



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

We are so excited to be able to offer in-person Christmas Programs this year! To allow for adequate space in the Sanctuary and do our part to lessen the crowds, we will be offering 10 programs this year. The time schedules are as follows:

Monday December 13

Orange Room MWam	10:30
Orange Room MWpm	2:00
Green Room AM	4:30
Green Room PM	5:30
Purple Room	6:30

Tuesday December 14

Orange Room TTHam	10:30
Orange Room TTHpm	2:00
Yellow Room AM	4:30
Yellow Room PM	5:30
Blue Room	6:30

Because we are breaking the programs up into smaller groups, we will not be limiting guests per family. We will, however, ask each guest to wear a mask for the program in order to attend. Please bring your child to the program 10 minutes before the start time (for Orange Room and additional guests at all shows, please arrive no more than 10 minutes before the start time). We have multiple programs each day, and need some time in between to prepare for the next group. Orange Room students will have class at their normal time these days, and will dismiss after the program.

On Wednesday, December 15 (Green Room & MW 3's) and Thursday, December 16 (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 (chocolate milk) and popcorn (pirate's booty) (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!

Thank you to everyone who has been turning in Acme Receipts! I wanted to make sure that everyone knows that we must have the whole receipt to count towards Community Cashback. At the bottom of your receipt, it will give you a Community Cashback total. Loving Hands will earn 5% of that amount on the receipt. The Community Cashback program will end for this school year on December 25, 2021. Please bring in any receipts you have collected after Winter Break to assure that they are included in our final count. The program will not resume again until August 2022.

December Dates

- 2: Happy Birthday Jack S
- 4: Happy Birthday Taylor M
- 5: Happy Birthday Mela O & Landyn H
- 7: Happy Birthday Giovanni R
- 10: Happy Birthday Arianna A & Delaney D
- 12: Happy Birthday Memphis F
- 14: Happy Birthday Andrew K.
- 15: Happy Birthday Austin S
- 15: Polar Express for MW3's & Green Rooms
- 16: Polar Express for TTH3's, Yellow, Purple & Blue Rooms

- 16: January Tuition Due
- 17: Christmas Break begins (Green Local is in session)- NO PRESCHOOL
- 17-Jan 2: Christmas Break- NO SCHOOL
- 19: Happy Birthday Caleb H.
- 20: Happy Birthday Leighton D
- 22: Happy Birthday Lizzy R. & Lydia O
- 23: Happy Birthday Parker N.
- 28: Happy Birthday Evelyn C.
- 31: Happy Birthday Alana B

Important Registration Dates for 2022-2023 school year

4: Registration begins for Current Students 8:00am

11: Registration begins for Returning Families/Siblings of current students 8:00am

18: Registration begins for New Families 8:00am

**** If during any of these registration dates, Green Local cancels school for inclement weather, then we will push that registration date (and any that follow) back by one week.**

Planning Ahead: January 4th will be an important day because it will mark the beginning of registration for the 2022-2023 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, 1/4 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 7 for current students. The discounted rate will be \$50.

On **Tuesday, January 11 at 8:00am**, registration will open to all past families and siblings of current students. *Important Note: If you will have multiple 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 4th.*

On **Tuesday, January 18 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 Dogs with Dad events are planned for January 31 & February 1. We are still working out ways to safely have this event. We may have to break it in to smaller class groups, and stretch it out over more than 2 days. We will send out info as soon as we can work out scheduling between the teachers and the church space availability.

On March 9, we are planning to hold a Spring Open House/Meet the Teacher for all families who have registered, or may still be interested in registering for the 22-23 school year. This will give students another opportunity to visit their school before the next school year. Like all events this year, we will plan to have it unless the pandemic doesn't allow for it.

A few safety reminders as our school year progresses:

- Please come in as close to your child's drop off/pick up time as possible (never any more than 5 minutes before). We are starting to have some groups having to gather in the Gathering Area because we are still helping another class to arrive. If we would have a covid-19 positive case in the school, our hope is to limit the exposures to smaller cohorts. Anytime a person is in the building for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more, their chances of being a close contact is greatly increased. This is why we are trying to keep just one class in the building at a time as much as possible.
- There is sanitizer at the door, next to the health screening forms, as well as at the temp check table. Please help yourself to sanitizer for yourself and child. They will wash their hands as soon as they get upstairs, but it is best to sanitize as everyone enters the building, as well.
- There have been several instances where the exit door has been left propped open at dismissal times. PLEASE do not prop these doors, or allow your child to prop. For the safety of our children and staff, we want to make sure that door remains inaccessible from the outside at all times.

