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Grandma's House CHILD CARE CENTER

Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2026



Dear Families,

Thanks to all who came to our Family Night! It is always fun to see so many families enjoy time together beyond our usual pickup and drop-off times. Business Trick or Treat is a great time to see the children from the center and past children. Time flies by so fast, I know we do not get any older, but the children sure do!

November naturally brings a time of remembering all the people and things in our life that we are thankful for such as our families, a place to call home, and food to eat. Our food box

for families in need is year-round, but I would love to fill it up this month to donate. If you can contribute, that would be wonderful. Make sure to please let your children know what it is all about, too!

Sometime in November, you will see information for our Annual Parent Night Out where we offer a babysitting night in December. One Saturday night in December some of us at the center volunteer for 4 hours to babysit while parents can go shopping, out to dinner, or do something they want. We ask for monetary donations and we use that money to give to a charity that we all agree on in the area. The evening includes dinner, activities, snacks, and a movie! Details are coming soon.

Please remember to stock your child's cubby or backpack with extra clothes and weather appropriate gear for outside. Under two children can go out if the wind chill is 20 degrees or above. The children over two can go out if the temp is above 0 degrees. I know it is hard to keep your child at home, but please use your best judgement before sending your child to the center if you think he/she is ill. If you think they are too sick to go outside and play, then they are too sick to be here. We do our best to clean and stay on top of illnesses, but we need your help, too!

Have a wonderful November,
Jane Sweet

Director
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1	Ms. Tricia
7	Ava W.
10	Calaya M.
11	Mr. Mathias
17	Sylvie H.
17	Josephine M.
21	Otis G.
24	Saige R.
27	Zalilah J.
29	Nora E.



On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Mr. Scott	34 Years
Ms. Ruth	24 Years



Monkeys in a Barrel, Infants

Our room is rolling! Literally! The whole class rolls from one place to another in very fast fashion. As the teachers, we must stay out of the way and be aware of where everyone is before we move, otherwise little hands and feet are stepped on. It is very exciting and interesting to watch because the rolling is with intention. The children are going for a toy they want, to

Candyland, 3's

Happy turkey month everyone! As sad as we are that Halloween is over, we are just as excited for November and Turkey Day! We ended October with some wonderful activities. We cut off the tops of pumpkins for the children to paint with, and also used orange and black paint to create some awesome abstract art. We had the children take turns with the sensory

be closer to a friend, or to get to the other side of the classroom. Our friends have also mastered sitting independently, giving us more opportunities for art, group reading times, sensory experiences, and different activities outside.

In the spirit of gratitude, we will be creating a special bulletin board in the month of November. Each family will be sent home with a turkey feather to decorate, add photos, pass along a special message to your child, etc. We will add all of the feathers to our turkey body for all to see and enjoy. Be creative! Make it special to your family! There is no right or wrong way to do it. Directions will also go home with each feather so ask questions if needed. Gratitude is practiced and learned through habit. Children who practice gratitude have a more optimistic outlook on life. Gratitude also influences future relationships and friendships that a child will have. Modeling gratitude, showing appreciation and making others feel special plants seeds for lifelong habits. Using routines to teach thankfulness is an easy way to start a gratitude habit. Asking "What made you happy today?" at bedtime or dinner, helps little ones (and parents) focus on the positive in their life and feel connected to other people. And don't stress about it! Gratitude is more about showing up then doing it "right". Little rituals like saying "thank you" make gratitude feel natural.

The Cozy Corner A Little Sleepies Blog
November 2024
Ms. Kristine and Ms. Shannon

experience of the pumpkin guts and the seeds. We talked a little bit about how the seeds germinate in the soil and eventually sprout and grow into pumpkins, just like the ones we had growing in our very own garden. We also talked about the ancient tradition of jack-o'-lanterns and how we use them today to light up our steps and to reveal the artwork carved into the pumpkins. This month we're finishing up a few Halloween activities. We are so excited for our bubbling witch's brew. We are using baking soda and vinegar and a little bit of food coloring to watch a cool chemical reaction between the vinegar acid and the baking soda base. This is super fun and easy to do at home, too. Just mix 3 tbsp of baking soda into a bin or bowl, get about ½ cup of white vinegar into a cup, add a few drops of the desired food coloring color, mix together the vinegar and food coloring, and pour into the bin of baking soda and watch the witch's brew fizzle and foam. If you want your witch's brew extra foamy you could add dish soap in with the vinegar and food coloring mixture. The bubbling witches brew activity will end our Halloween activities as we start getting into the next unit all about emotions and explore how certain actions, words, and activities make us feel. This will help the children understand those emotions and how to work through or calm down during those big feeling moments. Towards the end of November, we'll learn all about Turkeys, their habitat, diet, and more! We're so excited for this next chapter of Fall and that awkward transition into winter.

