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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2026



Hello Families!

What a great turnout we had at Fall Fest. It was great to see all the children dressed up in their Halloween costumes. Congratulations to the Knutson-Mohaupt Family for winning a *Free Day of Day Care*. Thank you to our incredible staff for their dedication and hard work to making the night such a success!

Wow, the year has flown by! Can you believe we have reached the Holiday season already? Every year Grandma's House and our families try to give back to the children in the community with our Annual Giving Tree. This year we are partnering with Foundations, an

organization that supports the needs of children in foster care. Grandma's House is given wish-lists from children and we help to distribute those items onto our tree. Families can pick an ornament off the tree and help make the holidays a little brighter for some families. Keep a look out for the Giving Tree towards the beginning of November in our front entry way.

With the Holiday time approaching, this usually means some days off for children and their families. Remember to submit Vacation Requests 7 days in advance to receive tuition credit in accordance with our Vacation Policy. Friendly reminder, you do not pay tuition for any days that Grandma's House is closed.

Thanks,

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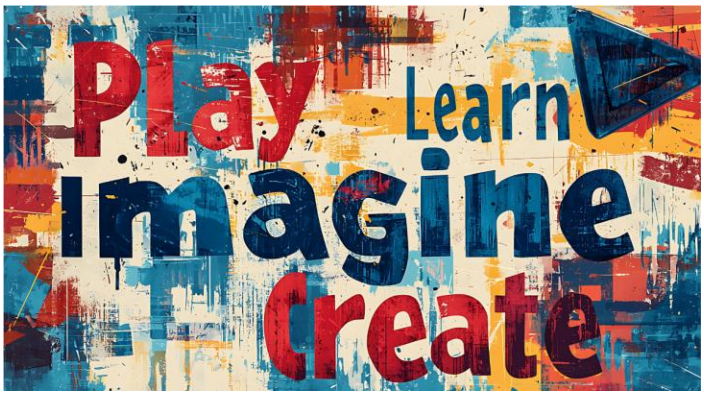


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2	Emilio Z.
7	Ellis S.
9	Poppy P.
10	Otto S.
12	Daquon W.
15	Reid F.
16	Nina L.
17	Amelia K.
22	Ronin S.
23	William B.
25	Lucy A.
25	Elias C.
27	Ms. Michelle



On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Mr. Scott 34 Years



Babyland

The little babies at Grandma's House are growing every day! It has been an interesting transition going from crawlers and even walkers to having littles again. We love the tiny baby snuggles! Our infants are working hard on developing their head and neck strength, turning their heads both directions to look at toys, and listening to the teachers'

The Cakes

November is here! We have had so much fun this past month. We did lots of activities during our Apple/Leaves/Tree and Transportation units. The children really enjoyed apple painting, making an apple dessert, and going on a Fall nature walk. Our Transportation unit kicked off with a bus ride to the Pumpkin Farm. We had lots of fun riding the train and picking

voices. We love to hear the babies chat and coo as we sing and talk to them. Make sure you offer plenty of tummy and floor time at home to encourage your baby to develop the muscles needed to gain skills like rolling, sitting up, and crawling. Last month, we learned all about apples and "spooky" things. This month, we will explore pumpkins and talk about Harvest while we work on lifting our heads up and trying to roll over. We will still be trying to get outside so please ensure your child(ren) have appropriate outerwear for stroller rides – hats, mittens, buntings, and booties.
Infants, Mr. Jared and Ms. Ashley Z.

Hungry Hippos

Fall is a favorite time for many. The changing colors of the leaves on trees, the crisp air, and the giving of thanks all around. The Hungry Hippos have been busy enjoying the beauty of Fall. We have explored the colors of apples and textures, apple tasting - diced/julienne/sliced, and applesauce warm and cold. We have been counting apples, sorting colors of apples by placing green and red apples in different baskets as we clean up. Our activities included sorting large and small apples into buckets while saying the words "big apple" and "small apple," and praising when the task is completed. As the Hungry Hippos give thanks this month, thank you for helping us encourage spoon feeding with meals, allowing tummy time, out pumpkins. Our Transportation unit was filled with a lot of fun activities such as making a stop light snack, painting with cars, and doing a "car wash". We finished the month with our Halloween Party! It was great seeing everyone in their costumes and eating yummy food. We look forward to more fun activities this month!
2's, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Circus Pals

This month we have been enjoying all the changes in the weather. We went on leaf hunts, picked pinecones, went to the pumpkin farm, and watched leaves turn colors and fall off the branches. With the cooler weather, we have been wearing sweatshirts and teaching the children how to "flip" their coats with a wiggle, wiggle, flip. This is a good self-help skill that will be helpful as we get into the colder months. At home, lay their zip up coat with the hood at their feet. They put their arms in the sleeves then wiggle their arms in and flip. They are always so proud of themselves when they get their coat on all by themselves.
2 1/2's, Ms. Jennie and Ms. Janell

