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Growing Highlights

OCTOBER 2026



Hello,

Drumroll, please... October is here!

'Tis the best month of the year—or at least in my opinion! October is filled with all the things we love about Fall: spooky fun, colorful leaves, music, creativity, costumes, and lots of opportunities to make special memories together!

We're especially excited to celebrate our **FIRST-EVER Trunk or Treat!** On **Saturday, October 17th from 9:00–11:00 a.m.**, our parking lot will be filled with creatively decorated trunks, treats & prizes, costumes, and plenty of fun! Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy a morning of getting to know other families while spending some time chatting with our staff outside of the classroom. Please have your child bring a bag to keep their

goodies in. We can't wait to see everyone!

As the month continues, we'll also be holding **parent-teacher conferences during the week of October 19th**. This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down one-on-one with your child's teachers, talk about their progress and development, and ask any questions you may have. Your teachers will post sign-up sheets soon. Please remember that conferences are intended to be a distraction-free time between parents and teachers, so children and siblings should not attend.

We have so much fun planned for October, and we can't wait to share it with you! Be sure to check your child's parent board for classroom parties, special activities, or upcoming events throughout the month.

Let the October fun begin!

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1	Henry H.
4	Ms. Kim
11	Bennett G.
16	Sophie S.
20	Quinn O.
20	Mateo D.
22	Ms. Desii
23	Evan K.
26	Rayna D.
26	Ms. Sheryl
27	Kash S.
27	Tyler T.
28	Ella S.
30	Jack J.
30	Luke S.
30	Claire S.



*On celebrating
anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

Ms. Esther	36 Years
Ms. Steph	5 Years



Infants

We are excited to welcome our new babies to the classroom! As our summer program has ended, we have a brand-new group of little ones joining us. We also said "see you later" to our previous group of baby boys, who are adjusting well and doing great in their new classroom.

Older Toddlers

We hope you all are settling well into the new room and schedule. It has been wonderful thus far teaching each child. Everyone seems to be adjusting well and is learning their way around the classroom. We know that transitions are a bit scary, but we are here to help in any way. So be

This month, we will focus on helping the babies strengthen their fine-motor skills by grasping, holding, and manipulating age-appropriate toys.

Parent-teacher conferences are also coming up! Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet so we can schedule a time to discuss your baby's development and all the wonderful things they have been learning and doing.

As the weather begins to change, please update your child's cubby with seasonally appropriate clothing. Be sure to include extra outfits that fit and are suitable for cooler temperatures.

Thank you!

Ms. Ana and Ms. Vee

2nd Infants

September was full of learning, exploring, and growing in our classroom! We explored colors through different activities that allowed the infants to see, touch, and interact with different colorful materials, like painting. We also spent lots of time practicing sitting and strengthening the muscles needed for balance and movement. We had lots of fun with our Apple Orchard lesson. The children explored apples of different colors through both hands-on activities and sensory exploration with applesauce. We especially focused on our pincer grasp development by encouraging the children to pick up objects using their fingers. Please continue to learn about experiences at home by encouraging your

patient with us as we navigate this together.

So far, we have been focusing on our classroom rules and routines. Though it hasn't changed much from what they are used to, it's still a learning curve with new children and teachers. We've also been working on touching our toes during b.m. diaper changes. It's a difficult method for new walkers, non-walkers, and those who have never experienced it before. This method is an extension of stand-up diapering. When they have a bowel movement, we ask them to bend over and touch their toes so we can wipe them. This helps them get ready for the next room and work on their balance. Eventually, each child will get the hang of it and will do just fine. In the meantime, bear with us if more dirty clothing is sent home.

Besides learning new diaper changing techniques, we've learned about farms.

We read books about different animals, played with feathers, looked at them and painted with potatoes. We ended September with the theme of My Body.

We learned about our body parts by naming them on our own bodies and looking at photos. The next theme will be Fall. We will learn about the weather, try out different colored apples, make apple donuts, and explore more art activities.

Can't wait to see your child continue building their learning skills.

