



Loving Hands Preschool December 2018

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 Alicia on MW in the Yellow Room & on TTH in the Green Room.

On Friday, December 14, we will have a Christmas **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. In addition, the children with us until 3:00 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 10.

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 12/10)(T/TH class on Tuesday, 12/11). 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. The PM3's class will be dismissed to their preschool class AFTERWARDS. On that day, we ask that the PM children pack a lunch instead of a snack. The students will eat lunch in their classroom in place of snack 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 10. 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 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.

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: 1 box of crackers by Thursday, December 6

Orange Room PM class: cheese (can be 1 brick, cubed, sliced) by Thursday, December 6

Green Room classes: 1 dozen cookies (NO NUTS) by Monday, December 10

(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. 11

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

Purple Room: One Gallon of orange punch (by Thursday, Dec 6)

Blue Room: 2 liter of Sprite (By Thursday, December, 6)

Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!

January Tuition is due on Sunday, December 16. Please make every effort to pay on time because the deposit will have to be made before the holiday break.

On Wednesday, December 19 (Green Room & MW 3's) and Thursday, December 20 (TTH3's, Yellow 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 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 Friday, December 21. School will resume on Thursday, January 3.



Registration
Coming Soon

Planning Ahead: The Preschool Board has voted to keep tuition rates the same for the 2019-2020 school year. However, we will be raising the Registration Fee from \$60 to \$75. This helps us to begin purchasing the items needed to prepare for the next school year, once the income from this school year is already designated in the budget. January 8th will be an important day because it will mark the beginning of registration for the 2019-2020 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, 1/8 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 \$25 discount on our Registration fee until Friday, January 11 for current students. The discounted rate will be \$50.

On **Tuesday, January 15 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. You will have the opportunity to register them both at the same time.* On **Tuesday, January 22 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 or email Miss Shannon at any time prior to registering to schedule a tour.

Our Acme receipt Community Cashback will end for this school year on December 29. It will resume again in the fall, but any receipt dated after December 29 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 11.** 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. We also collect Box Tops for Education to donate to the public school.



Important December Dates

- 1: Happy Birthday Declan R
- 3/4: Chapel Time with Pastor Katie
- 5: Storytime with Miss Brandie from the Green Library 1:15
- 8: Happy Birthday Riley B
- 10: Christmas Program for MW 3's class at 11:45 (PM children can be brought to classroom at 11:40, AM parents should arrive at the Sanctuary at 11:30)
- 10: NO ENRICHMENT OFFERED
- 10: Christmas Program for Green and Purple Room classes 6:30 (arrive at classroom at 6:20)
- 11: 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)
- 11: NO ENRICHMENT OFFERED
- 11: Christmas Program for Yellow and Blue Room classes 6:30 (arrive at classroom at 6:20)
- 12: Happy Birthday Blake W, Paige H & Hunter D
- 13: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 14: Drop-n-Shop 11:30-3:00 (11:30-12:30 for PM students)
- 16: January Tuition Due
- 16: Happy Birthday Arlee W & Emery D

- 17/18: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 18: Happy Birthday Ryker C
- 19: Polar Express for MW3's and Green Room (wear pjs to school)
- 20: Polar Express for TTH3's, Yellow, Blue and Purple Rooms (wear pjs to school)
- 21: Winter Assessments will be sent home (please sign and return after break)
- 24-Jan.2: Winter Break, School resumes on Thursday, January 3, 2019
- 27: Happy Birthday Dexter B



Planning ahead for January 2019

- 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2019!!
- 2: No School
- 8: Registration begins for CURRENT STUDENTS 8:00am
- 11: Last day for discounted registration (\$50), after 1/11, it will be \$75
- 15: Registration begins for returning families & siblings of current students 8:00am
- 21: Martin Luther King Jr Day- NO SCHOOL
- 22: Registration begins for new families 8:00am
- 28: (HOT) Dogs with Dad for MW3's, Green and Purple Rooms 11:30am (NO ENRICHMENT)
- 29: (E Classroom 3's, Yellow and Blue Rooms 11:30am (Early Dismissal Day for Blue Room) (NO



Preschool 3's- Orange Room
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The Orange room classes brought much fun and learning to November. We prepared for Thanksgiving by making placemats for our feast. We practiced patterning for the border and made a turkey handprint for fun. We discussed what we are all thankful for and what makes us happy. Just as the pilgrims and Indians did, the children 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 5th & 6th, and Star Day will be on the 12th & 13th. On December 19th & 20th, 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, sipping hot chocolate, snacking on popcorn, and watching a portion of the movie with the other classrooms. The children can be dropped off and picked up at the normal preschool class time in the Orange Room.

