toys in the room. We are eager to get on with more planned activities with our rambunctious group. We will start out this month with a lesson plan all about Community. The focus will be what it means to be a kind and helpful neighbor with lots of small and large group activities instead of solo work. We will work together to complete a task and work on taking turns. One thing that really fits well with this lesson plan is everyone helping together to clean up our classroom. This is an area we would like to see some improvement in! We will finish out the month with all the Fall and Halloween festive fun. We're going to explore the inside of a pumpkin, get creative with our art experiences, and hopefully get out for some buggy walks around town before it

the children's play. Being outdoors also does wonders for our mood, putting a smile on everyone's face (especially the teachers!).

Just a few housekeeping items:

**Please look through your child's cubby to make sure weather and size appropriate clothing are here. Blowouts happen and art projects can become messy so having spare clothes here is appreciated.*

**Please bring a lightweight jacket for your child. With temperatures changing throughout the day, cold in the morning and warm in the afternoon, it is helpful to have an extra layer.*

**With new faces joining us, we ask that we have a family photo to display in the classroom. Displaying family pictures helps build community and get to know one another better along with helping build a positive identity of self for the babies. Sending photos through the app or bringing in a printed copy works great.*

Thank you!

Ms. Kristine and Ms. Shannon

Hungry Hungry Hippos, Older Infants

Happy October! With summer officially, over we are sad but excited that our fall Program has begun. We will not need our swimsuits, towels, or swim diapers in our cubbies, but ask if you could please switch them out for socks and shoes, a jacket, hat, mittens, and boots. Also, soon we will need our winter gear. This past month we have been doing a great job working on our gross motor skills and have made a lot

gets too cold.

Ms. Kelly and Ms. Mo

Candyland, 3's

Hello families, I cannot believe we are already a month into the Fall Program! The children have been adjusting so well to their new classroom! We started off the Fall Program learning all about Farms and Farm Animals. We did some multimedia art using stickers of farm animals and red crayons. During the activity we talked about what animals we saw and where they live. We also used black paint and paint brushes on white paper. We then transitioned into our Introduction to Fall lesson. We used scoopers to make mini pies in our sensory table using oats, Cheerios, and cinnamon sticks! They had so much fun coming up with different types of pies! If you're looking for a quick and easy science experiment to do at home, this color changing experiment is just right! Fill 4 cups with water and dye each cup; green, red, orange and yellow. Once you have colored water, place a cone shaped coffee filter into it. You and your child can watch as the colors climb up the coffee filter, until the whole thing is completely colored! Another activity we did was crinkle and rip up leaves, which was a great sensory experience. The children then used those leaves to stick onto contact paper! We will start out this month learning all about apples! Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have! Have

of progress from sitting by ourselves, crawling, pulling up, and free standing. We will continue to work on these skills with your child and look forward to watching them grow.

Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kayla

Jumanji, Toddlers

This school year the center decided to name our classrooms after board games and since we look like we are losing at Jumanji most days we decided to embrace it. Welcome to Jumanji class. We made self-portraits, alphabet sensory bin, we sang songs to help learn our friends' names, and we also did some baking. The All About Me info sheets are slowly coming back, and it is wonderful to learn about all our families in the class. The children will be able to look and learn about all their friends and families with the info sheets displayed in the classroom. September is also apple picking season and we explored apples too. We looked at the different colors, the round shape, stamped apple shapes, picked apples up and put them in baskets. We explored apple pie sensory bins. We also baked cottage cheese apple muffins. If you ever see a baking treat, we have made and want the recipe, please let us know. The changing of the season brings so much beauty and we love to bring that into our classroom activities. We are looking forward to seeing all the pumpkins and falling leaves around us. As we start October, we are looking forward to seeing all our families

a spook-tacular October!

Ms. Desi and Mr. Mathias

Hi Ho Cherry O's, 3-4's

We hope you all had a great September. We know we did. The children have been settling so nicely into the new classroom and new routine. We have been really enjoying getting to know them individually and getting to work with you all.

In September, our lesson plan themes were Colors and All About Me. During our Colors unit, we experimented with mixing different colors and seeing what color they made, and we worked on our matching skills with colored bears and magnet tiles. During our All About Me unit, all the children filled out an all about me sheet and brought it into the class to share with everyone. We took our heights, and we made different graphs of all the different eye and hair colors in the classroom. We also welcomed Mrs. Ryan back and went apple picking.

The children have been adjusting so well to the new routines of their new classroom. One thing we are working on is sharing, taking turns, and working on recognizing our names. We are looking forward to seeing what October has in store for us.

Ms. Emily and Mr. Barron

Trouble, 4's

for our Family Night on Thursday, October 22nd for food, fun, and Business Trick or Treating in downtown Hartland. Please remember to bring sweatshirts, coats, hats and mittens as the weather changes.

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree

Lil' Chutes, 2's

We are off to a great start! We are enjoying the last bit of summer weather before the leaves begin to fall. The children love playing with chalk, bubbles, and sand in the sandbox on the playground. We have also enjoyed painting with cotton swabs, matching zoo animals, listening to animal sounds, and repeating those sounds as we identify each animal. The children used veterinarian tools to care for the animals and practiced feeding them healthy food. We also talked about manners and feelings, practicing "please" and "thank you" during meals and snacks. To strengthen fine motor skills, the children peeled facial-expression stickers. They also had fun observing their reflections in mirrors and making happy and sad expressions.

Ms. Tricia and Ms. Keurstyn

Wow, the first month really flown by. Everyone seems to really be adjusting to the new routine of school nicely. We have worked really hard on setting classroom expectation of independence. When the children ask for help, I will typically remind them to try to do it themselves first. They sometimes do not like this response but then try again and have great success. It is so awesome to see them proud of themselves. We spent the first month together discussing ourselves/families as well as exploring apples. Taste testing apples as well as the homemade apple crisp really seemed to be a hit. The children have also really enjoyed having a Tonies Box in the classroom. We use it every morning to do our daily positive affirmations. The children also like to use it during free play and center activities to listen to various stories/songs. If you have a Tonies Box at home and have any suggestions for some good ones, please let me know. As we progress into fall, I would like to remind parents to please label all outdoor gear that is brought in (jackets, hats, gloves, etc.). I do try my best to keep track of everyone's belongings, but it can be difficult when things are not labeled and three children have the same snowpants or mittens. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Donna

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



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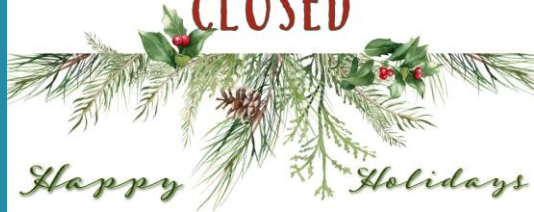
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