



Loving Hands Preschool
Newsletter
January 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a relaxing winter break! We are excited to 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 at the programs and for the Polar Express days. We are so appreciative for our volunteers!

A BIG thank you!!!! We collected 53 pair of pajamas for children in need! Scholastic Book Clubs will send a book to go with each pair of pj's to a local shelter!

We are excited to welcome Miss Lindsay back from her Maternity Leave after winter break. We really missed her while she was away! We are excited to announce that Miss Carly will be having a BOY in April! AND.... Miss Jessica is expecting her first child in July!! So many exciting additions to our Loving Hands Preschool family!!!

Registration for our current STUDENTS and members of GUMC for 2018-2019 school year will begin on Tuesday, January 9 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 ½ off their registration fee (\$30) if they register by Friday, Jan. 12.

Registration will begin for **siblings of current students and returning families of LHP** at 8:00am on Tuesday, January 16. Please note: If a family is planning to send their current student AND a sibling to school next year, they will have priority registration beginning on 1/9. 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 2018-2019 school year on Tuesday, January 23 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 15 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 30. It will resume in the Fall. Please save all receipts through 12/30 and return them to school no later than Friday, January 12. 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 29 for our MW3 Orange Room, Green Room, and Purple Room and Tuesday, January 30 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 at 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.

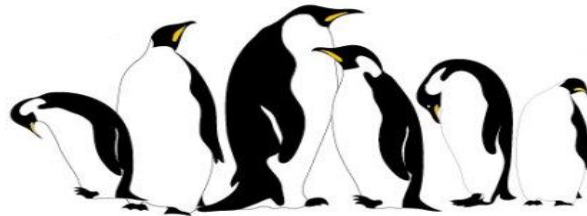
What if my child is not participating in the Dogs with Dad program?

- 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
- 2: NO SCHOOL
- 3: Happy Birthday Amelia C.
- 3/4: Chapel Time with Miss Shannon
- 6: Happy Birthday Aubree R
- 8/9: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 9: Registration begins at 8:00am for CURRENT STUDENTS
- 10: Happy Birthday Ella D
- 11: Happy Birthday Miss Robin
- 11: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 12: ½ off registration fee ends for current students
- 12: turn in all Acme receipts- program will resume in the Fall
- 13: Happy Birthday Vinny A. & Molly K
- 15: Martin Luther King Jr Day- NO SCHOOL
- 15: Happy Birthday Adam B.
- 16: Registration begins at 8:00am for SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS OR RETURNING FAMILIES
- 16: February Tution Due
- 17/18: Chapel Time with Pastor Katie
- 18: Happy Birthday Miss Stacey
- 21: Happy Birthday Frankie B
- 22/23: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 23: Registration begins at 8:00am for new families
- 24: Storytime with Miss Brandie
- 25: Happy Birthday Bella H
- 26: Fire Drill-AM
- 26: Happy Birthday Noof A.
- 28: Happy Birthday Logan L.
- 29: Dogs with Dad for MW3's, Green and Purple Room - 11:30 - NO ENRICHMENT
- 30: Dogs with Dad for TTh3's, Yellow and Blue Room – 11:30- NO ENRICHMENT (early dismissal for Blue Room)
- 30: Happy Birthday Chloe 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 pushing the buttons on the Christmas train set. They practiced positional words by playing with the farm board. They were asked “can you put the pig inside the barn...outside, over, on...” Dramatic play became a stable with a bright star in which they followed to find baby Jesus and his family. 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! HOW SMART ARE THEY!!!!!! 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!

Green Room
Miss Marie & Miss Carolyn
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Happy New Year Green room families! Can you believe it is already 2018?! I hope every one had a wonderful Christmas and was able to spend time with your families over the holidays. We have certainly been making progress in our classroom. I have seen tremendous transformations from academics, social skills and motor skills. During the month of January, we will be focusing on winter activities and exploring the different animals that live in the cold. We will talk about how animals survive in the cold and what we need to do in order to stay warm during these winter months.

Please be practicing letters at home, both uppercase and lowercase. We work on letters every day we are at school even if we do not have a focus letter. Stay warm green room!

Letter focus: Ll, Mm, N,n

Number focus: 9 & 10

Yellow Room
Miss Carly & Miss Kate
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Happy New Year, Yellow Room families! Welcome back to school! We hope you and your child had a wonderful break, and we are excited to jump back into our routine. We will be kicking off January with a fun winter unit to introduce us to the world of weather. We will use watercolors to paint snow in our sensory table, make a cozy letter quilt to ward off the cold temperatures, and learn about winter animals and story-telling to compliment the book "The Mitten" by Jan Brett. The end of the month will bring a SUPER fun superhero theme. We will practice super skills through fine and gross motor activities, as well as learning our phone numbers and addresses. Prepare to be amazed as your child creates their own superhero character, complete with cape and mask to conceal their true identities. At home, you can supplement our activities by practicing phone numbers and home addresses with your child: the more they practice, the more fluent they'll become. Parents can be teachers, too! In fact, we will be celebrating our super fathers on January 30th for Dogs with Dad. Be sure to mark your calendars for this special event!

Enrichment Class
Miss MaryEllen
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. 2018 has arrived and I'm excited to return back from break and start a new year with all of my enrichment friends!

The month of January is going to be a lot of fun! This month our activities will be focused around the theme of winter. We will learn about winter weather and explore the concepts of snow and ice through various art activities. We will paint with ice cubes and make "snow" paint. We will continue to develop and strengthen our fine motor skills while working with "snow" play dough, and we'll practice cutting with scissors by making paper snowflakes. We will learn and explore how animals survive the winter months and how they adapt to colder temperatures through a science experiment. Then we will wrap up the end of the month with a lesson on nursery rhymes. As a reminder, we will not have enrichment class on Monday 1/29 or Tuesday 1/30 due to the Dogs with Dads program.

I'm looking forward to seeing your children and hearing all about their holiday adventures!

Purple Room
Miss Lindsay & Miss Stacey
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I hope everybody had a wonderful, safe break and are ready to return to school! I'm so excited to be back with the kids after my time off with the new baby; I've missed everyone so much and I want to give a huge thank you to Miss Stacey, Miss Carolyn, Miss Kate, and, of course, Miss Shannon for making it possible for me to be off.

Now that I have returned, we are going to really dive into the sight words and start our beginning reader books. I'll be having the students read them to me in class. When I feel like they are ready to show how great they are doing reading, I will have them take it home, so they can read it to their parents, guardians, and whoever else they would like to read it to. They will also be getting a fun bag of their choosing (superheroes-theme, Dory, princess-theme, etc.) to take home the book, a bag of popcorn, and a slip for parents to sign. These are our "Pop and Read" bags. The students love when they get this, and it will help them enjoy reading at home.

Along with the Pop and Read bags, we will be working on rhyming and syllables. We will keep doing numbers up to 25, as well as reviewing the numbers we have already covered. This will be done for letters as well.

This month's theme is Disney and fairytales, so we will be doing some fun activities and crafts to enjoy this topic. The class will be learning how to sequence stories and what it means to be a true story and a fairytale story. They will be thinking about the three wishes that are often in fairytales, and if we had three wishes, what would we wish for.

Blue Room
Miss Jessica & Miss Joyce
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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 snowmen. We have lots of different crafts we are going to do for the winter. We 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 the words and finding them when they are looking at books Miss Joyce and I are so proud! Be sure to check out our sight word train outside of our classroom for 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 bang game at school and home.

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

We are now on Round 2 of our Star Players! Our star players of January are Cali, Jaxson, Liam, Colton. On Wednesday of their week, each student may bring in an item to share with the class.

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

