

November Menu

	Lunch	3:30 Snack
Monday, November 3	BBQ Chicken w/ Brown Rice, Purple Hull Peas, Pears & Milk	Graham Crackers & Craisins
Tuesday, November 4	Brunch for Lunch– Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole w/ Sausage, Pineapple & Milk	Strawberry Go-Gurt & Goldfish
Wednesday, November 5	Brown Gravy Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches & Milk	Vanilla Wafers & Banana Pudding
Thursday, November 6	Cheddar Broccoli Rice Casserole, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	Whole Wheat Crackers & Pepperoni
Friday, November 7	Hamburger Sliders, Baked Beans, Applesauce & Milk	Cheerios & Banana
Monday, November 10	Ground Turkey Tacos, Black Beans, Pineapple & Milk	Animal Crackers & Raisins
Tuesday, November 11	CLOSED	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Wednesday, November 12	Broccoli Alfredo, Pears & Milk	Veggie Straws & Pepperoni
Thursday, November 13	Turkey Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	Whole Wheat Crackers & Sliced Cheese
Friday, November 14	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Applesauce & Milk	Strawberry Go-Gurt & Goldfish
Monday, November 17	Chicken w/ Yellow Rice & Black Beans, Peaches & Milk	Graham Crackers & Craisins
Tuesday, November 18	BBQ Chicken Sliders, Baked Beans, Pears & Milk	Whole Wheat Crackers & Sliced Cheese
Wednesday, November 19	Macaroni & Cheese, Lima Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	Veggie Straws & Pepperoni
Thursday, November 20	Thanksgiving Lunches: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples & Milk	Peach Yogurt Parfait
Friday, November 21	Brown Gravy Meatballs w/ Brown Rice, Purple Hull Peas , Pineapple & Milk	Animal Crackers & Chocolate Pudding
Monday, November 24	Turkey Pot Roast Stroganoff, Lima Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	Whole Wheat Crackers & Sliced Cheese
Tuesday, November 25	Ground Turkey Tacos, Black Beans, Pears & Milk	Veggie Straws & Raisins
Wednesday, November 26	Cheese Tortellini Bake, Green Beans, Pineapple & Milk	CLOSE @ 3:00 PM
Thursday, November 27	CLOSED	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Friday, November 28	CLOSED	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Monday, December 1	Tex Mex Chicken w/ Rice & Black Beans, Peaches & Milk	Graham Crackers & Craisins
Tuesday, December 2	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	Strawberry Go-Gurt & Goldfish
Wednesday, December 3	Sloppy Joe Sliders, Mashed Potatoes, Pears & Milk	Whole Wheat Crackers & Sliced Cheese

*Items in green are vegetarian meals.

Growing Room News

Loving and Learning The Growing Room Way.

November 2025

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU, OUR GROWING ROOM FAMILY

It is with heartfelt love and gratitude that we celebrate Thanksgiving with you here at Growing Room. We are deeply thankful for the many parents, children, and staff who have touched our lives in countless ways. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to make and continue making a difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Thank you for trusting Growing Room to be a part of your child's journey—from those first baby days to the growing years ahead.

We are also especially grateful for our amazing, dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide the very best care and education for the children in our community.

As we reflect on the blessings of this season, we are reminded of how important it is to hold your loved ones close and treasure every moment together. We encourage you to do just that as you celebrate Thanksgiving with your family and friends.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

November 10-14

As part of our Character Education program, we're excited to once again host our Food Drive. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn the joy of giving and to experience firsthand what it means to care of others in need. Donations can be placed in the decorated collection box located in the front lobby of the center.

At school, we'll be discussing these same ideas through our Character Education lessons, helping children understand what it means to be kind, caring, and compassionate. When these values are reinforced both at home and in the classroom, children begin to live them out in everyday ways, showing love, gratitude, and empathy to those around them.



Thanksgiving Luncheons

Each classroom will celebrate with a special Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 20th. This annual tradition is a wonderful time for our Growing Room parents, children, and staff to come together, share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and give thanks for the many blessings we've received throughout the year.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your child's teacher or a member of your center's administrative team. We can't wait to celebrate this special season of gratitude with our Growing Room families!

