



Happy Easter from Loving Hands Preschool April 2019



How is it April?? It feels like this school year is passing by faster than the blink of an eye! These last 2 months will be no exception, as they are jam packed with activities and special events! Please be sure to pay extra attention to the calendars, as there are several special events and different scheduled days & you won't want to miss any of it!!

Thank you to everyone who is filling eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt!! Our Egg hunts will be on Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18. Please return eggs by Tuesday, April 9 to allow us time to sort and prepare for the hunt. Thank you to all parents who signed up to help with hiding the eggs! Miss Shannon will be out of the office on Thursday, April 18 for a Director's Training.

DONATIONS NEEDED: *We are running low on bleach, sandwich size Ziploc bags, snack size Ziploc bags, gallon size Ziploc bags, playdough, and we are out of Roll Paper Towels. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!! We can not thank everyone enough for all the product donations they made at the beginning of the year!! It is a HUGE help to us!! We made it all the way until now without having to request any additional items! Woohoo!!!*

APRIL FIELD TRIPS: Our Pre-K classes have planned field trips this month!! Field trips will replace class times these days. If your child is not planning to attend the trip, there will be no class that day.

- The Yellow Room will be attending the Green Fire Station on Friday, April 5 at 9:00. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to assure we start on time.
- The Green Room will also be attending the Green Fire Station on Friday, April 5, but at 10:00am.
- The Blue and Purple Rooms will be visiting the Akron Zoo on Thursday, April 25 at 10:00. Permission slips have been sent home and should be returned no later than April 15th. The cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children, infants under 2 are free. If you have a zoo pass, it will be honored for the field trip.

TUITION: WooHoo!! The last tuition payment (May) will be due BY April 16. For families who plan to return in the fall, your next payment will be due by August 16 (September payment). If you are currently signed up for your tuition payment to be automatically withdrawn from your account, you can return a new form to Brittney before the end of the school year, and we can begin the withdrawal for the August 16 payment. If you are not currently signed up, but would like to use this option for next year, you can pick up a form at the Information Station, in the folder labeled AFT. You will need to include a voided check with the form. If you wait to sign up until after the end of the school year, you will need to pay the first payment by cash or check.

PRESCHOOL CLOSED: There will be no preschool on Friday, April 26. This day is a preschool work day. Teachers will be disassembling the muscle room equipment for the school year in preparation for the end of the school year activities (i.e. Mother's Day Tea, Trike a Thons, Graduations and picnics). If anyone would be interested in coming in to help with this task, there will be a sign up sheet at the Information Station, outside of the preschool office.

TRIKE-A-THON: Preparations for our spring fundraiser are underway! On Monday, May 13 & Tuesday, May 14 at 11:30, we will have our 7th Annual Trike a Thon!! You will be receiving an Introduction packet about this event soon! We will send home a sheet of mailing labels with each child. You will choose family & friends that you would like a flyer sent and write their name/address on a label. Simply return the labels to school by Friday, April 5. They can be placed in the paperwork basket outside of the preschool office. We'll do the rest!!! The flyers will include a picture of your child and they will sign the letter letting sponsors know about the Trike-a-Thon. It will give instructions for if they want to make a donation. Every time a donation is returned in your child's name, your child will have the opportunity to choose a prize from the prize box. The kids love getting mail!! An adult is required to be at the Trike a Thon for all children who plan to participate. On the day of the Trike-a-Thon, the AM children can participate in the trike-a-thon after dismissal, and the PM class can arrive at 11:30 to participate. The Blue Room will have an early dismissal day on the day of their event to allow all parents to participate in the event or take their child home if they choose not to participate. It has been a blast every year!! Each year, our goal is to raise \$1000 towards new equipment and supplies for the program. Here is what we raised...

- 2012-2013: \$3703.00 (we were able to purchase new cars for our muscle room & fulfill teacher wish lists!)
- 2013-2014: \$6347.00 (we were able to purchase new mats for the muscle room & fulfill teacher wish lists!)
- 2014-2015: \$8614.00 (we were able to use towards the purchase of a new playground fence and fulfill teacher wish lists)
- 2015-2016: \$9751.00 (we were able to use towards new lighting in all the classrooms, new tables for all the classrooms, as well as fans for the Blue Room, and fulfilled teacher wishlists!)

- 2016-2017: \$10,361.53 (we were able to replace windows in all of the classrooms, as well as fulfill teacher wishlists for new equipment and furniture items for their classroom. By being able to pay for the windows, it allowed the church to use that portion of their funds to replace the lighting in the muscle room, so that was a bonus for us!!)
- 2017-2018: \$11,233 (the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) was painted and new carpet installed. We fulfilled our teacher wishlists for classroom equipment and furniture.

