



Loving Hands Preschool March 2024

*****Important change to calendar: Green Schools, along with many area schools recently voted to close schools on Monday, April 8 in preparation for the total solar eclipse. Loving Hands will also be closed that day*****

Picture Day will be on Wednesday, March 6 (MW3, Green and Blue) & Thursday, March 7 (TTH3, Yellow, and Purple). There is no class picture during the spring pictures. Like Fall pictures, Buckeye Photo Services will take a picture of all children, and they will be posted on a password protected site per each classroom. There is more info on the back of this newsletter. We will send a REMIND when the pictures are available to view, along with the classroom password. They are typically available for one week. There is no need to preorder or send in any money ahead of time. You can view before you purchase.

Our Blue Room will host their annual Art Show on Thursday, March 7 @2:30pm. Blue Room parents, family & friends can come check out the artists that your children have been learning about during the month of February!

We need your help!! The Easter Egg Hunt will be coming up on March 20 & 21. Soon, you will find empty Easter eggs outside of the preschool office. If you would be interested in helping, you can grab a bag of eggs, fill them with a treat/prize, and return them back to school no later than March 14. We can also use additional eggs, so if anyone wants to buy them at the store and fill them, we will gladly accept!! Please remember to keep all treats NUT FREE!!! Thank you!

Spring break will begin on Friday, March 22-Monday, April 1 (please note: 3/22 & 4/1, Green schools are still in session, but LHP will be closed)

We are excited to announce that we are opening a new classroom for Fall 2024!! We are opening a new Pre-K class, which will meet on W, TH, F from 12:25-2:55! Our 4 pre-k classes filled up before registration was over in January, and we had enough on the waiting list to open another classroom. The room will be our current church nursery, across from the Yellow Room. It will soon become the **Pink Room**!! Miss Terri will be the lead teacher in that classroom. Miss Kate will be taking over as lead teacher for the MW enrichment class next year! Those are the only changes for our staff for the upcoming school year at this time!

We still have a few spots open for 2024-2025:

Orange Room MWpm: 5 openings

Orange Room TTHpm: 1 opening

Purple Room AM: 3 openings

Purple Room PM: 1 opening

Pink Room W-F: opening soon!

If you know of anyone interested in enrolling, they can contact Miss Shannon at smiller1950@sbcglobal.net or 330-896-1936.

**It is time to start thinking about the Trike a Thon! This year the Trike a Thon is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30 for AM classes, and 12:30 for PM classes. AM classes will start at their normal time, and PM classes will start immediately after the Trike a Thon, but on Monday,

it will be an early dismissal day for the Blue Room full day kids. They will dismiss at the start of their Trike a Thon (12:30). This fundraiser allows us to make updates and improvements to the program! Last year we raised \$24,695.00!! Over the years, this money allowed us to make improvements that our budget may not otherwise allow, such as replacing all of the windows in our classrooms (which allow for much better air circulation in the hot months, with no A/C, and much warmer in the winter), new fans in each classroom, our new flooring in the classrooms, replacing the classroom lighting with a more efficient and LED lighting, mats in the muscle room, rubber mulch, a new fence for the playground, new tables and chairs in the classrooms, as well as new furniture pieces and rugs in rooms, and our new sign at the main entrance. Most importantly, we are able to fulfill wish lists for each classroom, for new equipment and supplies for the rooms!! Each child will receive a fundraising packet with information about the Trike a Thon in March. You will receive mailing labels in the packet, and will be asked to fill out the labels with anyone's name that you would like to receive a letter from your child. The letter will be personalized with your child's picture and signature. Labels will not be used for any other purpose than to send to your sponsors. It is so much fun!! More info will come out in the April Newsletter!!

