



Tender Hearts Newsletter



September 2026

Important dates in September

- Sep 1 Oshkosh Schools Start
- Sep 7 Labor Day
No School
Tender Hearts is closed
- Sep 8 Happy Birthday to
Kristin R.
- Sep 11 Patriot Day
Happy Birthday to
Michael B.
- Sep 13 Happy Grandparent's
Day
- Sep 22 First day of Autumn
- Sep 24 Tender Hearts is closed
for personal day
- Sep 25 No School
Tender Hearts is closed
for personal day
- Sep 27 Happy 9th Birthday to
Fred and Wilma
- Sep 28 Tender Hearts is closed
for personal day

Topics for September

The topics for September are: Grandparent's are Special, Shapes, Autumn, and Development Assessments and Checklists will be completed.

What we did last month

A few things we did were: explored all kinds of bugs and we played "Swat the Fly" game with fly swatters. We played in the sprinkler and in the water table. We had fun with letters and colors. We mixed colors together to make different colors. We painted at the easel, played with colored playdough, and drew with colored sidewalk chalk. We pretended we were in school and we did all the "school things." We took a test run to take Juliette to her school for 4K. Katy will be taking her to school and Tim will be staying with the other children.

Cubbies

Please take a few moments and check the clothes in your child's cubbie. Please make sure your child has not outgrown the clothes. As we get ready for the cooler weather, make sure there is also a sweater or sweat-shirt in case there are chilly mornings or chilly days. You never know what Wisconsin weather will be like. It's not too early to think about a hat and mittens. It works well if you bring a hat and a pair of mittens to be kept in your child's cubbie. That way they will be here and your child will stay warm while we are outside on the cool days.

Happy Grandparent's Day

When I was growing up, my Grandparents played an important role in my life. Now that my Grandparents have passed, I cherish the memories I have of all of them!

I celebrate Grandparent's Day every year by helping the children make gifts for their Grandparents. I hope they will like them.

Here is some history on Grandparent's Day from the Oshkosh Northwestern Newspaper dated August 31, 2014, section B3. (It's an oldie but a goodie.)

How do you celebrate Grandparents Day? Do you assume it is a made-up holiday for the greeting card companies? It is a real holiday. In 1970, Marian McQuade, from West Virginia, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for Grandparents. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes and shut-ins. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. Marian McQuade and her husband had 15 children, 40 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. In 1978, the US Congress proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day, and the proclamation was signed by President Jimmy Carter. September was chosen for the holiday, to signify the "autumn years" of life. Today Grandparents Day has a threefold purpose: to honor grandparents; to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older adults can offer.





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Schedule Change

Now with school starting and transporting to school, we needed to adjust the schedule to reflect it. I have attached a new schedule for the school year.

Get Kids Ready for Elementary School Program

Starting in 2026, Get Kids Ready is a new school readiness initiative to support licensed and certified child care providers serving 4-year-olds. What is school readiness? In simple terms, school readiness means a child is ready to go to school. Get Kids Ready is a state-funded school readiness initiative that helps 4-year-olds prepare for the transition into a school setting. Making sure children have the skills to thrive in school and in life is important. Through Get Kids Ready, qualified child care providers focus on developing the academic, physical, social-emotional, self-help skills, and much more that kids will need to succeed in school. I will be providing the Get Kids Ready program. If you wish to learn more about what my Get Kids Program will look like, please let me know.

Food Program Visit

On Friday, August 19th, Jenna from Horizons Food Program, came to visit us during lunch. She looked my paperwork, the children's attendance records to check that I was claiming the correct children for meal counts. She also looked in the kitchen for - the refrigerator and freezer were at the right temperatures, the dry-good foods and the foods in the refrigerator are covered in air tight containers, the yogurt, cereal and other foods that I was serving was low in sugar, the whole grain foods I serve (crackers, noodles, bread, and others) was 100% whole wheat grain. She also looked that the cleaning supplies were out of reach of the children, the oven and microwave were clean, and the overall cleanliness of the kitchen. She also asked me questions that she has to ask every time she visits just to see if I fully understand the rules I need to follow for being enrolled on the food program. The food program visits are unannounced three times a year. The visit went well.



Tender Hearts Family Child Care Center Daily Schedule

(For children ages 1 to 12)
(Infants are on their own schedule)

(Get Kids Ready schedule is from 8:00-11:00)

6:30 a.m.	Tender Hearts opens for the day
6:30 - 6:50	Free choice play time
6:50 - 7:00	Clean up/Wash hands
7:00 - 7:30	Breakfast
7:30 - 8:00	Free choice play time
8:00 - 8:50	Calendar/Group time
8:50 - 9:00	Clean up/Wash hands
9:00 - 9:15	AM Snack
9:15 - 10:30	Free choice (Outside if weather permits)
10:30 - 11:00	Free choice play time-Inside



10:30 - 11:00 (Lunch is prepared for the children that are enrolled in 4K)

11:00 - 11:30 Lunch for 4K children

11:30 - 11:40 4K children get ready to go to school

11:40 - 12:00 4K children are transported to school

11:00 - 11:25 (Lunch is prepared for the children)

11:20 - 11:30 Clean up/Wash hands

11:30 - 12:00 Lunch

12:00 - 12:15 Story Time

12:15 - 2:00 Nap/Quiet Time

2:00 - 2:15 Wake children up/Wash hands

2:15 - 2:30 Snack

2:20 - 3:00 Pick 4K children up from school

3:00 - 3:05 Wash hands

3:05 - 3:20 PM snack for 4K children

2:30 - 5:30 Free choice play time (outside or inside)

5:30 p.m. Tender Hearts closes for the day