If you choose not to participate in the fundraiser, your child will simply attend class at their regularly scheduled time (or dismiss early for the Blue Room). We are looking forward to this fun-filled day!!! There are a lot of opportunities for volunteers to prepare for the Trike a Thon. Check the information station to sign up!

In April, we will be sending home **Parent Surveys**. We encourage everyone to fill it out and return it to the paperwork basket in the preschool office. Whether you are happy with everything or find room for improvement in areas, your input is the key to our success!

GET THE WORD OUT!! If you would like to let others know what you think of Loving Hands Preschool, you can write a review! You can find a testimonial page outside of the preschool office. Simply tell us what you think; return the form to the paperwork basket outside of the preschool office, and your review will go on our website's Parent Testimonial page. Or you can write a review on Facebook! If you haven't already "liked" us, you can find us at www.facebook.com/LovingHandsPreschool. We appreciate all of the testimonials and reviews that we have already received!

Staff Changes: With the departure of Miss Carly, we have been busy interviewing candidates for the positions for the fall. A BIG thank you to Miss Kate for stepping in as the Lead Teacher in the Yellow Room for the remainder of this year, and Miss Carolyn for working on Tuesday and Thursday as the Assistant Teacher, and Miss Mary Ellen for Fridays. Miss Shannon took over the Orange Room for Monday & Wednesday PM class in the Orange Room. I am excited to be in the classroom with a great group of kids! We are excited to announce that we have hired 3 new teachers to join us for the 2019-20 school year! First, we are happy to announce that Stephanie Maynard will be taking the role of the Yellow Room Lead Teacher next year! Stephanie earned a Bachelor's Degree in Family Studies from Kent State. After staying home with her 4 children for 9 years, Miss Stephanie went on to teach a Pre-K class at the Green Y, and most recently worked at Green Primary Schools as a Playground Monitor. Miss Kate and Miss Stephanie have already been meeting to discuss the ideas they have for the upcoming school year! We can't wait!! Secondly, we have hired Terri Nettleton for our Monday/Wednesday 3 year old PM teacher, as well as our Tuesday/Thursday Enrichment Teacher for the 19-20 school year. Terri is a retired Paraprofessional, with over 20 years experience in a Kindergarten/Elementary classroom. Most recently, Miss Terri was a nanny for 2 children, one of our preschool families. She was referred to us by that family as their need for a nanny was ending. We knew as soon as we met her and Stephanie that they would make a great fit for our program! They joined us for the Spring Open House, so we hope you had the opportunity to meet them already! We are also happy to announce that we offered Shannon Belaney the position of Enrichment Teacher on Monday/Wednesday. Shannon has sent her 2 older children through our program, has her 3rd child currently in our program, and will send her 4th child through our program next year. She has also sat on our Preschool Board since 2015. We are excited that our Loving Hands Staff is growing!!

Mark your calendars... In May, Miss Shannon and Miss Robin will be hosting the **Mom's Day Off** on Friday, May 3 from 11:30-3:00. Similar to Christmas Drop-n-Shop, our children that attend school on Friday mornings can stay with us after preschool until 3:00 (\$20). Our Friday PM kids can come in at 11:30, and then go to preschool at 12:30 (\$10). Or children that do not attend preschool on Fridays can be dropped off at 11:30 and picked up at 3:00 (\$20). We will provide lunch for each child, make a special gift for mom, do crafts, games and activities, and end the day with popcorn and a movie! It is always so much fun! There will be a sign up sheet coming soon at the information station outside of the preschool office.

Enrichment has been a blast this year!! Miss Alicia has enjoyed the time that she has spent with your children. April will be the last full month of Enrichment. For May, we are only able to offer Enrichment on various days due to our Mother's Day Teas, Trike-a-Thons, Graduations and Picnic. The dates that Enrichment will be offered will be:

Monday, May 6	Tuesday, May 7
Wednesday, May 8	Thursday, May 9
Wednesday, May 15	Thursday, May 16
Monday, May 20	Tuesday, May 21

As with the month of December, The cost of enrichment for this month will be \$50/month if you attend the Mon/Wed OR Tue/Thur dates. If you are attending M-TH dates, the cost will be \$75. Children who attend PM classes will pay \$30. PERMANENT RESERVATIONS END ON APRIL 30. THE SIGN UP SHEET FOR MAY WILL BE POSTED WHEN WE RETURN FROM SPRING BREAK. If you have your enrichment tuition payment automatically withdrawn, you must be on the signup sheet before April 5 to have it withdrawn, otherwise you will need to pay with cash/check. We will open up the "Stay-n-Play" option IF space permits.

