



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 see everyone at our 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 12

Orange Room MWam 10:45
 Orange Room MWpm 2:15
 Green Room AM 4:30
 Green Room PM 5:30
 Purple Room 6:30

Tuesday December 13

Orange Room TTHam 10:45
 Orange Room TTHpm 2:15
 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. 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 14 (Green Room & MW 3's) and Thursday, December 15 (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 24, 2022. 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 2023.

December Dates

2: Happy Birthday Lennyn W
 3: Happy Birthday Bennett T
 5: Happy Birthday Mela O
 7: Happy Birthday Giovanni R
 9: Happy Birthday Millie P
 10: Happy Birthday Arianna A
 12: Happy Birthday Memphis F
 14: Polar Express for MW3's & Green Rooms

15: Polar Express for TTH3's, Yellow, Purple & Blue Room
 16: January Tuition Due
 16: Christmas Break begins (Green Local is in session)- NO PRESCHOOL
 16-Jan 2: Christmas Break- NO SCHOOL
 17: Happy Birthday Aleksandra Z.
 18: Happy Birthday Mallory T
 22: Happy Birthday Lydia O.

Important Registration Dates for 2023-2024 school year

10: Registration begins for Current Students 8:00am
 17: Registration begins for Returning Families/Siblings of current students 8:00am
 24: 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

Tuesday, 1/10 at 8:00am will be an important day because it will mark the beginning of registration for the 2023-2024 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, 1/10 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 13 for current students. The discounted rate will be \$50.

On **Tuesday, January 17 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 10th.*

On **Tuesday, January 24 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.

The week of February 13, will be conferences for our families. If you are trying to decide whether to send your child to Kindergarten or enroll in our Transitional K program for next year, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher before registration begins to get their input.

Our Dogs with Dad events are planned for March 6 & March 7. We are still working out whether to have the drive in option that we have had the last couple years, or go back to the indoor event that we had in the past. We will send out info as soon as we can work out scheduling.

Spring Pictures will be on March 8 & March 9. There is no class picture option for spring pictures.

On April 19, 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 23-24 school year. This will give students another opportunity to visit their school before the next school year.

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.
- 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.

Thank you for your help!!!

Important Tuition Info:

January tuition is due by Friday, December 16 (which is our first day of winter break). Please be sure to pay your tuition by your last day of class (or the church office will be open from 9-1 on 12/16). Any payments made after Friday, 12/16 will NOT be included in your tax form for 2022. It will not be deposited until January. Your 2022 tax info will be sent home no later than Friday, January 27.

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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It's been an amazing month in the Orange Room! We are working hard on our colors, Shapes, and introduced the letters A,K and,L. We learned about our Veterans and even made our own soldiers. Thanksgiving feast was fun, we wore Pilgrim hats to get us ready for a thankful snack time. We also talked about what we are all thankful for. Looking ahead to December we will have our Christmas program which I'm sure everyone is excited to see. We will also have a Polar Express Day, we will celebrate by wearing our pajamas to school!!! There will be lots of crafts, getting our special Christmas gifts ready. Our color of the month will be RED and our shape is STAR. Hoping all Have a Very Merry Christmas.

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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As we wrap up a month of thanksgiving, we want to thank every one of our families for sharing your biggest blessings with us. Our green room "family" is so special and we are lucky to be a part of this amazing and loving community. November started off with a week of friendship and kindness. We read *Owen and Mzee*, about an unlikely, yet meaningful friendship. The kids loved the true story of Owen, an abandoned baby hippo who formed a friendship with a 130-year old tortoise. The second week of November brought the story of the first Thanksgiving. We talked about the pilgrims sharing this special meal with the Native Americans. Using the month we were born and the first letter of our last name, we were each given our own Native American name, which we used for our Thanksgiving feast! Happy Rabbit and Quick Thunder are examples our friends' nicknames!

Stone Soup is always a class favorite. The story shows us that when everyone pitches in just a little, we can accomplish a whole lot! Each person brought in just a carrot, onion, celery or bean, and we were able to make a whole big pot of "Stone Soup" to enjoy together! We are always surprised how many kids end of loving this simple soup and often ask for seconds!! The lesson goes beyond just contributing one vegetable to make soup, as we discussed helping our classroom friends and even in the community helping others around us.

The magic is in the air as December approaches! This month will be filled with Christmas magic and fun! With our Christmas program and Polar Express Day, we are sure to have many great memories! Our dramatic play area will transform in Santa's workshop. We will also prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, as He is the reason for the season. The kids are doing very well as we navigate through the alphabet...we are about halfway through!

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! We had so much fun learning what it means to be 'thankful' and what the Thanksgiving holiday is really all about. 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. 19 (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 11 and 12; 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. 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 tree and they also can become elves that help make new toys for Christmas in our tiny workshop. This is another very busy month filled with so many fun activities. We have our Christmas program this year where families can attend and watch our performance. We have already begun to practice, and they have been doing a great job. 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 knows 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 Tara

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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. There 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 13th at 6:30pm. Were excited to share with you the songs we have been working hard on. Polar Express will be Thursday December 15th 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 16th – January 2. School will resume January 3rd.

