

Happy New Year!!!
2019

Loving Hands
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2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a relaxing winter break! We are excited to see what 2019 has in store for us!! The Christmas programs were wonderful! Thank you to all who attended! Thanks to everyone who donated food and drinks for the programs, too! A special thank you to the parents (and grandparents) that have signed up to help us for the Polar Express days. We are so appreciative for our volunteers!

- **Registration for our current STUDENTS** for 2019-2020 school year will begin on Tuesday, January 8 at 8:00am. A Preschool Enrollment Agreement and new Parent Handbooks have been sent home with EVERY family. If your child is moving on to Kindergarten or will not be returning to Loving Hands Preschool next year, please feel free to pass a packet on to a friend or return it to the paperwork basket outside of the Preschool Office. Refer a friend and you will receive \$20 off your next tuition payment (referral cards are attached to the packets as well). If you need any additional packets for siblings or referrals, they will be available outside of the preschool office in the folder labeled "Enrollment Agreement" or you can see Miss Shannon. Current students (sorry, siblings do not receive the discount) will receive a \$25 discount off the \$75 registration fee (\$50) if they register by Friday, Jan. 11.
- Registration will begin for **siblings of current students, returning families of LHP, or members of GUMC** at 8:00am on Tuesday, January 15. Please note: *If a family is planning to send their current student AND a sibling to school next year, they will have priority registration for both children beginning on 1/8. This will allow parents to make sure that both children are able to attend class at the same times/days.*
- **New families** may begin to register for 2019-2020 school year on Tuesday, January 22 at 8:00am. If you know of anyone planning to register for next year, please pass this info along. We recommend registering your child at the designated registration time to give you the best opportunity to register for the desired class/times. Tours are available for any family that would like to visit our program before they register. They can contact Miss Shannon at 330-896-1936 or smiller1950@sbcglobal.net

We are fortunate to have an indoor play area at our program for the children, but occasionally classes may decide to venture **outside** in the cold for some play time, too. We will give families advance notice if your class is planning to head out so you can be sure to provide hats, boots, snowpants, etc. Typically if this happens, you will find a notice outside of the classroom (if planned ahead of time), or through REMIND. Please be sure that you are signed up for REMIND with your child's teacher. This is a great way for you to communicate between each other!

If you haven't "liked" our **Facebook page** yet, you may want to check us out! We post event reminders and pictures of happenings at school! We would also love if you would consider telling others what you think of us by writing a review on our page, or writing a review for our testimonial page on our website. A form was attached to last month's newsletter, or can be found in the folder labeled "Testimonial Forms" outside of the preschool office, if interested. Most of our families hear about us through word of mouth, so your opinion matters to us!! Thank you to all who have already done this!!

There will be **no school** on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Just a reminder: If Green Schools cancels school for inclement weather, or decides to delay the start of school, there will be NO PRESCHOOL. Please check your local news for more information. I will also post it on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/LovingHandsPreschool. Teachers will send a REMIND to notify parents as well. Please see your child's teacher if you (or another family member) would like the class code to sign up. A bit of advice: if you have a grandparent or babysitter who brings your child to school, they may want to sign up for REMIND too. That gives them a reminder about activities going on at school, too!

Thank you to all who turned in **Acme** receipts this school year! The Community Cashback program ends on December 29. It will resume in the Fall. Please save all receipts through 12/29 and return them to school no later than Friday, January 11. We will not receive credit for any receipts turned in after we have submitted the receipts. We earn 5% of the Community Cashback listed on your receipt. There is a collection bucket at the Information Station outside of the Preschool office.

(Hot) Dogs with Dad will be on Monday, January 28 for our MW3 Orange Room, Green Room, and Purple Room and Tuesday, January 29 for our TTh3 Orange Room, Yellow Room and Blue Room. Both days, the *lunch* celebration will begin at 11:30. Dads (or a special man in your child's life) should arrive at the Fellowship Hall by 11:30. AM students will remain in their classroom until the program starts. PM students can be brought to their classroom at 11:30 and Dads can then make their way down to the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room). The children will come down, sing songs for their dads, give a special gift that they have made, and enjoy hot dogs & sides for lunch! PM students will go up to their classroom for their class at the conclusion of the lunch (12:30). Students from our AM classes and our Full Day TK classes will be dismissed for the day at the conclusion of lunch. There will be NO ENRICHMENT offered on either day.

What if my child is not participating in the Dogs with Dad program?

- AM classes: pick up your child at 11:30 from their classroom
- PM classes: drop your child off at their classroom at 12:30
- FULL DAY class: pick your child up at 11:30 (early dismissal day)

We are excited to share this special time with our dads! An invitation & RSVP will be coming home soon!!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JANUARY

- 1: Happy New Year 2019!!
- 2: NO SCHOOL
- 3: School resumes
- 4: Happy Birthday Zoey W
- 7/8: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 8: Registration begins for CURRENT STUDENTS 8:00am
- 9: Storytime with Miss Brandie 9:30
- 10: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 11: Last day of registration discount for current students \$50
- 11: Happy Birthday Miss Robin
- 13: Happy Birthday Molly K & Vincent A
- 14/15: Chapel time with Pastor Katie
- 15: Registration begins for RETURNING FAMILIES 8:00am
- 15: Happy Birthday Adam B
- 16: February tuition due
- 18: Last day for registration discount for returning families (\$65)
- 18: Happy Birthday Miss Stacey & Emilee S
- 19: Happy Birthday Ruth H
- 21: Martin Luther King Jr Day- NO SCHOOL
- 22: Registration begins for NEW FAMILIES 8:00am (\$75 registration fee)
- 28: Dogs with Dad 11:30 (M/W3's, Green and Purple Room)(No Enrichment)
- 29: Dogs with Dad 11:30 (T/TH3's, Yellow and Blue Room)(No Enrichment)(Early Dismissal day for Blue Room 11:30)
- 29: Happy Birthday Lola B



