

SEPTEMBER 2026



THE GARDEN PATCH

MONTHLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A new school year is underway! Take a peek at what's happening around Garden Patch as our classrooms settle into new routines and friendships.

FAMILY FUN

Simple fall activities and ideas for making special memories together as a family.

IMPORTANT DATES

Pre-k: Vala's Pumpkin Patch Field Trip:
Tuesday, October 20th



STORYTIME IS ALWAYS A FAVORITE!



BIG SMILES, LITTLE MOMENTS



GROWING THROUGH PLAY AND LEARNING



September is here, and we are so excited for a new month at Garden Patch! As we settle into the school-year routine, we're looking forward to cooler days, changing leaves, and all that comes with fall!

The children are doing a wonderful job adjusting to their classrooms, learning new routines, and building friendships. Our teachers have loved getting to know each child and watching those special connections begin to grow.

We have lots of fun, learning, and seasonal activities planned for the weeks ahead, and we can't wait to share another wonderful month with all of our Garden Patch families!



REMINDERS

- If your email, phone number or address has changed, please notify the front desk.
- If your child will be out or late for the day, please call the center or notify teachers on Procure by 9:00 a.m. for staffing purposes.
- School Age - if your child will not need to be picked up by the vans either in the AM or PM, please call us to avoid a \$5.00 charge.



Did you know?

Young children learn best through play! Every block tower, pretend game, art project, and conversation helps build important skills like problem-solving, creativity, language, and cooperation.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Labor Day, September 7th

*Thanksgiving, November 26th
& 27th*

*Christmas, December 24th &
25th*

*New Year's Eve, December
31st—Early Closure 3pm*

New Year's Day, January 1st

September 2026 calendar



THEMES:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Our 5 Senses		1 	2 	3 	4
Growing Healthy & Strong	7 Closed for Labor Day Millard & Gretna No School	8 Millard & Gretna No School	9	10	11 
The People in our Neighborhood	14 	15 	16 	17	18
Apples to Apples	21 	22	23	24 	25
Life on the Farm	28	29 	30		

Academic Focus

Letters:

C,D,E

Numbers:

4,5,6,7

Shape:

Triangle

Color:

Yellow / Amarillo

Classroom Skill:

Listen and Follow

Directions

Character Skill:

Respect

Pre-K Goal: Matching/Sorting

SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM:

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1ST- OUR 5 SENSES

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH- GROWING HEALTHY AND STRONG

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH- THE PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST- APPLES TO APPLES

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH- LIFE ON THE FARM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR DAY (SEP 7TH):
CLOSED

SEP 7TH AND 8TH:
NO SCHOOL-
GRETNA AND MILLARD





PICTURE DAY

Smiles today,
memories forever! ♥



PICTURE DAY IS ON

SEPTEMBER

15TH

MAKE-UP DAY IS

SEPTEMBER

16TH



♥ Don't forget to bring your best smile!

Links with Pictures will be sent out in
the days following Picture Day!

Eileen's COOKIE DOUGH

FUNDRAISER

Sweet Treats. Big Impact.

**FAMILY WITH
THE MOST SALES**
wins a
**FREE WEEK OF
CHILDCARE!**



Sale Dates
**September 21st -
October 2nd**

*Every tub you buy
helps support our students
and classrooms!*

Thank you for your support!

Delicious Flavours!

- Chocolate Chip
- Monster Oatmeal
- Snickerdoodle
- M&M

- Oatmeal Raisin
- Peanutbutter
- Sugar

\$20 a 3lb tub



**EASY &
DELICIOUS
TO BAKE**

**BAKES UP
PERFECT
EVERY TIME**

**MADE WITH
QUALITY
INGREDIENTS**

**SUPPORTS OUR
SCHOOL**

Thank you for helping us make a difference—one sweet bite at a time!

