WOW!!! I can't believe that we are preparing to say our goodbyes!! Some of our children will be moving on to Kindergarten, new schools, or returning in the fall! This time of year always holds mixed feelings. We are excited for the change in seasons and to get outside and enjoy the summer, but it is sad to say goodbye to our friends! This year that holds a little more truth for the teachers and I. At the end of the school year we will say goodbye to a very important member of our staff. Miss Mary King will be retiring. Miss Mary has been a preschool teacher at Loving Hands Preschool since 2001. She welcomed me when I came to work here in 2010, and has welcomed every other staff member that we have. She is a great listener and advise giver…which I have relied on often. She is quick to lend a helping hand for anything we need, and has always been a great mentor for all of us! We are so excited for Miss Mary as she becomes a Grandma. We know that this new role is the perfect job for her! Whether your child has had Miss Mary or not, please join us in wishing her all of the best. Our doors will always be open to her!

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to every one of our families for their support in our Trike-a-Thon. As of today, 5/14, our Trike-a-Thon total is $6247.00!!!! That is more than $2500 than last year! We are in shock and awe of all of the support that we have received this year. Not just financially through the fundraiser, but through all the helpers that volunteered for every activity that we had this year, or the parents that came to the parent meetings each month and offered their support and ideas to the program. A program is only as good as it's teachers and families. That is why we are the best!!

The new mulch is being ordered, along with some new materials/furnishings for the classrooms. I will be sending out an email when the mulch is scheduled to be delivered. If anyone would like to help me spread 7 tons of BLUE rubber mulch, I would happily accept the help!

Graduation is just around the corner. The children will arrive at their classroom on Graduation day (May 21) at 9:45. Please be sure that your child has used the restroom before you drop them off at their classroom!! The Graduation will be held in the Sanctuary. There is additional seating available in the balcony as well. Following the graduation ceremony, all families are invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) for a cake reception. The children will receive their portfolios at that time. We hope that you will enjoy looking at your child’s growth throughout this school year. JUST A SIDE NOTE: We will have our next Step Up to Quality visit in the late fall. If anyone would be willing to allow us to borrow their child’s portfolio at that time, please let your child’s teacher know. We need to be able to present a few completed portfolios per classroom. This is a great opportunity for families that may have siblings coming up in the program too. We will keep them intact and return as soon as the unannounced visit is complete. These do not have to be left with us over the summer, just returned in the fall.

The 3 year old picnic will be on Thursday, May 22, beginning at 10:00. Weather permitting, it will be held in the Church’s pavilion. Please bring along a covered dish to share, and your own table serving (utensils, plates, napkins, a table cloth and/or blanket if desired) Loving Hands Preschool will be supplying the hotdogs, condiments, and drinks (lemonade and water). We will have A balloon man/magician as our entertainment for the picnic. He has joined us for the last 2 school years. Occasionally there is an accidental popped balloon, but the kids have always really enjoyed him!! If the weather does not cooperate with our outdoor plans, then we will picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring along a blanket to spread out!
If you have not sent in your reservation for the Graduation or picnic yet, please do so immediately (or email me and let me know how many will be attending). This is important for making sure we have plenty of cake for graduation and food/drinks for the picnic.

We hope you all have a WONDERFUL summer!!!!

**Important Summer Dates**

5/21: Graduation 10:00  
5/22: 3’s Picnic 10:00  
5/28: Happy Birthday Freddy M.  
6/5: Happy Birthday Bella B.  
6/10: Happy Birthday Quinn H.  
6/29: Happy Birthday Lily J.  
6/30: Happy Birthday Delaney G.  
7/2: Happy Birthday Owen G.  
7/5: Happy Birthday Adrianna B.  
7/10: Happy Birthday Maya K.  
7/20: Happy Birthday Tess M.  
7/25: Happy Birthday Londyn G.  
7/26: Happy Birthday Annabella M.  
7/29: Happy Birthday Olivia F.  
8/1: Happy Birthday Cayden P.  
8/3: Happy Birthday Ella T.  
8/8: Preschool Board Meeting 10:00  
8/9: Happy Birthday McKinley B.  
8/10: Happy Birthday Grier R. & Adam P.  
8/13: Parent Orientation for the Yellow Room 3’s (in evening TBA)  
8/14: Parent Orientation for all other classes (in evening TBA)  
8/14: Happy Birthday Caleb M.  
8/19: Happy Birthday Julia N.  
8/20: First day of school for Green Local Schools  
8/22: Happy Birthday Kaden B.  
8/28: Happy Birthday Chelsea M. & Leah O.  
8/30: Happy Birthday Colton P.  
9/2: Meet the Teacher (day and evening times available, TBA)  
9/3 & 9/4: First Day of School for 2014-15 school year
Orange Room
Miss Ang & Miss Robin
aritchie@neo.rr.com

I can’t believe our school year is coming to an end! Wasn’t it just February a few minutes ago? May brought Mom’s into focus as we discussed why they’re so special to us. Thank you to everyone who came to the Mom’s Day Tea! I thought the children did a wonderful job preparing and sang beautifully! I was so proud of each of them! We played with bubbles and learned that it didn’t matter what shape the wand was…the bubbles were always round! We painted with colored bubbles and made our own bubble wrap designs! Lastly, we had fun discussing summer! We made a chart of our favorite summer time activities, played putt putt golf, and worked with tools in the dramatic play area!

I can’t tell you how many times I went home from “work” and told my husband what wonderful families we have at LHP! Your children have been a delight and Miss Robin and I have enjoyed watching them grow! Thank you for allowing us to guide, prepare and love your children!

Yellow Room
Miss Heidi & Miss Joyce
Hmiller221@juno.com

In some ways it seems impossible that I am writing an “End of the Year” newsletter already! But as I look at the students and remember back to the beginning of the year I can see so much progress! They have made new friends, adapted to a preschool routine, and learned many new concepts through center play, and small group time. I feel blessed to have been able to teach your children this year. Seeing the smiles on their faces as the come each morning, watching them work so hard on a skill, and seeing one friend comfort another brings joy to my heart.

We are ending the year discussing things that grow. We began with plants and are working our way through discussion of how people and animals grow as well. As we close out the year we will tie in the growth the children have made over the course of the year. We will also spend some time reflecting on our favorite memories of our year in preschool.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and I will be looking forward to seeing some of you next year in the Yellow Room. For those that will be moving on to Kindergarten, I wish you a great year and feel free to stop in and visit us sometime!

Purple Room
Miss Mary, Miss Amy & Miss Lindsay
Mjk779@gmail.com

We are enjoying our last few weeks of preschool by paying tribute to our moms and talking about our summer plans. We are looking forward to our beach party and our pre-k graduation. We miss our friend Daniel and are keeping our fingers crossed that he can make it back for a visit. We had such a fun year making friends, learning new things and gaining confidence in ourselves and our abilities. We are ready to say…Bring on kindergarten!

Miss Mary’s final thoughts…

This class will always be near and dear to my heart because after twenty eight years in the classroom I too am journeying on. Although greatly looking forward to my new position as Grandma, I will very much miss the hugs, laughs, songs and grand adventures that make up the preschool day. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to be part of the Loving Hands family, and will always treasure my time spent here. Our preschool is truly one of the best.