



Happy Easter from
Loving Hands Preschool
April 2022



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, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12 to help us fill the eggs after drop off. Our Egg hunts will be on Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14. There will be no school on Friday, April 15 in observance of Good Friday.

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 If you are currently signed up for your tuition payment to be automatically withdrawn from your account, you can return a new form to Brittney before the end of the school year, and we can begin the withdrawal for the August 16 payment.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 like what it did last year. 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 25 and Tuesday, April 26 at 11:30. Invitations will be sent home soon, 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 19. This year's event will be like a "Swenson's or A&W" car hop 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: Grab a bike and helmet and join us for the trike a thon!! Preparations for our spring fundraiser are underway! On Monday, May 9 & Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 and 12:30, we will have our 10th Annual Trike a Thon!! You have received an Introduction packet about this event! We sent 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 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. This year, 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.
- 2020-2021: \$23,064 we were able to have the church parking lot resurfaced, updated our sign at the front entrance, increase our teacher salaries, and purchased items from the teachers wish lists for their classrooms.

If you choose not to participate in the fundraiser, your child will simply attend class at their shortened scheduled time. Blue Room kids will dismiss on their Trike a Thon day at 12:30. 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!!

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!

Enrichment for the month of May is shortened because of the special events throughout the month. This will only allow for enrichment one day per week for the pre-k students and 2 days per week for the TK students. Due to this,

there will be a discounted rate for the month. The cost will be \$50/month for 1 day per week, and \$90/month for the 2 days. If there is anyone with a permanent reservation that does not plan to do enrichment for the month of May, please let Miss Shannon know as soon as possible, so we can open up those spots to other students on the waiting list.

We are so excited to announce that Miss Alicia (Purple Room) is officially a surrogate for the second time! She had her official ultrasound and everything looks great! She will be due in Nov. 2022. The family is so excited to welcome their second baby into the world...thanks to the help and generosity of Miss Alicia!! ♥

April Dates

- 1: spring break- no school
- 1: Happy Birthday Evan M
- 6: Happy Birthday ElysiaG
- 6: Storytime with Miss Brandie from the Green Library 1:00
- 9: Happy Birthday Mackenzie T
- 10: Happy Birthday Miss Kate
- 11: Happy Birthday Sara P
- 11/ 12: Chapel time with Pastor Katie
- 11/ 12: Parent volunteers needed to fill Easter eggs (at drop off times)
- 12: Happy Birthday Avery K
- 13: Easter Egg Hunt for the Orange MW3 & Green Rooms
- 14: Easter Egg Hunt for the Orange TTH3's, Yellow, Purple and Blue Rooms
- 15: Good Friday- no school
- 16: May tuition due
- 17: Happy Easter
- 19: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am
- 22: Happy Birthday Sam L
- 23: Happy Birthday Miss Libby
- 25: Dogs with Dad 11:30 (Orange MW, Green, Purple)
- 25: Happy Birthday Ben A
- 25: Dogs with Dad 11:30 (Orange TTH, Yellow, Purple)
- 27: Happy Birthday Milan S

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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. We are looking forward to our Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th/ 14th. We will be reaching out to those of you who volunteered to help out with this fun day! This month it also looks like we will be spending some quality time with a super special guy during our Dogs with Dad event @ 11:30 am (M/W 25th) (T/Th 26th). Morning classes WILL have class before the event and afternoon classes will be held AFTER the event.

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

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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As March came in like a lion, we certainly hope she goes out like a lamb. We are so excited to head back outside for our large muscle time!!

March 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 also 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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Yellow Room families, how are we in April already?!? While our short March flew by, we sure did jam pack a lot of fun and learning into it! We had a great time dressing up and hearing all those wacky Suess stories. The children have loved guessing who our Mystery Readers are each week and hearing the stories they've brought. And, a great big thank you to our community helper parents who came in and gave our classes an "in house" field trip this month. You are amazing!

April promises to be just as exciting. We will finish up our Mystery Reader visits this month, spend lots of time learning phone numbers, addresses, and about the story of Easter. We will also start our last unit of the year on butterflies, bugs and flowers. We plan to go outside to play a lot more this month, as it's hard to say no to a little sunshine and warmer temperatures! We have completed our alphabet (woo hoo!) and will be progressing into simple reading and word identification exercises. And, don't forget that our Dogs With Dads lunch comes the last Tuesday in April. Busy month! We can't wait to get started!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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I cannot help but smile when I think of all the fun and wacky outfits I saw for Dr Seuss week. You all looked amazing and I'm glad it was such a fun week! When we return from spring break will begin talking about 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. After our senses, we will switch gears and talk about Spring. I think we are all ready for some warmer weather and what better way to welcome Spring, then with activities and crafts. This month is packed with fun and exciting events, beginning with our Easter Egg Hunt and ending will our Dogs with Dads event. There will be more information coming about the Dog with Dads event soon. We cannot to get April started!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica, Miss Carolyn (M/T) & Miss Mary Ellen (W/TH)

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Wow can't believe we are going into April already!!! This month we are going to keep working on our sight words and reading our books. We are now working on our numbers over 20! The kids have all mastered their addresses and phone number so proud of them! This month is full of lots of fun things.

We will be talking about community helpers and at the end of the week dressing up for a career day of what we want to be when we grow up! I can't wait! We will also be talking about Eater and the meaning of it! To end the month of April we will be talking about Butterflies and caterpillars. For those two weeks we will be getting caterpillars for our classroom and get to watch the steps it takes for them to turn into butterflies. This is another one of my favorite times of the year!!!!

There are some important things going on this month Thursday April 14th we will have our Easter Egg Hunt!!! We will have Dogs with Dads on Tuesday April 26th. You will come and pick your child up like any other day and we will have dogs with dads in the parking lot like a car hop event! It will be an early dismissal day so as soon as the event is over there will be No Class. Mother's Day Tea will be the first week of May more information to come. Can't believe we only have 2 more months of school! Looking Forward to making some more memories with these amazing kiddos

