



The Staff at Loving Hands Preschool would like to wish each of our families a Merry Christmas! We hope your holidays are blessed! December will be a busy month at school!

December **Enrichment** class has been discounted for the holidays. If you have wanted to try out the class, this is a great month to do it! If you are interested in participating, details and the signup sheet can be found at the Information Station outside of the preschool office. Enrichment is taught by Miss Mary Ellen on MW in the Yellow Room & on TTH in the Green Room.

On Friday, December 15, we will have **Drop-n-Shop!** Miss Shannon and Miss Robin are excited to spend the day with your child. The signup sheet is at the Information Station outside of the preschool office for anyone still interested in signing up! Lunch is provided and we will be making a holiday gift, craft, playing games and for the children with us until 3:00, we will finish the day with a movie and popcorn!

- *For children who attend AM preschool on Fridays:* Drop your child off at their normal preschool time of 9:00. At 11:30, those children will be dismissed to the Drop-n-Shop teachers. Pickup will be in the muscle room at 3:00. The cost will be \$20.
- *For children who attend PM preschool on Fridays:* You can drop your child off at the muscle room at 11:30. They will eat lunch with us and make a holiday gift and play games until it is time to go to their preschool class at 12:30. The cost will be \$10.
- *For children who do not attend preschool on Fridays:* Come and join us for the afternoon! You can bring your child to the muscle room at 11:30. Your child will stay with us until 3:00.. The cost will be \$20.

To help us prepare for the day, the deadline to sign up will be Monday, December 11.

There will be 4 Christmas Program times this year! Please read below to make sure that you attend the correct program!

- Three Year old classes will have their program on their class day at 11:45. (M/W3's on Monday 12/11)(T/TH class on Tuesday, 12/12). For AM classes, the children will stay in their classroom after preschool. Parents should plan to arrive at 11:30, and gather in the Sanctuary. After the programs, families are invited downstairs to the Muscle Room for refreshments.
- Our PM3's classes should arrive at the Orange Room at 11:40. This will help to alleviate the crowds of the AM dismissal time). Please make sure that all children use the restroom BEFORE bringing them to the room. After the programs, families are invited downstairs to the Muscle Room for refreshments. PM children will be dismissed to class following this. Their class day will end at the normal dismissal time.
- Our Green Room M/W/F classes and our Purple Room Half Day Transitional-K classes will meet in their classroom at 6:20 on Monday, December 11. To allow us to start on time, please make sure that your child used the restroom BEFORE you drop them off in their classroom. After the program, families are invited down to the Muscle Room for refreshments.
- Our Yellow Room T/Th/F classes and our Blue Room Full Day Transitional-K class will meet in their classroom at 6:20 on Tuesday, December 12. To allow us to start on time, please make sure that your child used the restroom BEFORE you drop them off in their classroom. After the program, families are invited down to the Muscle Room for refreshments.

We are asking for donations for the Christmas Programs- we are asking for the following items from any family willing to donate:

**Orange Room AM classes: One Gallon of orange punch (by Thursday, Dec 7)**

**Orange Room PM class: 2 liter of Sprite (By Thursday, December, 7)**

**Green Room classes: 1 dozen cookies (NO NUTS) by Monday, December 11**

*(please bring at drop off, so we can begin plating cookies for morning programs)*

**Yellow Room classes: 1 dozen cookies (NO NUTS!) by Tuesday, Dec. 12**

*(please bring at drop off, so we can begin plating cookies for morning programs)*

**Blue Room: 1 box of crackers by Thursday, December 7**

**Purple Room: cheese (can be 1 brick, cubed, sliced) by Thursday, December 7**



January Tuition is due on Saturday, December 16. Please make every effort to pay on time because the deposit is due before the holiday break.

