



# February

## Loving Hands Preschool February 2019 Newsletter

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open!! By the number of referral cards that were turned in, we owe a big thank you to our preschool families, who are our best form of advertisement! Don't forget... for every family that you refer to our program, you receive \$20 off our next tuition payment!

Our 3 year old AM classes are both full, only 1 spot left in the TTH pm class, and we opened a 4<sup>th</sup> 3 year old class on MW pm, with Miss Carly (our Yellow Room 4's teacher) offering to teach it again next year!! It will still be in the Orange Room, and her and Miss Ang will work closely together for planning! Our 4 year old AM classes are full, as well. We have openings in the PM classes for both classrooms, but only 4 openings in MWF class. We filled our Transitional Kindergarten AM class, but once we opened up the PM class as a choice, it opened up a few spots in each class. There are still spots in the Full Day Transitional K class. If you know of anyone who may be looking for a preschool for their 3-5 year old, they can contact Miss Shannon at 330-896-1936 or [smiller1950@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smiller1950@sbcglobal.net) to set up a tour!

We are looking forward to our Valentine's Day Parties on 2/13 & 2/14. Thank you to all of the parents who have stepped up to help plan the parties! We appreciate all of your help! See below for specific class details. For our Transitional -K (Blue and Purple Room) classes, please note that you will only dismiss early on the day of your party, but there will be no enrichment either day!

- On Wednesday, February 13, we will celebrate with the Orange Room MW AM3's and our Green Room AM class. The party will begin at 9:00 and will conclude at 11:00. Please note this is an early dismissal day for these classes and there will be NO ENRICHMENT offered on these days.
- On Wednesday, February 13 at 12:30, our Orange Room MWpm3's and our Green Room PM class will celebrate Valentine's Day! The party will conclude at 2:30. Any parent who is not planning to stay for the party should plan to pick up their child at 2:30. There will be NO ENRICHMENT offered prior to the party that day.
- On Thursday, February 14, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with our Purple Room TK am class, Orange Room TTHAM, Yellow Room AM 4's at 9:00. The party will last 2 hours, and conclude at 11:00. At that time, all children should be picked up from school. There will be NO ENRICHMENT that day.
- At 12:30 on Thursday, February 14, our Yellow Room PM class, Orange Room TTH PM, and Blue Room Full Day Pre-K class will celebrate Valentine's Day. Blue Room parents who are planning to attend the party may arrive at that time. We will dismiss ½ hour early that day, at 2:30.

Conferences will be held on February 13 & 14. A signup sheet will be posted outside of your child's room. We welcome all parents to schedule a time to meet with the teacher and discuss your child's growth! If you are not available at the times offered, please notify your child's teacher and we will do our best to find a time that will better suit your needs. There will be no school on Friday, February 15. This day will be used for the teachers to make up conferences and prepare for the remainder of the school year.

Join us on February 23 between 9:00am-2:00pm at Green High School for the annual Celebration of Education. This event is hosted by the Green Schools Foundation. There is always so many fun activities for the children!

Planning Ahead.....

The week of March 10-15 will be the Scholastic Book Fair. We would like to thank all of our families for their support of our program by offering this sale as a Buy one, Get one FREE sale. Any items purchased during this sale will qualify for the BOGO discount. Loving Hands will not earn any Scholastic Dollars for this sale, we pass all of our savings on to you!! **“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents”**. —Emilie Buchwald

On Wednesday, March 13 from 5:00-6:30, Loving Hands Preschool will host our Spring Meet the Teacher/Registration Open House. Any child who is already registered for the 2019-2020 school year or interested in enrolling is invited to attend the open house. This is a great time to meet the teacher your child will have in the fall.

Spring Break will be the week of March 25-29. We hope everyone enjoys their time off. And hopefully the snow/cold weather will be done by then!!

Legacy Photo Services will be back on Wednesday, April 10 (MW3's, Blue and Green Rooms) and Thursday, April 11 (TTH3's, Purple and Yellow) for spring pictures. Picture forms will come home prior to picture day. The form will show you what background will look like. During spring pictures we do not take class pictures, only individuals.



#### **Preschool 3's- Orange Room**

**Miss Ang & Miss Robin/ Miss Carly & Miss Mary Ellen**  
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Hello Orange Room Parents! I can't believe it's almost February. The school year is certainly flying by! January has been so much fun! The children have discovered the writing center!! It is so enjoyable watching what they make from this center! It's stocked with glue sticks, different textures of paper, scissors, foam stickers, letters, words... They learn so much from each area of the room but the writing center is a communication center! Preschoolers can deliver their ideas through their illustrations and printing. Please take some time to ask your child about his/her picture. You never know where their imagination may have taken them that day! Shapes, patterning, and number recognition have been a focus. We have been learning about the author Jan Brett and one of the books she wrote called "The Mitten". Because of the children's continued interest in this book, we depicted the story throughout the week. If you enjoy Scholastic, I highly recommend it for them! We have also been learning that books have a front cover, back cover, spine, author, and illustrator. We are currently working on recognizing and saying our full name and our Mom and Dad's name. We especially love when a child throws in a superhero name as one of their middle names and also when they think their Mom's real name is "wife". Your children make our job so much fun and we love each and every one of them! We have been practicing each day going up and down the steps using alternating feet, as opposed to both feet on each step. As we play in the muscle room, this skill will become easier for them as they gain more control over their large muscles. We dove into the world of evergreens and pinecones and even did a cool pinecone

experiment. We also made snowballs and froze them to play with for when Spring rolls around! February brings fun and friendship with Valentine's Day and the theme bears/hibernation!

**Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room**  
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Brrrrr!!! The Green room has been feeling the chill of the Arctic as we have been discussing the animals and climate of this cold and snowy habitat! We found it very interesting when we compared a polar bear paw print to our own footprint...we are so glad we don't have to buy shoes in polar bear size! And everyone loved learning about the narwhal...we couldn't believe that the long, sharp "horn" on it's head is actually a tooth!!

Do you know what makes a great friend? These past few weeks we have been reading books about friendships and kindness, and have been working on making new friends! Perhaps our class favorite story is about Owen and Mzee, and baby hippo and a tortoise, who form a very unlikely and special friendship!

February is almost here and will be "Outta this world!" We will learn all about space! We will also continue to practice our phone numbers and addresses! We will keep rocking through the alphabet and will keep practicing the numbers as well! We look forward to meeting with you for our parent teacher conferences this month!

Thank you for all you do!

**Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room**  
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Happy February, Yellow Room families! Time is flying by faster than Cupid's arrow. and Valentine's Day is nearing. We will start out the month by exploring our emotions, talking about how it's okay to feel things and how to manage them in appropriate ways. We will read "The Pout Pout Fish" and make fishy feeling faces out of paper plates. We'll also play emotions bingo, read "My Many Colored Days" and paint our feelings, and help identify shapes with the Feeling for Shapes game. At home, you can supplement our unit by having your child examine themselves in a mirror and discussing what they see. Talk about how your face can show the different ways you feel by using anatomical vocabulary ("My mouth can make a smile when I'm happy" or "my eyes squint when I'm angry"). On the way to and from school, ask your child to describe how they are feeling. Learning surpasses the classroom; parents can be teachers, too! Our Valentine's Day parties will be on Thursday, February 14th. There will be early dismissal and no Enrichment on those days. There will also be conferences on Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th. If you haven't signed up, there are sheets on the mailboxes outside of our classroom.

**Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room**  
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I cannot express how proud I am how all the hard work everyone has been doing with our sight words. Our goal is to teach two new sight words each week that we will add to our "Word Tree" in the classroom, so the kids can see how much progress they have done. I will send home the sight words we will be working on at the beginning of the week so they can practice at home. Keep up the good work! Our theme for January turned out to be DINO-MITE! The children had a lot of fun dressing as dinosaurs and exploring the life of a paleontologist in our sandy sensory bin. We will begin February continuing

with our Valentines theme with our Sweet Shop dramatic play. They will get the chance to play with pretend dollars and cents so they can sell their sweets to customers, just in time for Valentine's Day. Once we take down the shop, we will begin our dive under the sea. We will turn our focus to the ocean and talk about the different sea animals that we would find in our exploration. Our dramatic play area will let them put on their own Scuba gear, grab their camera and swim into the ocean to explore. I can't wait to dive right in to February!

**Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room**

**Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen**

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We can't believe February is here already! We are already into the second month of 2019. This month, Miss Mary Ellen and I are so excited with what we have planned. We are going to be talking about different artists. We will be doing different art projects based on the different artists that we talk about. At the end of the month, we will have an art show. Parents will be able to come in a view our art show and see all the hard work our little artists have done. I will send more information out as the time gets closer.

The children have been working so hard on their addresses and phone number and they all almost have them all memorized. We also have also been working really hard on our sight words. We have begun using our sight words to make sentences and have started to read books. These children have been working so hard and we couldn't be prouder!

We will be having our Valentine's Day Party on Thursday February 14. It will start at 12:30pm and 2:30pm. We will have early dismissal at 2:30pm, so please make sure your child is picked up by 2:30pm. I will also be holding conferences that day so please sign up for a time that is best for you. The sign-up sheet is located on the mailboxes. If this day does not work for you please let me know and we can arrange a day that does. If you have any questions about anything please feel free to ask.

**Enrichment Class**

**Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey**

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We had so much fun learning about the circus. We participated in activities and games, in order to see if we have what it takes to join the circus. I am happy to say that everyone did a great job and I would hire them for my own circus, if I had one! We will turn our attention onto fairy tales for the month of February. We will construct our own bridges and have animals cross, as if in the story of the "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and see who can build the strongest bridge. We will also use Cheerios to make our own beanstalk and see if we can reach it to the clouds like "Jack and the Beanstalk". There is no end to the fun we will explore using science, predictions and math in the world of fairy tales. I cannot wait to get February started.