April Dates

- 1: Happy Birthday Aidan D
- 2: Please return Easter Egg donations
- 5: Pre-K Field Trip to the Green Fire Station (9:00- Yellow Room), (10:00- Green Room)
- 9: Happy Birthday Mila B
- 10: Happy Birthday Miss Kate



10: Picture Day for MW3, Green and Blue Rooms
11: Picture Day for TTH3, Yellow and Purple Rooms
11: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
12: Happy Birthday Benny S
15: Happy Birthday Wes H & Gianna L
15/16: Chapel time with Miss Shannon
16: Happy Birthday Mason M
17: Easter Egg Hunt for MW3 & Green Rooms
18: Happy Birthday Crosby F
18: Easter Egg Hunt for TTh3, Yellow, Purple and Blue Rooms
19: Happy Birthday Samantha G
19: Good Friday, No School
21: **Happy Easter**
22: Easter Monday- No School
23: Happy Birthday Miss Libby
23: Storytime with Miss Brandie 9:30
25: Happy Birthday Dakota M & Kairi B
26: Teacher Work Day- NO PRESCHOOL (Green Schools in session), looking for volunteers 9:00am
28: Happy Birthday Everett F
29/30: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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The Orange Room classes began March by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! Dr. Seuss was known for wearing funny hats to fire up his creative thinking. The children were all very engaged as we read *The Cat In the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. Next, GREEN was the subject as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day! The children learned that St. Patrick was from Ireland where there was lots of green grass. The children learned how St. Patrick taught others to be kind to each other. It was fun observing the children as they have made great friendships. They continue to use their thinking skills to resolve conflict as well as share and respect the rights of their peers. The children made rainbows by classifying Fruit Loops and gluing them onto divided paper. This worked their fine muscles AND pre-math skills! We played a game called "pass the hat". The children enjoyed taking turns picking a shamrock out of the hat, which directed them to do silly activities such as; jump up and down 10 times, make a silly face... fun was had by all! We also enjoyed activities about the farm! Our writing center was based off the book "Click, Clack, Moo- Cows That Type", where the children had the opportunity to write farm words, type on a key pad, and color the title page of the book. We had some children interested in tools and construction so we vamped up the dramatic play area with a tool bench, tools, workshop blueprints, hard hats, work vests, and books about construction and tools. April brings Spring, Growing Things, and Mother's Day preparations.

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn

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Happy spring! March definitely came in like a lion...let's hope it goes out like a lamb! This past month was filled with many fun days and started off with Dr. Seuss week. The kids have been rhyming every day and all day!! They love to think of silly rhymes to add to our "Down by the Bay" song, like a whale with a polka dot tail, or a fish making a wish! We also tasted Miss Carolyn's famous green eggs and ham! Yummy!! The second week of Seuss celebrations, we focused on the story of The Lorax, and talked about ways we can help save our Earth and keep our community healthy and clean, like recycling and reducing. We "recycled" some trash and "reused" it to make our own inventions in a super imaginative STEM activity! March also brought the last of our weekly letter focus...we have now completed every letter of the alphabet and will continue to practice writing and sounding them out! This has lead to beginning sight words – can, see, and. We are so proud of the kids for working so hard and love to see them grow so much every day! April will bring our field trip to the Green fire station on Friday, April 5! Please meet there at 10 am. It should last around an hour. In preparation for this, we will learn about community helpers and fire safety! In April, we will also discover the plant cycle and learn about the parts of a plant! We will plant lima beans and grass and observe them daily for changes! As soon as the weather breaks, we will be heading back out to the playground for large muscle time, so make sure the kids have a light jacket and tennis shoes when necessary! We will also prepare for Easter and always look forward to the egg hunt at school. Your children are so special to us....thank you for sharing them!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Carolyn (Miss Mary Ellen on Fridays)

