



Loving Hands Preschool
February 2023

Registration for the 2023-2024 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 your next tuition payment!

Here are the
latest
Numbers for
registration

Orange Room MWam preschool: waiting list only
Orange Room MWpm preschool: waiting list only
Orange Room TTHam preschool: waiting list only
Orange Room TTHpm preschool: waiting list only

Green Room MWFam pre-k: waiting list only
Green Room MWFpm pre-k: waiting list only
Yellow Room TThFam pre-k: waiting list only
Yellow Room TThFpm pre-k: waiting list only

Purple Room M-THam Transitional-K: 4 openings
Purple Room M-THpm Transitional-K: 2 openings
Blue Room M-TH full day TK: waiting list only

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friend!

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!

- On Monday, February 13 we will celebrate with the Orange Room MW3's , Green Room
- On Tuesday, February 14, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with our Orange Room TTH3's, Yellow Room and Blue Room TK and Purple Room.

Party days end ½ hour earlier than a normal class day. Please be sure to be at school at your child's early dismissal time. There is also no enrichment on either party day (for Purple Room, that is both Mon and Tue)

- Orange Room pick up at 10:45 or 2:15
- Purple Room pick up at 10:50 or 2:20
- Green or Yellow pick up at 10:55 or 2:25
- Blue Room pick up at 2:30 (TUESDAY ONLY)

Conferences will be held on February 15 & 16. A signup sheet will be posted at our drop off area, or sent by your child's teacher for electronic sign ups. 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 17.** This day will be used for the teachers to make up conferences and prepare for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you to all of you who have been saving their **plastic bags** for us! Our second bench will soon be ordered and should be on our playground in the spring. We will discontinue collecting bags at the end of February. You can still turn in plastic bags at Giant Eagle. They will collect for other non-profit businesses in the area.

Thank you to all who collected their **Acme receipts** for us this school year. The Community Cashback program has ended until August. We collected \$1818.63 in community cash back. We earn 5% of that total, so we raised \$90.93 this school year. We will put this towards craft supplies for the program.

Planning Ahead.....

Dogs with Dad (lunch with dad) will be on Monday, March 6 (MW3's, Green and Blue Rooms) and on Tuesday, March 7 (TTH3's, Yellow and Purple Rooms) at 11:30. More info will be coming home soon.

Buckeye Photo will be back on Wednesday, March 8 (MW3's, Blue and Green Rooms). Thursday, March 9 (TTH3's, Purple and Yellow) for **spring pictures**. Picture information will come home prior to picture day. During spring pictures we do not take class pictures, only individuals. Pictures are uploaded on a private school page, and can only be ordered online. We will post on our FB page once pictures have been uploaded and you usually get approximately 1 week to order before they close out the page.

Spring Break for Loving Hands Preschool will be March 20-March 31 (Green schools is only on spring break 3/27-3/31)

The Loving Hands **Preschool Board** is looking for new members for the 2023-24 school year. It is one day/month, at 9:00am after preschool drop off. If the meeting falls on a time that your child is not in class, they are welcome to attend with you. We are looking for candidates that respect confidentiality, can look at and understand financial information (we would be interested in an individual that has bookkeeping experience who could look over the monthly financials). If you would be interested in being considered for a spot, please see Miss Shannon ASAP.

Loving Hands is looking to possibly **add to our staff** for next year. Interested candidates can email Miss Shannon for more details. If you, or someone you know, loves working with kids, want to work with a great group of ladies, and wants the flexibility of school hours/months, see or contact me for more information at smiller1950@sbcglobal.net. Every one of our teachers is a current or past preschool parent, or was recommended to us by a parent. It has been where we have found the best candidates!

FEBRUARY DATES

4: Happy Birthday Laurel B

5: Happy Birthday Zoey S

6: Happy Birthday Savannah N

6: Storytime with Miss Brandie 1:00

8/9: Chapel time with Pastor Harlen

9: Happy Birthday Joy S

10: Happy Birthday Addison K

11: Happy Birthday Miss Tara

13: Happy Birthday Delaney T

13: Valentine's Day Party for MW3 & Green

14: Valentine's Day Party for TTH3, Yellow, Purple and Blue

**** NO ENRICHMENT ON BOTH PARTY DAYS- CLASSES DISMISS ½ HOUR EARLY ON YOUR CLASS**

PARTY DAY

15/16: Conferences

16: March Tuition Due

17: Conference Make Up day- NO SCHOOL

18: Happy Birthday Miss Brittney & Owen A

19: Happy Birthday Emma M

20: President's Day- NO SCHOOL

23: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

26: Happy Birthday Carson K

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

Miss Terri & Miss Shannon B

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Is it really February already?! This month we will be learning about polar bears and some other arctic animals. We will also be talking about fire safety and of course Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day parties for the Orange Room will be Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th. Be on the lookout for party planning information! We will be passing out Valentine's on party day - to help with the distribution please have your child sign their valentine's, but do not address them. We will also hold conferences February, 15th and 16th - more information on how to sign up for conferences will be sent out soon.