On Tuesday, December 19 (Yellow Room & TTH 3's) and Wednesday, December 20 (MW3's, Green Room, Purple Room, and Blue Room), we will climb aboard the Polar Express at Loving Hands Preschool!! Please send your child to school in their pajamas on their "departure" day!! We will celebrate with hot chocolate and popcorn (If your child can't have these items due to dietary restrictions, please see Miss Shannon to help plan an alternative for this special snack) and watch a snippet of the movie to help us feel like we are really on the train! We will be having a special guest pop in to say Ho Ho Ho!!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our holiday celebrations! There is a volunteer book at the information station outside of the Preschool office. Please take a minute to look inside and see if you are able to help us! Some examples for this month are: serving refreshments after each Christmas Program. We recommend that parents sign up for the day or evening that their child is NOT performing. We also need volunteers to help in decorating and making the hot chocolate and popcorn for the Polar Express at 9:00am or 12:30pm on the day of your child's pajama day. Parents are welcome to wear their PJs too!! Programs like this work so much better with the help of our families!

Winter Break will begin after school on Wednesday, December 20. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Planning Ahead:** January 9th will be an important day because it will mark the beginning of registration for the 2018-2019 school year for current students! Registration paperwork will be sent home with each child BEFORE winter break. If you are planning to register your child for preschool with us next year, the doors will open on **Tuesday, 1/9 at 8:00am!** We strongly recommend any family, especially one that knows what days or times they prefer, come at that time to register to better assure that you get the desired time. Last year several classes were near capacity before the start of preschool that day, and by the time that registration opened for new families, there were several waiting lists. If your child will be attending Kindergarten next year (or will not be attending Loving Hands), you can return the enrollment paperwork to the "paperwork basket" or pass it on to a friend. Any family that refers someone to our program receives \$20 off their tuition the following month. A referral card will be attached to all paperwork and additional cards are available outside of the preschool office. There is no limit to the number of referral discounts you can receive! If any current family would like to "tour" the classrooms or discuss the options before registration, please stop in and see Miss Shannon and I will be happy to schedule a time that you can spend in the other rooms to find the best fit for your child. We will be offering a 50% discount on our Registration fee until Friday, January 12 for current students. The discounted rate will be \$30.

On **Tuesday, January 16 at 8:00am**, registration will open to all past families and siblings of current students. *Important Note: If you will have 2 students enrolled in our program next year (a current student and a sibling), please see Miss Shannon before registration.* On **Tuesday, January 23 at 8:00am**, registration will begin for new families. Please let any of your neighbors or friends with preschoolers know. We don't want anyone to miss the registration date! New families are welcome to call the preschool office at any time prior to registering to schedule a tour.

Our Acme receipt Community Cashback will end for this school year on December 30. It will resume again in the fall, but any receipt dated after December 30 will no longer carry Community Cashback value. The program has been a success this school year and we appreciate all of the support! **Please send in any receipts that you have collected no later than Friday January 12.** Please continue saving pop tabs year round. Collection buckets for both items are located at the information station. Also, please note that Campbell's Soup no longer offers their Labels for Education program. Thank you to all who have saved their labels for us over the school years, but you may discontinue saving them in the future. We are sad to see it discontinued. Don't forget if you shop at Giant Eagle, you can register your card online for their Apples for Students program. You can register for multiple schools to receive the benefits.

**Important Dates for December:**

- 2: Happy Birthday Elijah B.
- 3: Happy Birthday Emma S.
- 4/5: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 7: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 9: Happy Birthday Emma S. & Owen S.
- 10: Happy Birthday Danna S.
- 11: Christmas Program for MW 3's class at 11:45 (please arrive at 11:30)
- 11: NO ENRICHMENT OFFERED
- 11: Christmas Program for Green and Purple Room classes 6:30 (arrive at classroom at 6:20)
- 12: Happy Birthday Blake W. & Quinn S.
- 12: Christmas Program for TTH3's classes at 11:45 (PM children can be brought to classroom at 11:40, AM parents should arrive at the Sanctuary at 11:30)
- 12: NO ENRICHMENT OFFERED
- 12: Christmas Program for Yellow and Blue Room classes 6:30 (arrive at classroom at 6:20)
- 13/14: Chapel time with Pastor Katie
- 14: Happy Birthday Emilia L.
- 14: Fire Drill- PM
- 15: Drop-n-Shop 11:30-3:00
- 16: Tuition Due (This is a Saturday, so please make every effort to pay it ahead of this date, so deposit can be made at the beginning of the following week)
- 18: Happy Birthday Ryker C.
- 19: Happy Birthday Stella B.
- 19: Storytime with Miss Brandie from the Green Library 9:30
- 19: Polar Express for Yellow and TTH 3's classes
- 20: Polar Express for Green, MW3's, Blue and Purple classes
- 20: Winter Assessments will be sent home before winter break
- 21-January 2: winter break--- Happy New Year!! School will resume on Wednesday, January 3
- 31: Happy Birthday Nathan K.