Happy Birthday



STUDENTS:

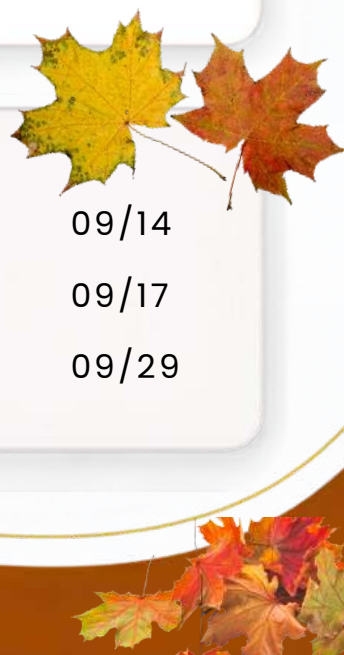
ADALEE W.	09/04
FAITH A.	09/04
ISAAC H.	09/05
BENNETT J.	09/05
FELIX R.	09/08
KENNEDY G.	09/09
TEDDY L.	09/10
ELLA L.	09/10
JOEY T.	09/11

OLIVER B.	09/11
MARGOT S.	09/13
CHASE W.	09/15
COLTON J.	09/17
BEHREN J.	09/17
WILLOW H.	09/20
EVAN C.	09/23
CARLY M.	09/28
JAXON W.	09/29
MADDEN S.	09/30
EVERY L.	09/30

STAFF:

KHRYSTAHL W.	09/16
JESSICA C.	09/19

NOAH C.	09/14
MADI N.	09/17
SUMMER P.	09/29





KITCHEN

Together

A SIMPLE RECIPE
TO MAKE WITH
YOUR KIDS



Cooking together builds confidence, sparks curiosity, and creates sweet memories. Try this easy seasonal recipe that kids will love to help make!



INGREDIENTS

- 1 (8 ounce) tube Pillsbury Original crescent rolls
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, cored and sliced into 8 (1/2-inch) slices
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice, plus about
- 1/4 teaspoon additional apple pie spice for sprinkling on top
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar

STEPS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 375°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2 In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar and apple pie spice. Set aside.
- 3 Melt the butter and toss the apple slices in the butter. Set aside.
- 4 Arrange the crescent roll triangles on the parchment-lined baking sheet. Evenly distribute the brown sugar mixture onto each triangle.
- 5 Sprinkle each triangle evenly with the chopped pecans. Place an apple slice on the wide end of each triangle and wrap the crescent roll dough around each apple.
- 6 Brush each crescent roll with the remaining butter. Sprinkle lightly with additional apple pie spice. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown, then cool for 5 minutes before serving.

KIDS CONNECTION

Fun, simple activities to enjoy together as a family this season!



NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Take a walk together and look for a red leaf, acorn, pinecone, something yellow, and something crunchy!



THANKFUL JAR

Write down one thing you're thankful for each day and add it to a jar. Read them together at the end of the month.



COZY READ TOGETHER

Pick a favorite fall book, grab a blanket, and spend some cozy time reading together.



FALL CREATIONS

Collect leaves outside and use them to make a picture, leaf rubbing, or other fall masterpiece!

The best moments are the ones we make together.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Full-Time Spotlight



Jourdin Garratt

Cuddlebugs Teacher

This month we are shinging a spotlight on Jourdin!

Jourdin has been part of Garden Patch family for almost 4 years and is our Cuddlebug teacher. She describes herself as loving, loyal, and strong. Her favorite part of working with children is hearing their laughter because baby giggles are the best! Outside of work, Jourdin loves an iced caramel latte, a little Target or Amazon shopping, and dreams of a quiet, secluded beach vacation. We are so thankful for Jourdin and all the love and care she brings to our littlest friends each day!

Favorite Quote

"It's fine, everything's fine"

Fun Facts

- Hobby: Doing My Nails
- Favorite Drink: Coffee- Iced Caramel Latte
- Favorite snack: Pickle Chips, Cashews, Hot Tamales
- Bucket List: Visit All 50 states
- Favorite Music: Any 90's Music
- Favorite Color: Purple



Congratulations and thank you for all you do!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Part-Time Spotlight

Macey Kuchta

Floater

This month we are shining light on Macey!

Macey has been part of the Garden Patch family for 2 ½ years and is one of our wonderful floaters. She describes herself as thoughtful, confident, and friendly. Her favorite part of working with children is the special bonds she gets to build with each of them. Outside of work, Macey loves spending time with friends and family, playing pickleball, and dreaming of traveling overseas. We are so lucky to have Macey and the positive energy she brings to Garden Patch!



Favorite Quote

"Til you can't"

Fun Facts

- Favorite TV Show: Love Island, One Tree Hill
- Favorite Music: Country (Morgan Wallen, Eric Church, many more)
- Favorite Animal: Monkey, Dog
- Favorite Snack: Gardetto's and Nerd Clusters
- Favorite Drink: Dr. Pepper, Any Latte
- Favorite Holiday: Christmas
- Color: Pastel Colors



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