March Dates:

- 4: Trike a Thon packets will be coming home this week
- 5: Happy Birthday Rylee T
- 5: Storytime with Miss Brandie 10:00am
- 6: Picture Day for MW3, Green and Blue Rooms
- 7: Picture Day for TTH, Yellow and Purple Rooms
- 7: Blue Room Art Show 2:30pm
- 8: Happy Birthday Natalie W
- 10: Daylight Savings Time (move clocks ahead one hour)
- 13: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am
- 13/14: Filled Easter Eggs due
- 16: Happy Birthday Sophia H
- 16: April Tuition due
- 18/19: Chapel Time with Miss Shannon
- 19: Happy Birthday Bryson K & Madi G
- 20: Easter Egg Hunt for MW3 and Green Room
- 21: Easter Egg Hunt for TTH3, Yellow, Purple and Blue Rooms
- 22-April 1: Spring Break- no preschool (Green schools in session on 3/22 & 4/1)
- 24: Happy Birthday Abigail P
- 25: Happy Birthday Isla E, Noah E and Javi L
- 29: Good Friday
- 31: Easter

Planning ahead for April

- 1: Easter Monday: No Preschool
- 2/3: Trike a Thon labels due back to school
- 8: No School for the Solar Eclipse
- 17: SPRING OPEN HOUSE: this is for all students who are registered, or interested in registering for the 2024-2025 school year. It will allow our students to visit their new classroom and to see teachers and friends! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Planning ahead for May

- 1/2: NO PRESCHOOL BOTH DAYS- Mother's Day Brunch/Lunch
- 6/7: Trike a Thon days (Blue Room will dismiss early on Monday for their Trike a Thon)
- 13: Last day of school for our MW3 and Green Rooms
- 14: Last day of school for our TTH3, Yellow, Blue and Purple Rooms
- 14: Transitional Kindergarten (Blue and Purple) Graduation 6:00pm
- 15: Pre-K Graduation (Yellow & Green) 10:00am for AM classes & 12:00 for PM classes
- 16: Preschool 3's (Orange) Popsicles on the Playground 10:00-12:00

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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During the month of February we began implementing Heggerty (Phonemic Awareness Early Pre-Kindergarten) lessons into our first circle time routine. Each daily lesson is about 5-7 minutes in length. Students learn to play with language and hear the sounds in spoken words. They are really enjoying playing some of the fun listening games and some of us have even picked up on rhyming words. Our focus for March will be:

Letters: C and G

Numbers: 9 and 10

Nursery Rhyme: Down By the Bay

Color: Green

Shape: Diamond

March is going to be "BEARY" exciting in the Orange Room. Our theme will be Teddy Bears! We will be "Going on a Bear Hunt", and having a Teddy Bear Sleepover at school (more information to come)! We will be following a recipe to our own Teddy Bear Trail Mix and graph some gummy bears and much, much more!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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February flew by as we learned all about outer space! We had such a BLAST discovering life without gravity and learning the names of the planets in order from the sun! We also spent time discovering the dinosaurs. We learned about how these interesting creatures existed long ago.

Our Valentines Party was so much fun and I know all our friends enjoyed all the hard work and time from the parents!

Do you like green eggs and ham? Would you eat them in a boat? In early March we will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss! We will discover all kinds of rhymes and crazy characters that he uses in many of these silly books! *The Lorax* is a special book that explains the importance of recycling and taking care of our world. This will wrap up the Dr. Seuss celebration and take us into Earth Day. We will talk about recycling, reducing, and reusing as we watch spring appear outside!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Tina

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Hello Yellow Room families! Goodness, these months keep flying faster and faster! It is hard to believe that we are already headed into March. This month we will finish our rhyming fun with Dr. Seuss with our monthly color day (Green). Then, we will transition into a unit on Community Helpers. We will talk about some fun jobs and all the different ways they aid our community. We will end the month with our Easter Egg hunt, which is always a fun day!