**Mark your calendar for Important Dates in January**

1/2: NO SCHOOL

- 9: Registration for Current Students begins 8:00am
- 12: Registration Discount for current students ends
- 15: MLK day- NO SCHOOL
- 16: Registration for returning families and siblings of current students begins at 8:00am
- 23: Registration for new families begins 8:00am
- 29: (Hot)Dogs with Dad for MW3's, Green and Purple Room classes 11:30 (No ENRICHMENT)
- 30: (Hot)Dogs with Dad for TTH3's, Yellow and Blue Room classes 11:30 NO ENRICHMENT), early dismissal day for Blue Room



**Orange Room Preschool 3's**  
**Miss Ang & Miss Robin**  
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Dear family members, I want to thank the orange room parents for your donations to Scholastic Book Clubs Pajama & Book Drive benefiting children living in shelters. Scholastic Book Clubs matches each new pair of pajamas donated with a new book. The pajamas and books will be delivered to children in need. Pajama deadline is December 13, 2017.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> (TTh classes) and December 20<sup>th</sup> (MW class), we will have a fun-filled Polar Express Day. The children may wear pajamas to school! We will do Polar Express activities; such as boarding the Polar Express "train", hot (warm) chocolate, popcorn, and portion of the Polar Express movie will be played with the other classrooms. The children can be dropped off and picked up at the normal preschool class time in the Orange Room.

The Orange room classes brought much fun and learning to November. Superheroes was the theme where we learned that we can all be a superhero. To be a hero, the children were observed and interviewed about helping others, knowing the first letter of their name for their superhero badge, being good listeners, etc. We then jumped into Thanksgiving. Just as the pilgrim's and Indian's did, they worked together helping each other and using kind words. They continue to investigate their names and have realized the letters are always in the same order. They have been counting and identifying numbers using pumpkin pie and whipped cream scoops (pumpkin pie pictures and cotton balls). Their fingers stay busy doing crafts, working play dough, grasping scissor and much more to continue to work their finger muscles, to gain more control, to prepare them for writing. Their "pointing finger" can be used anywhere to practice numbers and letters (i.e. waiting rooms and in lines). In December, we will be busy preparing for Christmas. We will make gifts, paint with cookie cutters, and of course, create self-portraits. **RED** day will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> (MW) or the 7<sup>th</sup> (TTh), and Star Day will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> (MW) or 14<sup>th</sup> (TTh).

Miss Robin and I love your children very much and want to thank you for sharing your treasures with us. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas with your family!

**Green Room Pre-Kindergarten**  
**Miss Marie & Miss Carolyn**  
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I'm sure all of the kids are getting super excited for Christmas because I know I am! We have been doing very well in the classroom. We have adjusted well to our routines and daily schedule. They all play and work well together. We have been focusing on numbers and letters constantly throughout our time here in the green room. Are you practicing at home too? Winter assessments will be going home on the last day of school before Christmas break and this will give you an idea on how well your child is remembering and developing certain skills they need for next year and or Kindergarten. We strive to move forward as much as possible and we do so by assessing and reviewing. December is a very short month with the break. We will be practicing for our Christmas concert so do not be surprised if they are singing the same song over and over :) We invite everyone to come and watch the Green Room performance! We will be focusing on Christmas this month and the season of giving. I truly hope each of you have a wonderful and very Merry Christmas along with a Happy New Year!