- Please make sure that whoever is picking up your child knows that we should only be parking in the lot between the road and the playground. Please do not use the back part of the parking lot. This area has been reserved for other programs that may be using the building. This is especially important on Wednesdays when Green Good Neighbors are in the back of the building. They are distributing the food goods in the parking lot area, and we want to make sure we aren't making that time any more difficult for them to navigate through.

A BIG thank you to each and every one of you for your help and support to make the beginning of this school year a great one! We know that there were so many adjustments and changes. But with all your help, we have loved every minute we get to spend with your children, and have been able to provide a fun school year for your kids!! We can't wait to see all the fun 2022 brings! Have a Happy Holiday and New Year!!!

Preschool 3's- Orange Room
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Miss Shannon & Miss Terri LOVE the month of December! A special visitor, from the North Pole, will be joining the Orange Room very soon!

Oh, what fun we are going to have together during this special holiday season!

We cannot wait!

This month we plan to read several versions of the Gingerbread Man and will work on building a variety of literacy and math skills (retelling, counting and graphing) using these stories. We may even get to have a gingerbread treat! We will also continue to work on our early literacy and math skills while following a special secret recipe for some of Santa's very special team! We will end the month of December with a very special Polar Express Day! And of course, we will not forget the reason for the season — celebrating the birth of baby Jesus! It's going to be an exciting month with lots to celebrate, learn and explore.

Christmas and other holiday traditions can vary widely from family to family, but they always bring us closer together and remind us of what's really important. The best traditions are those that are not only fun, but also fill our hearts with love. We wish all our Orange Room families a very blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year filled with special traditions and love.

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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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 reading Stone Soup together and saw that when everyone gives a little, we can accomplish a lot! We discussed helping our classroom friends and outside in 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! In addition to penguins, we will explore other arctic animals and their chilly habitat. 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 Kate & Miss Tina

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Happy December, Yellow Room families! We hope everyone had a wonderful November and a blessed Thanksgiving. This month seemed to fly by as we spent some time talking and crafting about one of our favorite subjects - our families! Transitioning into the story of Thanksgiving and all we have to be grateful for finished out the month. Next month, our classroom will be taken over by gingerbread and Christmas! We will read several

Gingerbread stories to compare and contrast them. Our dramatic play center will transform into a gingerbread cookie making station. It all leads up to our gingerbread cookie decorating day on Dec. 10

(more info on that coming soon...). We will also spend a lot of time this month working on a secret project. It is the gift giving season, of course! And we finish the month with Polar Express Day in the comfort of our jammies. It's a short, but jam packed and merry, month. Our letters are K, L, and M; our numbers are 12, 13, and 14, and our shape is the rectangle.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Our class has been doing a great job practicing letter sounds and letter recognition. They are improving every day and it shows. We have officially gone through every letter of the alphabet and talked about the sound it makes. We will spend December continuing to practice our recognition and sounds for all letters. Our fire safety theme was a huge success, and they are all knowledgeable for what to do in the event of a fire. They also had fun pretending to be bears that hibernate for the winter and cozy up in their bear den. December's theme will be all about winter and Christmas. Our dramatic play area will become a Christmas decorating space where they will be able to choose different ornaments for our beautiful trees. They also can become elves that help make new toys for Christmas. This is another very busy month filled with so many fun activities. We are fortunate to be able to have a Christmas program this year where families can attend and watch our performance. We also will take our ride on the Polar Express before we head out to our break. This is a fun day spent wearing our pajamas, watching parts of The Polar Express movie, and having yummy treats while on our "ride". Winter assessments will be going home this month so you can view all that your child has learned and what to expect will be taught for the remainder of the year. This is our most exciting and enjoyable month and I cannot wait to start it!

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 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 phone numbers and address. 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 will be starting our good 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. We will be bringing Santa's workshop into our classroom so the kids can be Santa's elf's. They will get to fix toys and practice wrapping presents. We will have wrapping paper and ribbon along with scissors in our sensory bin to practice cutting skills. We will bring some science into the classroom by doing some science experiments like Santa's milk and guzzling candy canes.

Just a couple reminders our class Christmas Program will be Tuesday December 14th at 6:30pm. We're excited to share with you the songs we have been working hard on. Polar Express will be Thursday December 16th we will get to wear our pajamas to school and enjoy some Hot Chocolate and popcorn and watch some of the Polar Express. Winter Break will be December 17th – January 2. School will resume January 3rd.

Enrichment Class
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December is always an exciting month, especially in preschool! We will be celebrating all things Christmas this month! We will be doing crafts, singing songs, reading stories, and most importantly having fun! From the Nativity story and Jesus' birthday to the fun Santa crafts and gingerbread projects, this is sure to be an exciting time! Enrichment has been such a wonderful time to meet new friends and enjoy lunch together!