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Growing Highlights

NOVEMBER 2026



Hello,

October at Grandma's House

Trunk-or-Treat? Success! Parent-Teacher conferences? Success! Plenty of time outdoors enjoying the beautiful Fall weather? Also, a success! October was filled with fun activities and meaningful one-on-one conversations between you and your child's teachers. Thank you, families! We couldn't do it without your support.

November always seems to fly by! This month, our teachers will spend time talking with the children about what they're thankful for and creating activities around this special time of year.

I'd also like to take a moment to share how thankful I am for the families who bring their children and smiling faces to school each day. I'm equally grateful for our amazing teachers who bring their creativity, energy, and passion to their classrooms every day. Thank you for making Grandma's House such a special place for children and families!

As we approach Thanksgiving break, please remember to submit Vacation Requests at least seven days in advance to receive tuition credit, in accordance with our Vacation Policy.

Next Up: The Most Magical Time of the Year!
With winter right around the corner, I recommend gearing up **before** the first snowfall! Please make sure your child has a hat, water-resistant mittens, warm waterproof boots, a winter coat, and snow pants. All items must be labeled with your child's name. Our teachers work hard to help the children enjoy outdoor play and labeled belongings help ensure everything makes it back to the right child!

Thank you for being part of our Grandma's House family!
Kari, Director
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7	Harper R.
8	Mirra S.
8	Beau C.
8	Lillian S.
10	Ms. Alaini
15	Elena B.
16	Zakariya A.
17	Callie L.
22	Avery S.
22	Benjamin G.
23	Owen F.
25	Howard Y.
29	Violet V.



On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House

Mr. Scott	34 Years
Ms. Mai Lee	10 Years
Ms. Emi	7 Years
Teacher Ty	3 Years
Ms. Lizzie	2 Years



Infants

Happy November Families!
Thank you to all the families who participated in our **Parent-Teacher Conferences last month!** We truly enjoyed taking the time to connect with you, share your baby's progress, and talk about their individual goals. We appreciate your

Older Toddlers

October was filled with fun Fall activities and opportunities for our toddlers to learn through play. The children explored pumpkins, practiced using their senses, and learned about different colors, shapes, sizes, and textures. Through sensory play, simple counting, art projects, songs, and

partnership and support!

Cooler Weather Is Here!

The weather is getting cooler, which means it's time to **update your baby's extra clothes**! Please check their cubby and send in weather-appropriate clothing, along with a few extra changes of clothes in case they are needed. As always, please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name.

Trunk or Treat Fun!

It was so great seeing all your smiling faces and adorable costumes at our **first Trunk or Treat!** We had so much fun celebrating together and loved seeing everyone's creativity. Thank you for joining us and making it such a fun event!

November Learning and Development

This month, our little ones will be working hard on some exciting developmental skills! We will be focusing on:

-Sitting with support

-Rolling

-Grasping and holding toys/objects

We'll provide lots of opportunities throughout the day for your babies to practice these skills through play, tummy time, and hands-on activities. Every little milestone is worth celebrating!

Ms. Ana and Ms. Vee

2nd Infants

Boo!! "Beware of the Infants" ends our October lesson plans. Our infants' (footprints) have been transformed into spooky monsters, ghosts, pumpkins, and more! Earlier in the month, we learned stories, the children had opportunities to explore, practice new words, and develop their fine motor skills.

We also enjoyed Halloween-themed activities, crafts, music, and movement. Our classroom celebrated Halloween with a small party, giving the children time to enjoy festive activities and interact with their friends. Our center-wide Trunk-or-Treat took place on Saturday, October 17, bringing our Grandma's House family together for some seasonal fun.

Our Parent-Teacher conferences provided an opportunity for families and teachers to discuss each child's progress, development, and skills that are needed to work on in the classroom.

As we move into November, we look forward to more hands-on activities that encourage curiosity, independence, language development, and social skills. Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our classroom!

Ms. Mai and Ms. Miracle

Almost 2's

"I haven't even finished eating all my Halloween candy!" ~ Sally Brown, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

We hope you had a spooky October filled with lots of candy and treats! Time is flying by! We can't believe there's only two months left of 2026!