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

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room
 Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn
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November was filled with many fun activities that reminded us about all the things we are thankful for. We all enjoyed making Stone Soup together and saw that when everyone gives a little, we can accomplish a lot! This goes beyond each of us bringing in just one vegetable to make a big delicious feast to share...we discussed helping our classroom friends and in even the community helping others around us. We learned about the first Thanksgiving and made Indian headbands and figured out each person's own Native American name to wear on our vests to the class Thanksgiving feast! As always, we are so thankful to be able to learn and share together every week! The Green room is definitely feeling a sense of community and togetherness as we discuss friendships and kindness and how to be a good friend.

December will start off with a unit on penguins! Be ready to learn many fun facts about these cute and interesting little animals! We will also prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, as we get closer to Christmas. Our weekly letters will continue, as well as practicing daily counting and comparing numbers. The children are getting very familiar with the letters and should be working toward identifying the letters in both capital and lower case form!

We wish you a warm holiday season filled with magic and peace!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room
 Miss Carly & Miss Kate
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Happy holidays, Yellow Room families! 'Tis the season for festive fun and learning in our classroom. We will spend the entire month of December celebrating Christmas through many fun crafts, games, and activities. We will continue to build on our fine motor skills by cutting out Christmas

trees and hole punching them according to their respective numbers (one-to-one correspondence). We will also practice number identification by playing the Roll-a-Reindeer game. We'll learn the power and science behind magnets with an activity involving jingle bells and Magnatiles, as well as learn about our five senses with a Christmas sensory book. Since Jesus is the reason for the season, we will discuss the Christmas story and make a candy cane craft to help us remember it, and we'll also learn how to order by size with Christmas tree art on Green Day (make sure your child wears green to school this day!). We have been diligently practicing our songs for the Christmas program on Tuesday, December 11; the kids can't wait to show you what they've been working on! The month will end with Polar Express Day on Thursday, December 20, and winter assessments will be sent home by Friday, December 21. Thank you all for a wonderful start to the year. We are looking forward to what's to come in 2019!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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December already?! We can't believe it either. The class has been doing a great job practicing letter sounds and recognition and they are improving every day. They had a lot of fun pretending to be different animals that hibernate and cozy up in our bears den for the winter. December will be all about Christmas! Our dramatic play area will become a Christmas tree decorating space. They will be able to choose different ornaments for our trees and practice wrapping gifts to be placed underneath. We will also begin our introduction to sight words. We will focus on individual letter sounds as well as blending sounds to help with word recognition. As we learn each word, they will be displayed for the children to view and practice daily. We have a lot of new things coming in December and we cannot wait to get started!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen

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Wow can't believe it's 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 continue working on phone numbers and continue with sight words. We will finish working on the rest of our letters and the sounds and things that start with those letters. This month we are going to talk about Christmas.

We have started a build a sundae on our bulletin board in our classroom. When the kids have learned things such as all their letters, colors, shapes, phone numbers, addresses, and birthdays, we will add a part of a sundae and once we build a sundae we will have ice cream sundaes in our classroom to celebrate. We will also start our deed tree and every time someone does a good deed they will get to hang a light bulb on our tree. Their good deed can be at school or at home. If they complete a good deed at home, just send me a note to school to let me know. We are excited to see how many light bulbs we can get.

There are lots of special activities going on during December so please keep an eye on the calendar and on our room board for reminders. We will keep working on our Christmas songs for our program, we can't wait to share them with all of you.

Our Christmas program is on Tuesday December 11 at 6:30pm. Please have your child to our classroom by 6:20pm. Polar Express is on Thursday December 20th. The children will be able to wear their Pajamas to school and we will watch parts of the polar express movie 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- MW- Yellow Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Hello December! We had so much fun with our pumpkin exploration during November. We will use December to talk about snow and Christmas. Everyone will have fun making our own snow to play with and creating a snow storm in a jar. I will put everyone's pitching skills to the test as we practice throwing pretend snow balls at cups. We will end December making snowflake ornaments and getting excited for Christmas. December is going to fly by and we can't wait to get started!

Enrichment-TTH-Green Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Hello! My name is Miss Alicia and I am so excited to be the new enrichment teacher for Tuesday/Thursday. I am the lead teacher in the Purple room as well as the enrichment teacher for the Monday/Wednesday classes. I have already stopped by to introduce myself to all the students and I will make sure to keep this transition as smooth as possible for everyone. December is the perfect time to talk about winter. We will discuss what kinds of animals like the winter and how they are able to survive when it is so cold. We will make our own unique snowflakes and talk about how different each one is. I am very excited to get to know all my new friends and have a blast learning with them!



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)!!

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!

_____ Name (optional)

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!