During the month of December, our focus was Christmas! The classes prepared for the holiday by creating their own wrapping paper. They used paint, cookie cutters and white butcher paper to make their creation. They have practiced their fine motor control every day in many ways throughout the classroom. They completed family gifts by stamping a cork in yellow paint to add flare to their gift. They made Christmas cookies (pretend), they practiced their cutting at the holiday wrapping/ sensory table and they enjoyed playing with the Christmas train set. They practiced sorting by color and shape using a variety of keys. To our praying table, we added a nativity scene where the children portrayed the first Christmas. We listened and sang songs that told the story of Jesus' birth. We continue our work with name recognition. The children have begun pulling their names apart and focusing on the first couple letters. They are beginning to recognize their classmate's names by looking at these first couple letters! Our fun continues in January with snow, the author Jan Brett, ice, and penguins! It will be a cold January for sure! Enjoy the Christmas season and we'll see you back on January 3rd & 4th!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn
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What a fun December it has been! From learning all about penguins and other arctic animals to working in our own Santa's workshop, we have been so busy growing and learning every day! We transformed all the learning centers into winter and Christmas themed stations, like the Hot Chocolate Factory, where marshmallows were counted and matched to orders, or building igloos using marshmallows and toothpicks! Every day was a fun adventure! The students also all loved wrapping various items from around the room to practice cutting skills.

January will bring a friendship unit. We will discuss making friends and demonstrate ways to be a good friend, like sharing and including others. We will also work on our address and phone numbers, and we will have a pretend post office set up on the dramatic play area to practice these

things. We will continue to work on a letter each week, and practice writing them in our learning journals as well as work on their sounds and some introductory sight words! We cannot believe how quickly this school year is flying by! We thank you for sharing your sweet children with us!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room
Miss Carly & Miss Kate
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Happy new year, Yellow Room families! We hope you enjoyed your holiday break! It's awesome to think that we are embarking on a new year filled with fresh starts for our little ones. They've already learned so much, and the progress they're making is incredible to watch. Since the month of January is when we celebrate Father's Day at Loving Hands, it seems only right to explore a unit on superheroes! We will come up with our own superhero identities and make special masks and capes that will come in handy for our special hero training in the muscle room. Each hero-in-training will receive an honorary badge from headquarters! We will figure out our own unique super powers, practice our phone numbers with the phones in HQ, and play superhero-themed math and fine motor games. At the end of the month, we will celebrate Dogs with Dad in lieu of Father's Day: there will be a special program between classes for the real superheroes! Thanks to all of the men looking out for our precious kiddos.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey
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December was a whirlwind month filled with our Christmas performance, crafts, Christmas gifts and finding where Elfie (our classroom Elf) hid every morning to keep an eye out on us. They had a blast in our Christmas wrapping and tree decorating dramatic play area and added gifts under the tree once they were wrapped and decorated with a bow. Our transition into sight words has been very smooth. We have introduced a few words during the month of December, so they can see how the process will work. We will introduce more sight words each month and give them enough time to become comfortable with each one. I will be sending home sight word flash cards after each introduction, so they can continue to practice recognizing them while at home.

I am very excited to get started with our January theme. We will be talking about Dinosaurs! We have so many students who talk about dinosaurs daily and know so much about them already, so I decided to let them explore what it would be like to be a paleontologist and search for dino bones, while at our sensory table. Our dramatic play area will be the perfect place for them to transform themselves into a dinosaur and live how they did. Make sure to watch out for the volcano! We will end the month changing our theme to get ready for Valentines Day. Our dramatic play area will become a sweet shop bakery where they can make and buy sweets that are perfect for Valentines Day. I hope everyone has a fantastic break and happy holiday! See you in 2019!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room
Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen
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It's a new year and we have lots of new things going on and we are so excited. We are going to start working on our addresses. We will be focusing on winter for the month of January and branching off that topic into smaller topics like hibernation, winter animals and snowman. We have lots of different crafts we are going to do for the winter and are hoping to stay warm while doing them. We will also be doing lots of different science experiments. We are going to continue working on our sight words the children are doing a great job learning them and finding them when they are looking at books Miss Mary Ellen and I are so proud. Be sure to check out our sight word train outside our classroom at all the words we have learned. We are going to continue sending home our words for the bang game and keep adding bang cards the children are learning their words so fast by playing the bang game at school and home.

This month we are also excited for Dogs with Dad on January 29th on this day we will have early dismissal. If your child is not planning to attend the dogs with dad event they need to be picked up at 11:30 that day. If they are attending, we will bring them down to the event. After the event is over we will NOT be returning to class if any questions about this please feel free to ask.

We are excited to start a new year with all of our wonderful children and families.

Enrichment
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey
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We have been having so much fun in our enrichment classes talking all about snow. We stacked cups and threw snowballs to knock down our towers, made snow storms in a bottle, talked about polar animals and even did an experiment to see how blubber helps them to stay warm. January 19th is national popcorn day, so I think it is a perfect month to talk about the circus! We will practice our gross motor and fine motor skills by completing games and activities that they perform while in the circus, to see if we have what it takes. We will have some fun with science as we make popcorn hop and blow up a balloon without using our mouths. Circus Bingo is on our list of fun games as well as a circus I spy. We will create fun crafts of animals and food that you would find while at the circus. I love the circus and I hope the kids have fun with this study. The circus is coming to town!