During the month of October, we had lots of fun getting into the Fall spirit. We spent the month learning about apples, pumpkins and Halloween! We enjoyed fun

about Harvests with pumpkins and apples. They were able to decorate the outside of a pumpkin with paint and then explore the insides of them with their hands! The infants smushed and mashed the guts and seeds of the pumpkin. Everyone felt a little different about the experience! We had some friends who wanted nothing to do with the slimy guts and others who wanted to play in it all day long!

We have been working on identity development; seeing their own artwork at their level, songs with their names, looking into mirrors and seeing themselves- there's so much to do! Our children love the song, "We Have a Friend at Grandma's House;" when we sing and spell everyone's names! Our kiddos have been practicing their gestures: waving, pointing, and clapping! We have been cheering all month long!

While at home, try to encourage your infant to clap by cheering them on when something good happens! Finished a bottle? Yay baby! Clean, fresh, diaper on? Yay baby! This repetition will help the infants learn how to move their body like yours. The same can be done with waving! We wave "hello" and "goodbye" to everyone we see! Teachers will visit with other kiddos to say hi and we will practice waving back! Try this at home, the store, and even in the car (i.e. "wave hello to the tree!")

We cannot wait to get into our colder months filled with snow and fun! As they come upon us, we will start gathering outside gear. We will mostly be using snow suits in our classroom when we are able to go for walks! Bundle up and follow treats, made creative art projects, and continued working on our fine motor skills with table choices. November is a special month because our friends are starting to turn 2! Happy Birthday! November also means the weather is starting to get chillier. Please go through your child's cubby and make sure they have appropriate extra clothing. We go outside at least 2 times a day so also make sure they have a warm jacket and hats/gloves as needed. We will spend November learning about transportation and Thanksgiving. The kids really enjoy cars and trucks, so we are excited to learn more about them! For our Thanksgiving lesson, we will be sending a project home with your child to share what they are thankful for. Be on the lookout for more information soon! We continue to work on using a spoon, cleaning up our toys, and following directions.

We hope you have a wonderful November, full of family, love, and yummy food!

Ms. Courtney and Ms. Alaini

2's

How is it already November? October flew by and we hope everyone had fun at the Trunk or Treat. We have been busy matching our colors and size matching from big to small. At home you can have your child find two of the same color or have them bring you an object that is big and another one that is small. Please make sure your child's jackets are labeled with

us for the fun!
Ms. Bekah and Ms. Cali

Older Infants

Hello from the rainbow crawlers in infant room 3! This Fall your babies have gotten much more mobile, learning from each other all day long and motivating each other to move! We learned about apples and leaves changing colors. We sang many different Apple songs, finger plays and read stories about Fall. Fall decorations are up for them to see what this new season looks like. We did Apple paintings where they all got to explore what a whole Apple feels like in the palm of their hand and use it to spread red, green, and yellow paint on a piece of paper. They learned to explore different senses and learn new songs- as well as old songs that are familiar to them! Our goals now are to tune our fine motor skills; picking up small grains of rice to feed ourselves is an example! We also want to work on pulling up to stand on our own and some of us crawling more confidently. Lastly, there will be more sign language to learn to communicate! I hope you are enjoying the Fall weather!
Ms. Allie and Ms. Tiana

Young Toddlers

Hello everyone! For November, we will be focusing on families and our traditions for two weeks before Thanksgiving. We are their names so there is no confusion. Please go through your child's cubby to make sure they have warm extra clothes.
Ms. Esther and Ms. Kim