Under the Sea

October was a fun filled Fall month! We explored all things apples. We tasted apples, created art with apples, and even did math. The children loved all the

having your child reach for toys and showing simple sign language “eat” and “all done”. Thank you again for just being you.
Older Infants, Ms. Denise and Ms. Jenny

Wild Things

Happy November! It’s hard to believe it’s already November. This past month, we learned about apples, bats, and ghosts. During our apple unit, we practiced taking turns using a large spoon to stir the ingredients for applesauce. Then, we used our spoons to eat it. We also enjoyed washing apples and splashing in the water. During our bat and ghost unit, we crawled through tunnels and pretended we were bats in a cave. We also enjoyed squishing cool whip between our fingers. Finally, we practiced counting with our flannel-board stories, *Five Little Ducks* and *Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Fence*. This month, we look forward to our pumpkin, color, and turkey units.
Toddlers, Ms Lori and Ms. Makenzie

Puddle Ducks

A quote I came across several years ago goes like this: “It is through mess we find joy”. Well, we Puddle Ducks have been finding lots of joy! We paint almost every day and have used all the colors of the world. We paint with brushes, scrubbies, paste tools, and our hands. And we paint on paper, foil, and yes, ourselves. The Puddle Ducks embrace painting with their different snacks we created – the favorite was Apple Nachos: apple slices with yogurt drizzled on top and sprinkled with granola. The weather has allowed us some fun opportunities to explore. We took many walks looking for bugs, played in the leaves, and stomped in puddles. Thank you all for taking the time to talk about your child’s development with us this past month! We look forward to lots of growth and new milestones. We hope you all had a great time at our Fall Fest.
3's, Ms. Rina and Ms. Nikki

The Travelers

This month we had some great times learning about autumn, colors and shapes, and pumpkins! 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 and searched for different sized worms and bugs that may be hiding under those leaves. We learned how to say colors in Spanish by singing a song. We have also been working hard on tracing our names. The children are getting better each day at recognizing their names, too. I am so proud of them! We had a blast seeing the play "Go Dog Go" and picking out pumpkins at the Pumpkin Farm. Please make sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing each day. Thank you!!
4's, Ms. Brittnee

hearts, bodies, and souls! We also find joy with cornstarch and water; also known as Ooblick (a non-Newtonian fluid you do not want to put down your sink). It drips and splashes and fills us with joy as we explore. Sand is another one of our joyful explorations – scooping, dumping, and pouring – sometimes back in the sand table and sometimes on the floor – all in the name of joy and exploration! Milk spills, too, elicit a joyful response in the children as they splash and move it around. So, the next time your child makes a mess, stop and think about the joy to be found. And then work together to clean it up! Have a joyful and thankful month!
Toddlers, Ms. Cat

Jellybean Junction

Happy November! We can't believe that it is already November. This past month we learned about Pumpkins and Leaves. During our Pumpkin unit, we enjoyed making pumpkin pie in a cup, exploring the inside of a pumpkin, and measuring how tall we are with pumpkins. During our Leaves unit, we enjoyed making a collage with leaves, painting with leaves and frosting graham crackers. In the classroom, we are working on putting on our jackets using the "flip trick". You can do this at home with your child by placing their coat down, with the hood by their feet, having them place their arms in and flipping it over their head. We are also working on using open cups and

Pigeons - 4K

A Peek into Our 4K Group Time!
Can you believe we've already been in 4K for two months? Since you can't be with us in the classroom, I wanted to share a little glimpse into how we start our day during group time.
Each morning begins with name recognition—students receiving their name cards, I often spell aloud, hold for visual recognition, or finger spell their names in sign language. They're becoming quite skilled at recognizing not only their own names but also their classmates' names!
Next, students choose their classroom jobs. Some help during lunch as the Lunch Runner, Chair Stacker, or Table Washer. Others take on leadership roles like Line Leader, Clipboard holder, or Book Picker. Here are a few special jobs we use during our morning group time:
100s Counter: This student adds a straw to our number chart, groups sets of ten, and helps the class count by tens and ones. We sometimes sing and dance to counting songs or skip counting songs! We're tracking our days and when we reach 100—it's a party day!
Number Counter: This job involves updating our calendar with the date, printing the year, and leading the class in saying, "Today is Monday, November 2nd, 2026."
Morning Greeter: Using a chart of greeting options, this student welcomes classmates one by one. It's a great way to build independence and connection.
Data Person: Sounds official, right? This

our utensils at mealtimes. With the colder weather approaching, please make sure your child has a hat, mittens, and a warmer jacket as we go outside twice daily. While checking your child's cubby, please swap out extra clothing for warmer clothing; be sure to check the sizes as well. We look forward to another fun-filled month!

Toddlers, Ms. Michelle and Ms. Ashley S.

student creates a question, surveys the class, and tallies up the responses. It's a fun way to practice communication and early math skills.

We hope you enjoyed this little window into our group time. It's been a joy watching your children grow and thrive in these routines!

4K, Ms. Holly