Ms. Desi and Mr. Mathias

Hungry Hungry Hippos, Older Infants

Happy Fall! We love to see the changing colors of the leaves. The children have been enjoying throwing, touching, and crunching the leaves. Now that the weather is changing and it's cooler outside, please make sure your child has appropriate outside gear in their cubby. We go outside twice daily as long as the temp is 20 degrees and above. We have had a busy month working on fine motor skills by applying tissue paper to contact paper to decorate our window and grasping small pumpkins in our hands to roll and transfer from hand to hand. We have also explored through our senses by introducing our Fall sensory bin which includes infant cereal, pumpkin Cheerios, and mini pumpkins.
Ms. Ruth and Ms. Kayla

Jimanji, Toddlers

We had so much fun in October and all the fun Fall activities we did. The class started the month exploring apples, pumpkins, gourds, and leaves. We also painted with apples, pumpkins, and gourds. The class looked at and named the colors of apples, pumpkins, and leaves. The children enjoyed playing in dramatic play and shopping in our Farm Kitchen and Market. The pumpkin sensory bin with mini pumpkins and cauldrons was fun to stack and push the mini pumpkins in the cauldrons. Pumpkin carving, painting, and gut removal were exciting experiences for

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

Can you believe that it's already November? Time really does fly by. We hope everyone had a great month of October. We did a lot of fun things in the classroom this past month. Our two lesson plan themes were Fall and Spooky Fun. We also welcomed Ms. Bry back from maternity leave, went to Eberts to pick a pumpkin, and, of course, had a Halloween party. During our Fall lesson plan, we measured gourds and compared them to see which were taller, shorter, or the same size. We also did a science experiment making apples explode and painted with apples. During our Spooky Fun lesson plan, we painted with Halloween-themed cookie cutters and decorated Halloween cookies. On our pumpkin patch field trip, we read a story, did a fun craft, had some yummy lunch, went for a hayride, and picked out our pumpkins. We continue to work on our independence skills in the classroom. One thing that you can do to help your child at home is to encourage them to zip up their own jackets, even if you have to connect the clasp for them. We ask that now that the weather is getting cooler to make sure your child has hats and mittens in their labeled pouch on the door next to the cubbies.
We look forward to seeing what next month brings us.
Ms. Emily and Ms. Bry

Trouble, 4's

everyone. The kiddos were very proud of their painted pumpkins and carried them around.
The Jumanji class have been working hard on their fine motor skills and using utensils when eating. Every day we practice our skills and it does get messy but the more time they have to practice, the more confident the children become in mastering their new skills. We finished up the month dressing up as silly monsters.
It was great seeing and talking to all the families dressed up on Family night. I hope you all enjoyed Family night and Business Trick or Treat.
Ms. Andrea & Ms. Bree

Lil' Chutes, 2's

We're off to a wonderful start this Fall, watching the leaves change and enjoying the cooler temperatures. During our farm theme, we learned about farm animals and pretended to be pigs, cows, and chickens by wearing masks. We danced to "Old MacDonald" and "Down on Grandpa's Farm," scooped oats with spoons in our sensory bins and painted with duck feathers and tractor wheels. All of these activities were not only fun but also helped to develop our fine motor skills.
We also explored pumpkins. Our favorite stories were *It's Pumpkin Day, Mouse!* and the flannel-board story "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate." We rolled on the ground like pumpkins, painted our pumpkins with loofahs, and practiced

It is hard to believe that another month has passed. We have been quite busy in our classroom learning about pumpkins and exploring the theme of monsters (not scary ones, of course). The children have really been doing wonderful with their weekly classroom jobs. We change jobs weekly in a rotating system. This way, everyone will get a chance to eventually do each job. During the month of November, we will talk about leaves and woodland animals. We will wrap up the month learning about the indigenous people of our state/country. One of the main goals in the 4K classroom is working towards complete independence. I know that sometimes it is easier to just do it for our kids, but this can hinder them in the long run. When the children ask for help, I will often tell them to try on their own. While they may struggle at first, they typically end up getting it. They get such a sense of pride when they can do it on their own. While we have been blessed with some very mild (and almost summer like) Fall weather, do not be fooled. Please make sure that as the weather changes, your child comes with labeled weather appropriate gear. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.
Ms. Donna

Trouble, School Age

Fall is in the air for sure. We do walk from Hartland North every afternoon and sometimes in the mornings. Please make

sorting pumpkins by size; big and small.
Ms. Tricia and Ms. Keurstyn

Clue, 2.5's

Oh, how we've been enjoying the brisk Fall weather and the changing colors of the leaves! We had so much fun on our Pumpkin Farm field trip, touching the insides of a pumpkin and enjoying spooky activities. The Fall Family night is always so fun on Business Trick-or-Treat night, too! We talked about our Halloween costumes and even got to dress up in the classroom with our dramatic play items. Harvest times, leaves, and of course turkeys will all be on the table to explore.
In the classroom, like last month, we're still working on cleaning up our toys. If you see your child come home with a green star stamp on their hands or on their arms, know that they've been helping clean up! We only offer the stickers a few times a week, rather than every day, to encourage the children to help put toys away.
Now that's it's officially chilly weather; we'll be working on putting our own outside gear on. If you have older children here already, you may already be familiar with the coat flip. But if not, lay the jacket on the floor in front of you, hood by feet, and put your arms in the arm holes and flip up and over your head. It's a great way for little ones to put their coats on by themselves!
Ms. Kelly and Ms. Mo

sure your child has weather appropriate gear for the changing temps. The children really love to do art in the extra room we still call the blue room. We try to change the materials, so they have lots to choose from each day. On a recent day off, they filled the parking lot up with chalk drawings and messages. We also played basketball and zipped around on the scooters.
If your child is not going to come for the day or miss the morning or afternoon, please send an app message or call the center. It is very difficult to try to find a child when we have a big group waiting to walk back to the center. Appreciate the help! Hope you all have a wonderful November.
Ms. Delia and Mr. Barron


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WEDNESDAY 12/9/26
TOSA - Harwood Ave Crossing - 4:15 - 4:45 pm
HARTLAND - Cottonwood Ave Crossing - 5:45 - 6:15 pm


THUR, 12/24 & FRI, 12/25
Grandma's House will be
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Happy Holidays