February's color is PINK and our shape is the HEART! Our letters for February will be Y, D, and P. We will be focusing on the numbers 5 and 6. In January we focused on numbers 0-4 for number recognition (with our main focus on 0-2). If you show your child number cards (0-2) — they can show you the fun ways we remember them— they think it super silly and fun!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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The Green Room has been "Outta this world!" We have learned all about space, including naming the planets and exploring gravity! The kids have loved discovering how night and day occur with the rotation of the earth as it orbits the sun!

In February, we will continue to focus on friendships, sharing, and kindness with a special holiday, Valentines/Friendship Day. A class parent, just like the Halloween party, will organize the Valentine's party. We appreciate, in advance, all the creativity and time that goes in to all the party games, crafts, treats, and fun! The children are welcome to bring in cards/treats to pass out to all their friends. (There are 14 total kids in each class) You can keep an eye out for a message regarding the party soon!

Toward the end of the month, we will enter one of our favorite habitats, the rainforest! From toucans and howler monkeys, to vines and rain clouds, there is so much to learn about this interesting place! We will draw and label the layers of the rainforest and discover what kinds of unique animals call this place home!

We will begin to practice our phone numbers and addresses! The kids will work on reciting these at school. 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! There will be signups in the hallway during drop off. And, as always, you are welcome to send me a message to schedule something anytime.

Thank you for all you do!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Tina

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Welcome to February, Yellow Room families! January sure did fly by! What a great time we had learning all about polar animals and then turning our entire class into full-fledged superheroes! This month, the fun doesn't stop! We will begin with a trip to the ocean. We will spend a few weeks learning about the different layers and some fascinating sea creatures that live in them. Our Valentine's party is on the 14th. Don't forget, we will dismiss 1/2 hour early that day. Then, we will end February and transition into March by reading some of our favorite Dr. Seuss stories. The wacky rhymes and silly stories are always good for a few laughs. Keep an eye on the calendar for fun participation days! Our letters this month are R, S, T, U and V. Our numbers are 17, 18, 19, and 20. And our shape is the heart.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Everyone has been working hard with our first set of sight words and we are so proud. Each time we introduce a new round of sight words; they will be added on a scoop of ice cream and placed on top of our ice cream cones in the classroom. This will let the kids see how much progress they have made and will allow us to view and practice the words every day. We will use most of February for our Valentines theme with our Sweet Shop dramatic play. They

will get the chance to sell their sweets to customers, just in time for Valentine's Day. February is a busy month with our Valentines party and parent conferences. During our parent-teacher conferences you and I will look over your child's assessment and talk about how they are progressing socially, emotionally, and academically in class. A sign-up sheet will be out soon with dates and times that you would like to sign up for. We will end the month starting our Dr Seuss theme. This is my favorite theme, and we have silly dress up days for our last week if they would like to participate. We will start with Crazy Hair Day on Monday February 27th and Hat Day on Tuesday February 28th. Our other dress up days will be on the March calendar. I'm so excited to get February started!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Tara

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Can't believe February is here already. This month is one of my favorites. We are going to be talking about different artists. As we learn about a new artist and what technique they use we will then try it ourselves. Then at the end of the month, we will have our art show. Parents will be able to come in and 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 really hard on their address and have almost mastered them. We will be moving onto phone numbers soon!!! We will continue working on our sight words. As we learn more sight words, I will start sending home sight word rings, so they can continue to practice at home. We are so proud of the children and their hard work! It's hard to believe we are only 3 months away from the end of school!

We will be having our Valentine's Day Party on Tuesday February 14th. It will be an early dismissal day. We will end class at 2:30pm. I will be holding conferences on Wednesday February 15th, please sign up for a time that is best for you. I will have a sign-up sheet out soon. If this day does not work for you, please let me know and we can figure out a time that we can meet. 😊 If you have any questions about anything please feel free to ask.

Enrichment Class

Miss Renee

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We have been having so much fun in both the M/W and T/Th Enrichment classes! This month we learned about some of our favorite arctic animals! Each class made a polar bear using different painting techniques, sponge painting or Q-tip painting. We were able to practice our cutting & gluing skills as well. Our T/Th class made the cutest narwhals; they will be coming home soon! We also did our first directed drawings of a penguin (M/W) and polar bear (T/Th), they all seemed to really enjoy this activity!

The remainder of January we have some winter crafts and activities planned, including the books A Snowy Day and A Snowy Nap. We love seeing their smiling faces walk through the door each day and watching everyone learn, grow and play together. They all really look forward to center time, the dramatic play area and writing/art center are always a big hit! Thank you for sharing them with us!