



# 2024

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 are so excited for our Egg Hunts on Wednesday, March 20 & Thursday, March 21. We couldn't have done it without your help!!

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 If you are currently signed up for your tuition payment to be automatically withdrawn from your account, you can return a new form to Brittney before the end of the school year, and we can begin the withdrawal for the August 16 payment.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 (you do not need a new check if you are just renewing it from this year). 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.

For those families who are enrolled at Loving Hands for the 24-25 school year, we will be hosting our Spring Open House/Meet the Teacher. We will be open from 5:00-6:30. We ask that classes come at the following times:

Orange MWam: 5:00-5:20

Orange TTH am: 5:20-5:40

Orange MWpm: 5:40-6:00

Orange TTHpm: 6:00-6:20

Green Room/YellowRoom/PurpleRoom AM classes: 5:00-5:45

Green Room/YellowRoom/PurpleRoom/Pink Room PM classes: 5:45-6:30

Blue Room Full Day Class: 5:15-6:15

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 6 & Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30 and 12:30, we will have our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Trike-a-Thon!! You have received an Introduction packet about this event! In that packet, 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 Wednesday, April 3. 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. 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 \$5,000 towards new equipment and supplies for the program. Last year, we raised over \$24,000!! This year, the funds will be helping us to open a new classroom, and as always, add new materials in all of our 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!! We need your help! We would like some recent reviews and testimonials for our FB and web pages. If you would like to let others know what you think of Loving Hands Preschool, you can write a review! A testimonial page will be sent home with everyone. To participate, 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](http://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 \$30/month for 1 day per week, and \$60/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.

#### April Dates

1: Easter Monday- NO PRESCHOOL (Green schools are in session- Loving Hands closed)

2/3: Trike-a-Thon labels due

4: Happy Birthday Ellis F

6: Happy Birthday Bryce K

7: Happy Birthday Lewis D

8: Solar Eclipse day- ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED

10: Happy Birthday Miss Kate

10/11: Chapel Time with Pastor Harlen

11: Happy Birthday Gia F

16: May tuition due- this is the last payment for the school year!!!

17: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am

17: Spring Open House/Meet the Teacher for 24-25

5:00-5:45: AM classes (Yellow, Purple, Green)

5:45-6:30: PM classes (Yellow, Purple, Green, Pink)

5:15-6:15: Blue Room

5:00-5:20: Orange Room MWam

5:20-5:40: Orange Room TTHam

5:40-6:00: Orange Room MWpm

6:00-6:20: Orange Room TTHpm

18: Storytime with Miss Brandie 1:00pm

20: Happy Birthday Kennedi M & Noah M

23: Happy Birthday Miss Libby

24: Happy Birthday Miss Renee

28: Happy Birthday Adria W

#### SAVE THE DATES

1/2: Mother's Day Brunch/Lunch (NO PRESCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS EITHER DAY)

May 1 @ 10:00/12:30: Orange MW,  
Green and Purple Rooms

May 2 @ 10:00/12:30: Orange TTH,  
Yellow and Blue Rooms

6: Trike-a-Thon

10:30 for MW3am, Green AM;

12:30 for MW3pm, Green Room PM  
and Blue (NO ENRICHMENT)  
(early dismissal for Blue Room) (if  
you are not participating, AM  
dismissal will be at 10:30 and PM  
class will start at 1:30)

7: Trike-a-Thon

10:30 for TTH3am, Yellow AM and Purple  
AM;

12:30 for TTH3pm, Yellow Room PM and  
Purple PM (NO ENRICHMENT)  
(if you are not participating, AM  
dismissal will be at 10:30 and PM  
class will start at 1:30)

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

Miss Tara & Miss Shannon B

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March was Beary special! We loved showing our bears around school and they had the best sleepover EVER! Everyone enjoyed the Dramatic Play center this past month. They had a really good time cuddling up with Teddy Bears in the tent and roasting marshmallows. They also enjoyed listening to different bear stories - like Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Corduroy on the Toniebox in the Reading Center. We hope everyone had a very Happy Easter and a fabulous Spring Break. We are looking forward to April and starting our fairytale unit!

April is brought to you by the color PURPLE and our shape - the OVAL! Our letters this month are: O, Q/ U, J and S. We will be heading to the Land of Make Believe as we introduce Fairy Tales. We are looking forward to reading a variety of fairytales and enjoying several engaging activities which may include planting magic beans, building castles, using cutting skills to construct houses for some silly pigs. 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.

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 rainforest! We will be learning about the different rainforest layers, and we will explore many tropical animals and their way of life. Bearded pigs always seem to be a class favorite, so we will spend some time comparing and contrasting different varieties of animals in this colorful habitat.

Let's stop to celebrate again ...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, and continue a few basic sight words to discover how we blend these letter sounds together.

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 Seuss stories. Then, our unit on Community Helpers taught us about all the different ways the people around us help each other through their jobs and volunteer work! And of course we can't forget about learning the story of Easter and the fun of our Easter Egg hunt! Plus, the children have loved guessing who our Mystery Readers are each week and hearing the stories they've brought. April promises to be just as exciting. We will spend lots of time learning phone numbers and addresses. We will also start our unit on butterflies, bugs and flowers. This will lead into May, which feels crazy to be here already! This also means we'll be spending lots of time preparing for Mother's Day Tea and Graduation! We have completed our alphabet (woo hoo!) and will be progressing into simple reading and word identification exercises. We are also reviewing numbers 1-20. Our color is Brown and our shape is the star. 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, we will begin 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 headpiece. We have activities that revolve around dinosaurs while still working with letters, letter sounds, numbers, and sight words. This will be the last month of sight words being introduced. They have all been doing such a great job with sight words and focusing on letter recognition and letter sounds in each word. After our dinosaurs become extinct, we will use the last week in April to talk about our 5 senses. We will explore each sense with activities, crafts, and games designed to make them use each specific sense. We are so close to the end of our school year, and we are trying to enjoy every last second with our amazing Purple Room friends!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Renee

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Wow, I 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. Now we will keep working on phone numbers!

We will start the month by spending two weeks talking about community helpers. When our community helpers theme is over, we will have our very own career day. During this day the children will get to dress up as what they want to be when they grow up. Miss Renee and I can't wait to see what they choose. To end the month of April we will be talking about caterpillars and butterflies. 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!!!!

Can't believe we only have 2 more months left. There may not be a lot of time left, but there is so much more fun and memories to be made!

Enrichment Class

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MW: Happy April my Enrichment friends! I find it hard to believe that we have made through another month so quickly. Even though our month of March was cut short with Spring Break we were still able to learn a few extra lessons. Our Tickly Spiders craft was one the kiddos really enjoyed. As we move into April we will concentrate on more Spring-like lessons, along with starting to think about Mother's Day.

TTH: Our Enrichment class has been learning about the story of Noah's Ark. We read a couple versions of the story and then created our own ark on the hallway! Each child chose an animal of their own choice and made two of them- we have everything from rhinos to jellyfish to ladybugs to snakes! The kids made these animals with a variety of art supplies and added them to the class ark!

Next, we will be learning all about habitats, like rainforest and desert! We will classify different animals and recreate each habitat and discover how they are the same and different.

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