Lastly, please check your child's cubby for any art/important papers. Also, this is a great time to go through your child's cubby, take out what doesn't fit anymore, and add some long sleeves/pants. We know that the days are still lovely, but we

child to pick up baby safe foods and toys. Here's to another month of little hands, learning, growing, and exploring.
Ms. Bekah and Ms. Cali

Older Infants

We are so excited to welcome some new friends to our classroom! We are also thrilled to be your child's new teachers and look forward to getting to know each child and family. We are excited for all the fun, learning, and special moments we will share as we grow as a classroom family. As we continue getting to know our friends, we will be focusing on building strong relationships, learning each child's individual interests and routines, and helping everyone feel comfortable and happy in their new classroom. We are also excited to continue supporting our friends as they explore new foods and solids. Mealtimes are a wonderful opportunity for our babies to experience new textures and flavors while practicing their feeding skills. Please continue to communicate with us about new foods your child is trying at home so we can help support their progress at school. Our friends are becoming more mobile every day, and we will be providing lots of opportunities for crawling, reaching, rolling, and pulling up on safe surfaces. We will encourage them to move toward toys and other interesting objects to help build their strength, coordination, and confidence as they reach new milestones.

like to be ready for unexpected cold days. In addition, take home any swimming items. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Have a great October!!!!
Ms. Mai and Ms. Miracle

Almost 2's

Hello Little Latte families and hello Fall!! Who is ready for sweater weather? The Little Lattes have been adjusting to the new room and new routines. We are especially enjoying table choices. Table choices are little activities that we put out for children to practice small motor skills, matching, sensory exploration, and art. Our class started the Fall Program by learning about back to school. We did activities based on the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, and even coffee (for teachers). We then moved on to learning about football where we made some yummy snacks and celebrated our favorite teams. Following football, we will explore the world of Sesame Street to meet Elmo and friends. Some of our activities will include gummy worms and trash for Oscar and cookie ingredients for Cookie Monster. Along with all this fun stuff in the classroom, we are working on using our words instead of signing and/or screaming. We encourage the children to use phrases such as "more please" and "mine". At home, remind your child to use phrases such as these when they need something or are asking for help. Table choices are

We will also be working on simple signs, especially “more” and “all done.” We will use these signs throughout our daily routines, especially during mealtimes, to help our friends begin communicating their wants and needs. Families are welcome to practice these signs at home as well so we can work together to encourage early communication.

We recently finished our Transportation lesson plans, where we explored different ways people and things move. Our friends enjoyed looking at pictures, listening to sounds, singing songs, and participating in transportation-themed activities. We are now beginning our “Colors All Around Me” theme, where we will explore different colors through books, songs, sensory activities, toys, and everyday experiences. Coming up next, we will be exploring “Apples and Fall.” We are excited to introduce our friends to the colors, sounds, sights, and textures of the changing season through age-appropriate activities and experiences.

Thank you for trusting us with your little ones. We are so excited to watch each of our friends learn, grow, and reach new milestones. Please continue to share any new skills, interests, foods, or milestones your child is experiencing at home. We love being able to celebrate these special moments with you!

Here's to learning, growing, and having fun with all our little friends!

Ms. Allie and Ms. Tiana

Young Toddlers

also a great thing for your child to practice at home. Puzzles, matching games, scribbling on paper, and putting small objects into containers are great examples of activities you can do at home.

Also, just a reminder to empty out your child's mailbox folder as needed. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to reach out! We hope you all have a boo-tiful month!

Ms. Courtney and Ms. Alaini

2's

There's a crisp feeling in the air while pumpkins big and small, leaves dance in color everywhere. As we say Hello Beautiful Fall.

We cannot believe it is already Fall and how summer went by so quickly. We have been learning about Apples and playing in leaves. We have been working on self-help skills in the classroom. For example, the children are working on undressing and dressing themselves. We are also working on “tap, tap” our plates into the dump bucket when we are done eating. Please go through your child's cubby and make sure they have warm clothes for the cooler mornings and please label everything to avoid confusion.

