



Happy Easter from Loving Hands Preschool April 2021



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 helped to donate items and fill eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt!! We will be looking for parents to help on Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23 to help us fill the eggs after drop off. Our Egg hunts will be on Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25.

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 If you are currently signed up for your tuition payment to be automatically withdrawn from your account, you can return a new form to Brittney before the end of the school year, and we can begin the withdrawal for the August 16 payment. Forms will be sent home to those families soon! 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.

(HOT) DOGS WITH DAD: This year, our lunch event will look a little different than it has in the past. Keeping with the precautions that we have in place this school year with Covid, we decided to postpone our lunch event from January and reschedule it for Monday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 13 at 11:30. Invitations have been sent home, and we are so excited to start getting the RSVPs back to see who will be joining us. Please be sure to return those no later than Tuesday, April 6 (along with the Trike a Thon mailing labels). This year's event will be like a "Swenson's or A&W" experience. Dad and child will be at their car, and their lunch baskets will be brought to them. For lunch this year, we will have hot dogs, pretzels, applesauce and rootbeer floats for dessert. You are welcome to bring chairs, blankets, or lift your rear hatch and hang out in the back if you would prefer to eat outside your car. We also have the pavilion open, but there isn't enough room for everyone, so we want to make sure you do what is comfortable for you. The AM kids will be picked up at their dismissal time, and taken to the parking lot. The PM kids will pull in under the awning to "check in", so we know you are here, and then park. Since we aren't able to hold the performance part in person that day, we will be posting it on FB that day before the event, so you can watch it with your child while you eat lunch too!! We are excited to have events that we can invite our families too!! See you there!

TRIKE-A-THON: Preparations for our spring fundraiser are underway! On Monday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 12 at 10:30 and 12:30, we will have our 9th Annual Trike a Thon!! You will be receiving an Introduction packet about this event! 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 Tuesday, April 6. 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. This year, with the limit on number of people we want to gather, we are breaking the event up into 4, instead of 2 events. In order to make this work, we will be having early dismissal or late start days. The AM children will come to class at their normal time, but will be picked up at 10:30 for the trike a thon. The PM kids will come at their normal time of 12:30 for the trike a thon, and then head up to class by 1:30, so if there is anyone in the PM classes not planning to participate, you will bring your child to class that day at 1:30. It has been a blast every year!! Each year, our goal is to raise \$1000-\$5,000 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.
- 2018-2019: \$11,018 (we were able to replace all the flooring in our classrooms, even adding color tiles to match the room color and fulfill wish lists for new equipment in the classrooms, including new dramatic play kitchens for each room)
- 2019-2020: Covid-19 shut us down before we got to have our trike a thon. We were very fortunate that some parents recognized the loss we were suffering, and still donated. We were able to use that money to purchase the PPE/extra cleaning products that were going to be required to re-open this past fall.

If you choose not to participate in the fundraiser, your child will simply attend class at their shortened scheduled time. Blue Room and Purple Room kids will dismiss on their Trike a Thon day at 12:30. This means that our half day purple room kids are invited to extend their day by one hour that day. They can bring their lunches, and join the full day kids until you arrive. If they are not planning on participating, then they can be picked up at their normal 11:20 dismissal time. We are looking forward to this fun-filled day!!! Family members that are attending...please feel free to make signs to cheer on your child while they "race" It is so fun to see our families just as excited as our kids! After riding, the kids will come into the fellowship hall, and receive their custom medal. We will find out who received our top fundraiser awards, and then head home or to class!!

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!

April Dates

1&2: Spring Break
1: Happy Birthday Evan M
2: Happy Birthday Talulah T
4: Happy Easter
4: Happy Birthday Joseph Y
6: Please return Trike a Thon labels & RSVP for Dogs with Dad
9: Happy Birthday Mackenzie T & Mila B
10: Happy Birthday Miss Kate
12: Dogs with Dad for MW3, Green and Purple Rooms
13: Dogs with Dad for TTH3, Yellow and Blue Rooms
14: Happy Birthday Gia I
15: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
16: May Tuition due- last payment of the school year!!
18: Happy Birthday Gracie "Lou" W.
21: Happy Birthday Emily B
23: Happy Birthday Miss Libby

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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How is it April already?! It has been amazing to be able to spend time outside and enjoy the fresh air! We hope everyone has a very Hoppy Easter and a fabulous Spring Break. This month it looks like we will be spending some quality time with a super special guy during our Dogs with Dad event

(M/W 12th) (T/Th 13th). Keep a look out for important information!