Our goal is to finish off the alphabet before Spring Break, so we will work on letters X, Y, and Z. We will continue to review numbers and discuss what comes after 20. Our shape is the oval. This month we will also start to have a few Mystery Readers come to visit. It's sure to be a blast!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Thank you to all those who helped with the Valentine's Day party and came in for conferences. I really enjoyed showing you all how much they have grown and learned within just a couple short months. I am so proud of all of them for their hard work at home and at school. We used February to introduce more sight words, work on our number recognition from 10-30 and talk about how we show kindness and love toward each other. We will use March to continue to work on letter and number recognition along with letter sounds. These will continue to be our main focus before we head off to kindergarten. We also have our Easter Egg Hunt and Party during the month of March, along with spring picture day. More sight words will be coming home, so keep a look out for the flash cards. March will be a short month, with our Spring Break at the end, but it will be a fun filled month, for sure!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Renee

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Can't believe it's March we only have 2 and a half months to go. Time is going way too fast! We will spend this month talking about fairy tales and spring and all the fun things that come with it such as flowers, weather, rainbows and different life cycles of plants and animals. We can't wait to bring in our own flower shop into our dramatic play center.

We are going to introduce 3d shapes and begin some easy math problems. We are going to start working on shoe tying, so please have the children wear lace shoes to school. The children have been doing a great job on their sight words, so we are going to start working on reading our easy reader books and creating our own sentences.

I am going to begin sending home our reading bags. Each bag will consist of 2-3 easy reader books and a special snack. There will also be a little note from Miss Jessica that I would love to hear parent feedback from the parents on how their child did with reading their books!! I will send it home on a Thursday. Please return it the following Monday so I can send home some new ones!!! The kids are very excited to start reading their own book and I can't wait to see how they do!

Just a little reminder Spring Break is March 22nd- April 1st. Class will resume on April 2nd!

Enrichment Class

Miss Terri (MW) & Miss Libby (TTH)

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MW: Happy March my Enrichment friends. How is it possible that we only have a few SHORT months left of this school year. In the past month we have been talking about what it means to be kind and a friend to EVERYONE. We even made friendship bracelets and gave them away to someone in the class. It was wonderful watching the kiddos take pride in sharing them with one another. During March we will be learning about Spring and the upcoming holiday Easter. I'm sure all the kiddos will be so excited for the Easter egg hunt here at school, but also learning the true meaning for the holiday! Spring break is also approaching, so we will not have Enrichment March 25th and March 27th. Have a blessed month!!!

Tth: Our enrichment group has had lots of fun discovering dinosaurs! We loved "untangling" dinosaurs from the rubber-band vines and making fossils and dino tracks in the playdoh. We made lots of valentine cards and treats, including Pizza Valentines!

March will bring some Dr. Seuss fun! We will also discover a colorful and exciting habitat in the rainforest!

Loving Hands Preschool- Spring Pictures 2024

Picture day will be Wednesday, March 6, 2024 for:

- Orange MW
- Green Room
- Blue Room
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Picture day will be Thursday, March 7, 2024 for:

- Orange TTH
- Yellow Room
- Purple Room



Here are some suggestions to achieve the best possible photos:

- Solid colors work well. Large plaid, stripes and other bold designs may distract from your child's beautiful face.
- Neutrals, blues, grays or spring colors are always a good choice.
- Avoid completely white or completely black tops
- No red dye juice drinks before pictures (red smudges on cheeks/lips)
- Hair neatly combed. Bows are fine as long as they aren't larger than your child's head.
- If wearing a button down, it looks better tucked in.

The link to the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/gl0010896422>

This is a private viewing page per class. Members of your class will be able to view the individual and class photos. The online code for your child's class will be sent to you on REMIND once the pictures are available on the website. Be sure to sign up for Remind if you haven't already!!

This message will appear when you enter the gallery:

*For a limited time you have free delivery of your pictures to the school! Orders submitted through Sunday, March 17, 2024 will be delivered to your child's classroom. *orders received after that date will be shipped to you and shipping charges apply.*

Friday, April 5, 2024 is the LAST day to place ALL orders. The gallery expires after that date.

- Class photos are only taken in the fall- will not be included in this spring package.
- Digital downloads may take up to 24 hours to process
- Some cropping may occur with 8x10 or larger prints

*Allow 2-3 weeks after deadline date for bulk delivery to the school.

Question: Contact Cindy with Buckeye Photography at bslphotos@yahoo.com