Ms. Esther and Ms. Kim

2.5's

Welcome Dewey Decimals!! Your child has been learning so many new skills in the

It's October! With the cooler weather on the way, please check your child's cubby for proper clothes (long sleeves and pants). It also would be helpful to have a coat for your child that is on their hook every week. Please make sure that they are labeled.

For the Fall months, we will start our lesson plans with apples and changing leaves and we will follow up with pumpkins. This month we are working really hard to stand on our own. This will help them get ready for cruising and then walking. You can do this at home by having your child stand by the couch and put their toys out of reach.

Quick note; we will also have sit-down conferences this month during the week of October 19. We will post the dates and sign-up sheets soon.

Ms. Anna and Ms. Virginia

Toddlers

Hello Families, welcome to the second toddler room! Fall is here and we cannot be more excited about the changing seasons and all the fun that goes with it. Now that cooler weather is upon us, it's a great time to go through your child's cubby, remove summer clothing, swimsuits, and sun hats. Please also label your child's sweaters, hats, and jackets. Since the start of our Fall Program, we have been exploring a lot with our senses! In our farm unit, we painted with mud and got to feel the dirt in-between our

past month. We started by learning the names of our colors and we all did a great job wearing the "color of the day"! Thank you! After that we learned about being a good friend and "all about" the new friends in the room...aka everyone! We are working on using manner words like please and thank you, which we call kind words. The Dewey Decimals are always working on cleaning up our toys, as well as sharing them with each other.

We are figuring out some self-help skills that we need to master in our room. First, when getting ready for potty training, we need to practice undressing ourselves and removing wet diapers on our own. Next, with the weather changing, we will need to practice putting on and taking off coats by ourselves. Your little one will be so excited to show you how to "flip a coat" when they master this skill! We are also always practicing washing our hands properly...two hands of soap, scrub, rinse, and dry (no shaking the water off). Please remember to have your child wash their hands in the morning as you drop them off. It is super helpful and a great way for you to see how much they progress with this skill. If you have any questions, please stop or message us.

Ms. Amy R., Ms. Desii, and Ms. Laura

3's

Falls just around the corner!

We are so excited to welcome our new three-year-olds to the classroom! The kiddos are settling into their new

fingers. We also got to explore corn kernels and oats, allowing us to practice our fine motor skills with pouring and scooping. This could also be a great bath time activity at home as well! In our apple unit, we got to experience a lot through taste like Apple Jacks, applesauce-both smooth and chunky, and with cinnamon! We look forward to all the fun we have in-store for us in the next month!

Ms. Emi and Ms. Karen

environment, getting to know their teachers and friends, and learning about our daily routines!

One of our big focuses right now is building relationships, community, and self-help skills.

Thank you for sending in your all about me and sharing your family photos with us.

We've been sharing quite a bit about our Loved ones during afternoon group.

We are practicing doing things independently, such as putting on and taking off our socks and shoes, cleaning up after ourselves, washing our hands, and pouring during mealtimes.

These everyday tasks help build confidence, independence, and a strong sense of "I can do it!" We encourage families to give children extra time to practice these skills at home as well. Even when it takes a little longer, allowing children to try on their own is a wonderful way to support their growing independence.

We are so proud of how our new class is learning, growing, and becoming more confident each day!

Check back in with us as we dive into Fall and visit the pumpkin farm and apple orchard!

Ms. Abi and Ms. Lizzie

3-4's

It's Spooky how fast time flies when you're having fun! The PreK children have been having a blast exploring their new classroom and learning about themselves

and each other. We've done lots of small motor practice throughout the past month and enjoyed doing show and tell with things from home. We also had a blast on our first field trips of the year when we went apple picking and to the pumpkin patch. As we move into October, we are learning about community helpers and watching how the leaves change with the season. With the weather becoming a bit colder, we will be working with the kiddos to learn to completely zip their own jackets and coats. You can support your child's learning by giving them some extra time before heading out the door or practicing at home so they can practice putting on and zipping their own coat independently.

Ms. Sherri and Ms. Emily