April is brought to you by the color PURPLE and our shape - the OVAL! We will be heading to the Land of Make Believe as we introduce FairyTales. We are looking forward to reading a variety of fairytales and enjoying several engaging activities which may include planting magic seeds, building castles, using our cutting skills to construct houses for some silly pigs. We will also be talking about shapes while reading other fun fairy tales - like Falling for Rapunzel, and The Little Red Hen Makes Pizza. It looks like it is shaping up to be a magical April!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

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As we discovered in the green room, March certainly came in like a lion, and hopefully continues to go out like a lamb! The kids were so happy to be outside on the playset and running in the grass!

March also allowed us to explore the Dr. Seuss story, *The Lorax*. This story encourages us to think about how we can help our Earth. The Lorax "speaks for the trees," so we each decided what we speak for, as far as helping our community. Some of our friends "speak for the dogs and cats," while others decided they "speak for the zoo animals and vegetable plants." Whatever it was, we brainstormed many ways we can help reduce, reuse, and recycle.

April will bring an exciting unit on the ocean! We will be learning about the different ocean zones, and we will explore many ocean animals and their way of life. Sharks always seem to be a class favorite, so we will spend some time comparing and contrasting different varieties of sharks.

Let's stop to celebrate ...we finished our last weekly letter! We have spent time on every letter of the alphabet A through Z, so now we will begin to review letters and focus on matching the lower case letter to the capital. The kids are doing so well with the letter sounds, and we will continue to isolate beginning sounds as well as final sounds. We will still be adding sight words to our weekly focus, too!

It is simply unbelievable that we are getting close to the end of the year. It is always a bittersweet time, as we are so excited for our friends to move on to the next step of their educational journey, yet we aren't always ready to let them go! We have genuinely loved this year so so much and we thank you for allowing us to guide your children and learn alongside them!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Tina

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Happy April! Spring is in the air! We hope everyone will be feeling refreshed and ready to go after Spring Break! We will kick off the month with addresses and phone numbers! This is such important information for your child to know. Plus, it's quite a nice practical use for all those letters and numbers we've been learning about all year! We will then move into Miss Kate's favorite unit of the year...butterflies and bees! We will get caterpillars for the room and watch them as they change and grow into beautiful butterflies. It is a truly magical process that we can't wait to share with the class! We will discuss how important insects are to flowers, our food, and life in general. The month will end with our color day...Brown. Seems a bit bland, but there's a very good reason for it! You'll find out more on that later!

We are excited to be able to have our Dogs with Dads celebration this month. And we are also excited that we finished the alphabet in March, so we will move on to the process of putting words together using all of our letter knowledge now! Lots of excitement happening in the Yellow Room this month! We can't wait to get to it!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

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Our first theme for April is going to be dino-mite! We will be talking all about dinosaurs. Our dramatic play area will be the perfect place for them to transform themselves into a dinosaur with their own tail, claws and head piece. We have activities that revolve around dinosaurs while still working with letters, letters sounds and numbers. The last couple weeks of April will be dedicated to our 5 senses. We will explore each sense with activities, crafts and games designed to make them use the specific sense needed. This will be the last month of sight words being introduced. They have all be doing such a great job with sight words and focusing on the letter recognition and letter sound in each word. Kindergarten will be no match for these smarties! We will also celebrate Dogs with Dads this month. This will be held outside this year due to Covid and there will be more information coming about this event. We cannot believe that the school year is almost over!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

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April is arriving, which hopefully means warm weather in approaching too. For the month of April, we will be talking about Rainbows/Weather, Earth Day/ Recycling and Caterpillars and Butterflies. We will be getting caterpillars for our Classroom and watching them turn into butterflies. Every couple day's 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 the kids have been doing so wonderful. We will begin with shoe tying this month so if your xhild had the shoes please have them start wearing them to school.. We are going to beginning introducing money. We will start with change first and then introduce dollars bills. Hope April is filled with lots of fun.

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 book bags daily for important information. Miss Mary Ellen and I are excited for all the fun things going on the next couple months!!!!