2.5's

Hip hip hooray! The Dewey Decimals are having a great Fall! Our first Trunk or Treat was a great success! We were so happy to see you all there! Can't wait for next year! We have been exploring all things Fall...leaves, apples, pumpkins, and spooks! The pumpkin patch trip was fun and the kiddos really enjoyed going through the corn maze. This class also enjoys being scared...spiders, bats, ghosts, etc. We talked a lot about the difference between reality and make-believe. So, your little one might tell you if things are real or fake.
Moving into the month of November, we will be learning about the library and some cool authors that you can check out. We will also continue to reach new self-help skill goals. We hope that you are finding your child's stickers as they achieve another goal...check their mailboxes if you haven't found any yet. The goals we are going to focus on this month are taking off and putting on shoes, using utensils to eat, and unzipping coats. Please encourage them at home as well.
Ms. Amy R. & Ms. Desii

3's

finishing up with bears and hibernation preparing for winter. Speaking of winter, let's talk about our child's needs for winter. Remember everything needs to be labeled with at least last name. Your child will need either a snow suit or coat and snow pants combo, waterproof snow boots with Velcro openings if possible (tie snow boots are hard with 8 toddlers). Another important item is a hat with Velcro under the chin (really nice!). Final item is waterproof mittens with thumb or without (gloves are impossible at this age). Suggestion, buy two pair of mittens ahead of time to prevent the eventual disappearing act of a mitten. We continue to go outside depending on weather conditions (temp above 20 degrees with wind chill). Let us know if you have any questions.

Ms. Anna and Ms. Virginia

Toddlers

Happy November! We are enjoying all the wonderful changes that come with the Fall season. The cooler weather, colorful leaves, and seasonal activities have given us so many fun opportunities to explore, learn, and discover new things together!

We had so much fun at our Trunk or Treat! Thank you to all the families who came out to join us and help make it such a special experience. We loved sharing the fun with you!

In our classroom, we also had a great time exploring the inside of a pumpkin! The toddlers enjoyed getting hands-on,

October was full of Fall fun, exciting adventures, and Halloween memories with The Very Hungry Learners! Our three-year-olds had a wonderful month exploring the changes that come with the Fall season. We talked about the beautiful colors of autumn, the changing weather, falling leaves, and how nature changes as we move into each new season. We also spent time learning all about pumpkins, discovering their shapes, colors, sizes, and participating in sensory play with our class pumpkin!

This month, we went on several exciting field trips! We had the opportunity to watch a children's play, Go Dog Go! We also visited the pumpkin patch! Not only did we get to feed the cows during our hayride, but everyone picked their own pumpkin to take home. We love going out into the community and meeting new people!

How fun was Grandma's House first ever Trunk or Treat? Thank you to everyone that stopped by for the fun goodies and checked out all the decked-out trunks! We were so excited to connect with the families and see all the happy faces and fun costumes,.

To finish off our October celebrations, we dressed up in our Halloween costumes and went trick-or-treating at the Salvation Army! The children enjoyed the Halloween excitement. It was such a wonderful way to celebrate the season and enjoy time with our Wauwatosa community.

We are so proud of all the learning, growing, and exploring our big kiddos have done this month! Thank you, families, for being part of our classroom and meeting

touching, feeling, and discovering the different textures inside. Activities like these encourage curiosity and allow children to learn about the world around them through their senses.
This month, we are continuing to focus on problem-solving and independence. We are encouraging the children to try things on their own, work through small challenges, and find solutions with little to no adult assistance when appropriate. Whether it is figuring out how a toy works, trying to complete a task, or working through a challenge, we are so proud of their efforts! These little moments help build confidence, persistence, and problem-solving skills.
As we move through November, we look forward to more opportunities for learning, exploring, and growing together. Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom community!
Ms. Emi and Ms. Karen

with us for conferences. We look forward to another month of fun and new adventures.
Ms. Abi and Ms. Lizzie

3-4's

This November we are thankful for so many things; our pumpkin patch field trip, falling leaves to collect and explore, and all our awesome friends! We have been steadily building our thankfulness tree, loved making applesauce together, and exploring with pumpkins! Later in the month, we will have families join us for a meal to celebrate our different cultures. Be on the lookout for more information soon! As we move into November and the temperatures drop, we will continue to work independently putting on and zipping up 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. This will be a particularly important skill to have before winter comes and we add snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens. Thanks for your help!
Ms. Sherri and Ms. Emily


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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
CLOSED
Happy Holidays