



Growing Highlights

December 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for your generosity during November. We had 11 families take fabric home and make blankets that will be donated to Project Linus. We also had multiple families take gift tags home and purchase gifts that will be delivered to children who are in foster care. The Grandma's House family is great for so many reasons, the biggest one being how thoughtful and generous you all are!

Most families have brought in their child's winter gear, which is wonderful since winter decided to show up very early this year. I cannot stress enough how important it is for EVERYTHING to be labeled with your child's name or initials on it. Hand-me-downs are wonderful, but when there is a random name or initials in it, we have a hard time knowing who it belongs to. We also tend to get a lot of boots and snow pants that are the same as other children's, which once again makes getting ready to go outside difficult.

As a reminder, we are closed on December 24th and 25th, as well as December 31st and January 1st. If you know that your child will be out anytime during the holidays, please remember to get the vacation notice in at least 7 days prior to being gone. [Vacation Notices](#) are by the tuition boxes as well as on our website.


As always, my door is always open!

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Price Listing 2019

You never know
how inappropriate
song lyrics are,
until you hear
your child singing
them.

 BabyBump

the app for pregnancy - babybumpapp.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

Grandma's House CLOSED:
Monday & Tuesday, 12/24 - 12/25
and
Monday & Tuesday, 12/31 - 1/1/19

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Cuddle Bugs

Let it snow! As we move into December, we will be welcoming some new friends

Honeycombs

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. In the

into our room. This month, we will begin units about trees and snowflakes. During our “snowflakes” unit, we will be bringing pieces of the outdoors into our classroom. Yes...even snow! Infants will have the opportunity to play with snow inside a sensory bucket. We will work on using our thumbs and fingers in a skillful way by encouraging the infants to grasp at rattles and other small toys. We are also going to continue working on rolling over. This is something you can encourage your infants to do at home by placing a toy near them that they would have to roll for. We are looking forward to staying warm through the winter months with your child.

Ms. Lauren & Ms. Bethany, 1st Infants

Silly Seahorses

Tis the season to be jolly! The Silly Seahorses are full of that these days with all of the bright lights everywhere they go. We will be focusing on our 5 senses this month. Most of our friends are eating cereal or baby food at least once a day (taste). We will be feeling snow, plastic ornaments, painting, etc. (touch). We will have scented sensory bottles with peppermint, lavender and pine in them to

Honeycombs room, we have been working on which house had more or less turkeys in them. It is a work in progress, but the children have fun learning new things. We have also been practicing drinking from open cups and we have a few that can do it. Keep up the good work in practicing at home with drinking from a cup and using spoons. Just a reminder, please check your child’s cubby to make sure they have warm extra clothes.

Ms. Esther & Ms. Gabby, Older Toddlers

Fairytale Forest

From deep in the forest came a giggling sound, 16 little friends playing together can be found. Our Fairy Tale Forest family has been great with homework assignments and engaging in new themes and activities. We have been working so hard on comprehension skills with our daily questions and our “Once upon a time...” books. All the children had a good time with our kindness unit, especially when they got to play with Daniel Tiger and friends. To further their understanding, the children chose teachers to make friendship bracelets for and they dictated “Thank you” notes for family. We went on to talk about super heroes and how they help people. Random acts of

explore (smell). We will listen to holiday/snowy music (sound) and will have fun talking about and looking at colored lights around the room and in our light box (sight). Reminder...if you have a snowsuit, please bring it in. We will try to do a few winter walks as long as the temperature is above 20 degrees!

Ms. Cassie, 2nd Infants

Space Cadets

Well, there is a chill in the air and it is time to keep warm! If you have footies or slippers for your little one, please bring them in. This will help keep their socks on! We are looking forward to all the new faces that will be coming soon, and we are thankful for Ms. Shantice's return. We hope you all enjoy the holiday and the time off. As always, please check your child's cubby and make sure there are spare warm clothes.

Ms. Sherry and Ms. Shantice, 3rd Infants

Busy Bees

"Brrr", said the Busy Bees! With winter here, the Busy Bees are enjoying exploring the snow and the cold. We are learning to

kindness make everyone feel good. You can look up some ideas and try some at home with your little forest friend.

Ms. Amy R. & Ms. Brianna, 2-1/2's

Wild 3's

We hope everyone had a wonderful turkey day! We loved seeing all the children's feathers this month and learning the variety of people and things they are thankful for. As we move into December, we will be finishing up our Dinosaur theme and talking about superheroes and gingerbread. We will be going to see the Tosa East band to hear their practice on December 4th. With the holidays coming up, there are a lot of opportunities for fine motor practice at home. Your child can help wrapping presents, putting stickers on cards, cooking- stirring, scooping and cutting (with plastic knives) are all great skills to work on. Please continue working on dressing independently to support us with snow gear.

Ms. Jess & Ms. Amanda, 3's

Hot Tropics

Happy Holidays from the Hot Tropics! The weather outside might be frightful, but we are not worried. That's

stand up and play in our new winter gear. We will be exploring math concepts this month. We will begin by comparing sizes with our theme Gingerbread men and Snow men. You can work with your child at home with this concept. For example, show them two different toys and ask which one is bigger or smaller. We will wrap up the month with a Candy Cane theme that will explore matching colors. To help your child with this concept, you can ask them to find a specific colored toy. Or, even just point out the color of certain things. This might be fun to do with Christmas lights or wrapping paper. Enjoy these new ideas with your toddler at home. Happy Holidays!

Ms. Virginia & Ms. Hannah, 2nd Toddlers

Little Einsteins

November was a very adventurous month for the Little Einsteins. We had the opportunity to use our five senses as they related to Thanksgiving and everything that comes with it. We made our own feathers, turkey feet and leaves. This allowed your child to use their eye-hand coordination skills as well as interacting with friends and having fun. Thank you parents for your support in helping the

because we know how to dress ourselves in snowpants, coats, hats, boots and mittens! We have been hard at work recently; cutting, writing, gluing and singing! We are getting ready for our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13th @ 10:30 a.m. If you are still looking for some gift ideas for your child, a scissors, playdoh and crayons are great ideas. A science related game like Bellz would be fun for the whole family. Well, we need to get back to being cool in the Hot Tropics room, see ya soon!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Terra, 3/4's

4 *Paige Brodzeller*

8 *Jacob Elkins*

9 *Bridget Fee*

9 *Adalynn Butler*

9 *Stella Washburn*

10 *Lydia Talen*

10 *Evelyn Talen*

15 *Enza Fuchs*

15 *Ms. Kayleigh*

17 *Margot Meurer*

17 *Ms. Ellie*

18 *Ayla Birkland*

18 *James Kaiser*

21 *Ms. Brianna*

22 *Annika Tucker*

31 *Colin Dugan*

31 *Connor Hahn*

Little Einsteins soar to heights that enhance their learning and world around them.

Ms. Laura & Ms. Debra, 3rd Toddlers

Disney Diehards

Did everyone have a good Thanksgiving? We sure did! To end the year, we are going to explore colors and shapes, Disney meets Sesame Street and Holiday fun! During these units we are going to focus on big/small concepts, matching colors and shapes, counting with Count, and exploring different holiday traditions. Since it is Wisconsin and it's getting cold outside, we are working on dressing ourselves for outside time. These things can be worked on at home as well. For instance, when putting away clean clothes, you can count the number of socks you have. As for dressing oneself, have your child try to find their feet when putting on pants and then say "hip, hip, hooray!" when they pull them up.

Ms. Courtney & Ms. Kim, 2's

Congratulations!

On celebrating anniversaries with Grandma's House!

Ms. Laura *8 Years*

Ms. Brianna *1 Year*