Number focuses: 7&8

Letter focuses: J&K

**Yellow Room-Pre-Kindergarten**  
**Miss Carly & Miss Kate**  
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Happy December, Yellow Room families! The holidays are in full swing, and so we will be spending lots of time practicing songs for our Christmas program on December 12th. You won't want to miss this event! The kids put a lot of heart and effort into their performance, so bring your camera! This month, Miss Kate and I will be observing and evaluating each child for their winter assessment. These will display their current knowledge and skills and will be revisited around conference time in February 2018. Expect to find the winter assessments in your child's mailbox just before winter break.

In the spirit of Christmas, we will turn the room into a winter wonderland. The dramatic play center will become Santa's Workshop, complete with toys and gift wrapping station to help employ those fine motor skills. We will experiment with temperature in a hot chocolate experiment, decorate the room with hand painted Christmas lights, play with magnets and jingle bells, and so much more.

We are currently in need of medium sized rocks (palm-sized) for a project. If you could donate any rocks, we would really appreciate it! Thank you!

**Purple Room- Transitional Kindergarten**

**Miss Lindsay & Miss Stacey**  
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Winter is here, and we are ready to get festive with many fun themes of the month! We will spend time learning about what animals do during the winter months, and the students will learn about migration and hibernation. We will be talking about the animals that use camouflage during the winter months, and how some animals change color during this time. The students will talk about the proper dress attire we wear outside and why we do this. We will also be looking at different kinds of winter science, like how an icicle forms, and what is snow made of and why it melts.

We will also be looking at the birth of Jesus and why we celebrate this holiday called Christmas. Why do we receive gifts? Who is this important baby? The students will be asking lots of questions at this time, and we want to be as clear and concise as we can with them. This is such a great time of year to understand kindness and giving!

Before break, we will let loose and have some fun with our month and make some of our favorite Christmas crafts! Additionally, we will have a visitor, which is our Elf on a shelf! He is very ornery and makes messes, and even hangs upside down—all of which makes him fun to see for everybody!

This month is a review month for letters, numbers, sight words, beginning sounds, and the other material we just introduced in November. We are busy little elves getting ready for the Christmas program and other fun things we are doing in the class. I hope you have a safe break and Merry Christmas!!

**Blue Room-Transitional Kindergarten**  
**Miss Jessica and Miss Joyce**  
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Wow can't believe its December already. This year is sure flying by. We have been working hard in the blue room and have been learning lots of things. This month we are going to start working on addresses and phone numbers and continue with sight words. We will also continue working on our colors and shapes and now that we have gone through all our letters we will now go back and review them and their sounds. This month there are lots of special activities going on so please keep an eye on the calendar and on our room for reminders. We will keep working on our Christmas songs for our program, we can't wait to share them with all of you. Please keep practicing at home as well.

Our Christmas program is on Tuesday December 12 at 6:30pm. Please have your child to our classroom by 6:20pm. This month is also the Polar Express where the children will be able to wear their Pajamas to school and we will watch parts of the polar express and have hot chocolate and popcorn. If you have any questions about either of these special events, please don't hesitate to ask.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!! ☺

**Enrichment Classes**  
**Miss Mary Ellen**  
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Hello enrichment families! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with good food and good times with family and friends.

December is already upon us, and although there are fewer school days this month we will be very busy! I have lots of fun activities planned for your children. They will be focused around this month's themes which include the holiday season, Christmas, the birth of Jesus, Santa, and the gingerbread man. We will also talk about our own holiday traditions. Through these themes we will continue to focus on strengthening fine motor skills, letters and letter sounds, number recognition, shapes, patterns, and graphing. Also, we will do some festive Christmas themed science experiments using candy canes along with Santa's magic milk experiment!

This is a wonderful time of the year and it's so special for me to be able to share in the joy and anticipation of the holiday season with your children! May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



We need your help!!! We would like to update our Parent Testimonial page on our website. Would you be willing to write a review of your experience at Loving Hands Preschool? Referrals are our main source of advertising, so we would love for perspective parents to read what you think!! You can also give us a review on Facebook (or like us if you haven't done so already)!!

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Testimonial Page

Have you been happy with your child's experience at Loving Hands Preschool? Help us share the word on our website's testimonial page!

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Please return this form to the Paperwork basket outside of the preschool office. Thanks for your help!!

**\*\*You can us a review on Facebook, too!\*\***