NOVEMBER PARENT REMINDERS



November 5th - Come to school wearing your favorite color

November 10th - 14th - Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 11th - Professional Development Day: ALL CENTERS CLOSED

November 17th - Prematurity Awareness Day: Come to school wearing purple

November 20th - Class Thanksgiving Lunches

November 26th - ALL CENTERS CLOSE AT 3PM

November 27th - 28th - Happy Thanksgiving: ALL CENTERS CLOSED



"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other."
- Randy Pausch



MAKING A DIFFERENCE EMPLOYEE FOR NOVEMBER



Growing Room Welaunee
Ms. Cathy Wortham
K3A Para Pro

Ms. Cathy joined the Growing Room team in August 2025! She is a loving and dedicated teacher who pours her heart into everything she does. She is always down on the floor interacting with the children - exploring, playing, and learning right alongside them. Whether it's guiding a sensory activity, reading a favorite story, or encouraging little hands to try something new, Ms. Cathy makes every moment meaningful. Her hands-on approach helps the children stay curious and confident as they grow and learn through play. Ms. Cathy's patience, positivity, and passion for early childhood education truly shine through in all that she does. She goes above and beyond to make each child feel special, and her nurturing presence has a lasting impact on everyone she meets. We are so thankful for her dedication and the joy she brings to our school community each and every day!

Growing Room Bradfordville
Ms. Dria Bradley
Todds A Lead Teacher

Ms. Dria joined our Growing Room team in August 2025 and has been such a joyful addition ever since. She leads her classroom with warmth, positivity, and a contagious smile that brightens everyone's day. Ms. Dria takes great pride in creating a nurturing and engaging environment where her children feel loved, supported, and excited to learn. She celebrates the little moments - the first words, the new friendships, the laughter during play - and she's always right there joining in on the fun. Her creativity shines through in her classroom activities and the way she brings lessons to life. Ms. Dria's strong relationships with both parents and children are a reflection of her kind heart and genuine care. Families know their little ones are in wonderful hands with her. We are so grateful for the love, dedication, and joy she brings to our team each day!

Growing Room Metropolitan
Ms. Karolyn Gillyard
Floater

Ms. Karolyn joined the Growing Room family in March 2025! She goes above and beyond every single day - always ready to jump in wherever she's needed with a positive attitude and a big smile. Whether she's comforting a little one, leading an activity, or supporting another teacher, she does it all with grace and enthusiasm. Ms. Karolyn brings so much warmth, reliability, and joy to our school. Her flexibility and willingness to help make her a true team player, and her calm, caring presence helps every classroom feel supported and loved. The children light up when she walks in the room, and her coworkers know they can always count on her. We are so grateful for her dedication, her heart for children, and the positivity she brings to our team each and every day. Thank you, Ms. Karolyn, for all that you do to make our school such a special place!

We appreciate all you do for our Growing Room Families!

Salvation Army Angel Tree

We are excited to partner with The Salvation Army again this year for their Angel Tree Program!

Angels will be displayed in the lobby by November 14th. All gifts for your angel are due back by Monday, December 1st! Once you have selected an angel, please stop by the front desk and let us know which one you chose. Thank you for helping Growing Room make this holiday season special for so many children in need within our community.



NOVEMBER CHARACTER EDUCATION BEING THANKFUL & CARING

This month, your child will explore the value of thankfulness and caring through our Character Education program. Using engaging Character Education books, our beloved Character Critters, teacher modeling, and plenty of positive reinforcement, children will learn what it means to show compassion and gratitude in everyday life. One of the stories we'll read together is Grateful is Our Superpower Thanks by Amy Weber, a sweet reminder that there is always something to be thankful for.

Our featured Character Critter this month is Carrie the Caring Cat, who helps children understand how to be kind, loving, and considerate toward others. Through meaningful discussions and activities, your child will learn to be compassionate and empathetic, express gratitude for those who care for them, and show appreciation through words and actions. We are excited to see our children grow in thankfulness and kindness as we celebrate this special season of giving thanks.