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Hello Yellow Room Families! I cannot believe March flew by so quickly! The children have adjusted to the classroom changes amazingly! We certainly did have lots of fun learning about different animals and completing some really fun activities along the way. As we gear up for the last 2 months of school we are going to speed up our letter recognition and writing and spend some time on numbers. This will make it much easier for the children to understand their phone numbers. In the month of April, we will begin by learning about community helpers. Our Spring field trip to the green Fire Station is scheduled for Friday, April 5 at 9:00am. Both Am and PM classes will be there together. It promises to be a very fun time! Please remember, there are no regular classes that day. We will round out the month, beginning just before Easter, with a unit on insects. Our

discussions of butterflies and new life will hopefully give the children a greater understanding of the holiday. To really make it fun...we will also get some class pets! I don't want to spoil the surprise, so you'll just have to wait and see who they are! It looks to be a very energetic and exciting jump into Spring for the Yellow Room!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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I cannot help but smile when I think about all our silly and fun activities we had in March. Dr Seuss week was a complete success with everyone playing the part and having a blast with each wacky day. We searched for Leprechauns, planted flowers and even did the work of a bee keeper. We continued to practice our letters, letter sounds and sight words. Everyone impresses me every day with how much they are learning. I could not be happier with all their hard work. When we return from spring break, we will start April off learning about our five senses. We will use each sense with daily activities, crafts and games. I have noticed that the students love to become the teacher and talk about numbers, letters and weather. Our dramatic play area will have a calendar, pencils, worksheets and teaching tools that they can use to be their own teacher for the day. The last two weeks of April, we will turn our sights onto animals at the zoo. Our class field trip will be to the Akron Zoo, so what better way to prepare ourselves for our trip then to talk about the animals that we will be seeing. Our dramatic play will have our own caged animals for viewing and play. Two more months left until school is out. This is becoming surreal how quickly it is happening. Let's get April started with a bang!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen

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April is arriving, which hopefully means warm weather is approaching too. We had so much fun the month of March talking about Space, St. Patrick's Day and celebrating Dr Seuss's birthday. For the month of April, we will be talking about Rainbows, Weather, Easter and Caterpillars and Butterflies. We will be getting caterpillars for our Classroom and watching them turn into butterflies. Every few days we will document what we see happening. This month we are going to be doing some fun science experiments as well. We are going to continue working on our sight words, rhyming words and opposites.

This month is also our field trip to the Akron Zoo. We will be going on April 25th; we will meet at the zoo that day at 10:00am. We will NOT come to school that day. If you have a zoo pass you may use it the day of the field trip. If you have any other questions please ask!

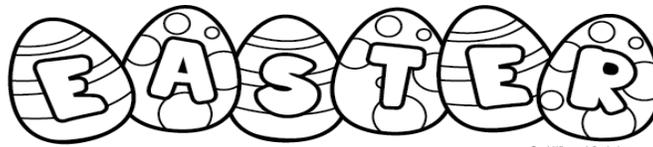
With April and May coming there are lots of fun things that are going to be going on at school please check your child's mailbox daily for important information. Excited for the next two months of school!!

Enrichment Classes

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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March just flew by in enrichment! We had a great time reading books about spring and talking all about delicious ice cream. Everyone did awesome practicing their fine motor skills with cutting, pasting and even throwing. I am ready for spring now! After we return from spring break, we will switch our sights onto space. We will learn about the eight planets, talk about astronauts and the moon. We will make our own telescope to help us search for stars, hunt for letters in space rocks, test our throwing skills by having an asteroid toss and paint our own planet using marbles to help give them an out of this world look. I have a feeling that April will be over before we know it. I can't wait to explore space with my friends in enrichment!



May is a busy month!! Let's plan ahead!!!!

1: PRESCHOOL CLOSED for Mother's Day Tea (Parents of MW3's, Green and Purple Room, please arrive at 10:00am for tea!)

2: PRESCHOOL CLOSED for Mother's Day Tea (Parents of TTH3's, Yellow and Blue Room, please arrive at 10:00am for tea!)

- 3: Mom's Day Off-** Join us for a fun filled afternoon!! 11:30-3:00
(more info in newsletter, page 3)
- 12: Happy Mother's Day!**
- 13: Trike a Thon 11:30 for MW3's, Green and Blue Room**
(AM classes stay after class, PM classes come before class)
(NO ENRICHMENT, Early dismissal for Blue Room 11:30)
- 14: Trike a Thon 11:30 for TTH3's, Yellow and Purple Rooms**
(AM classes stay after class, PM classes come before class)
(NO ENRICHMENT)
- 20: Last day of class for MW3's and Green Rooms**
- 21: Last Day of class for TTH3's, Yellow, Purple and Blue Rooms**
- 21: Transitional Kindergarten Graduation/Ice Cream Social 6:30pm**
(Blue and Purple Rooms)
- 22: Pre-Kindergarten Graduation/Cake Reception 10:00am**
(Yellow and Green Rooms)
- 23: Preschool 3's Picnic 10:00am-12:00pm**
(bring a dish to share, and own table service; hotdogs and drinks provided)