



Loving Hands Preschool
March 2019

March Dates

- 4/5: Chapel Time with Miss Shannon
- 6: Happy Birthday Hannah H.
- 10: Happy Birthday Hudson R.
- 10: Scholastic Book Fair opens between church services 9:45-11:15
- 11-15: Scholastic Book Fair open during preschool hours (closes at 12:30 on Friday)
- 11/12: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 13: Spring Registration Open House 5:00-6:30
- 14: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 15: Book Fair closes at 12:30
- 17: Happy Birthday Graham N.
- 18/19: Chapel Time with Pastor Katie
- 22: Happy Birthday Logan M.
- 25-29: Spring Break- No School
- 28: Happy Birthday Carter P.

Thank you to all of our families who took the time to come in for conferences. It is so nice to have the opportunity to sit down with each of you without the rush of drop off and pick up! We are so happy with everyone's progress and growth! We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store!

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to share. Miss Carly (Lead Teacher in the Yellow Room and the Orange Room MW pm class teacher) has notified us that she will be accepting a position at a new school, closer to her home in East Canton. Her last day with us will be on Friday, March 8. Parents in her current classes were notified immediately, and coverage for the remainder of the year has been made while we have begun the search for her permanent replacement. Our plan is to have the positions filled by March 13, and be able to invite the new teacher(s) to the Open House for our families to meet. Parents are our biggest resource when searching for reliable candidates (we have never had to run a public ad. We have always found someone related to the program, or a candidate who has been referred by friends of the program), so we hope if you or someone you know may be interested in a teaching position at Loving Hands, that you will send them our way! The positions that we are looking to fill are:

- Monday/Wednesday PM 3's class. The hours would be 11:00-3:00
(Teachers are given 1.5 hours of planning time per day in this position)
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday AM & PM 4's class. The hours would be 8-3 (teachers are given 1.5 hours of planning time, plus ½ hour for lunch per day in this position)
(the 2 above positions could be combined for one person, like Carly has currently done or separated)
- Enrichment Teacher M-TH 11:00-1:30 (Miss Alicia will have a PM TK class next year, and won't be able to continue teaching it. This position officially starts on October 1. (Teachers are given 1 hour of planning time per day for this position).

The top 2 positions are degreed positions, so we are looking for someone who has a Bachelor or AAS in the Education field, or a related field. For the Enrichment Program, we would also appreciate a degreed teacher, but will base off of Early Childhood experience. Loving Hands is always accepting applications. If you would be interested in being notified anytime a position may be available, send your resume to Miss Shannon. I will keep them on file for future reference.

On Wednesday, March 13 from 5:00-6:30pm, Loving Hands Preschool will hold a Meet the Teacher and Registration Open House. This evening is open to new families who are thinking of registering at Loving Hands Preschool, new families that have already registered for next school year, and our current families who would like to come in to visit their classroom or meet their new teachers for next year. Please pass this info onto all of your friends! You can receive \$20 off your tuition for every referral that you send in!

It is time to start thinking about the Trike a Thon! This year the Trike a Thon will be held on Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14 at 11:30 (between morning and afternoon classes. Classes will be held at their normal time both days, but on Monday, it will be an early dismissal day for the Blue Room. We are looking for volunteers to help with the preparations for the fundraiser. There is a volunteer sign up book at the Information Station outside of the preschool office. Please check it out and see if there is anything that you can help us with! This fundraiser allows us to make updates and improvements to the program! Last year, we raised \$11,233!! Over the years, this money allowed us to make improvements that our budget may not otherwise allow, such as replacing all of the

windows in our classrooms (which allow for much better air circulation in the hot months, with no A/C, and much warmer in the winter), replacing the classroom lighting with a more efficient and LED lighting, mats in the muscle room, rubber mulch and a new fence for the playground, new tables and chairs in the classrooms, as well as new furniture pieces and rugs in rooms. Most importantly, we are able to fulfill wishlists for each classroom, for new equipment and supplies for the rooms!!

Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Loving Hands Preschool from Sunday, March 10- Friday, March 15. It will be open between church services and during preschool hours. It will be closing at 12:30 on Friday to allow for clean up. The spring sale is our thank you to our families for all of the support that you show us throughout the year. Rather than earning books/scholastic dollars for the school, we will be offering our families a BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE sale! This applies to ALL items on sale at the fair! It is a great way to stock up on some new books!! This year, the book fair will also be open from 5:00-6:30 during the Open House! The book fair accepts cash, check (made payable to Loving Hands Preschool) and all major credit cards.

We need your help!! In April, the Easter Egg Hunt will be coming up on April 17 & 18. Soon, you will find empty easter eggs outside of the preschool office. If you would be interested in helping, you can grab a bag of eggs, fill them with a treat/prize, and return them back to school by Tuesday, April 2. We can also use additional eggs, so if anyone wants to buy them at the store and fill them, we will gladly accept!! In addition, if you would like to help us hide the eggs, there is a sign up sheet at the information station, outside of the preschool office for both days. Unfortunately, Miss Shannon will be out of the office for an Inservice Training on Thursday, 4/18. Miss Brittney, our Administrative Coordinator will be stepping in to help with the organization of the hunt that day, but I would love to give her lots of additional helpers in the AM and in the PM to help with hiding eggs. A BIG thank you to Amy Dvorak and Libby Marks, who were kind enough to step in to take "bunny" duty that day!!! If you can help, please sign up outside the preschool office.

Did you know that we have a review page on our Facebook page? If you haven't already "liked" our Facebook page, please visit www.facebook.com/LovingHandsPreschool. Please feel free to give us a review!! We hope that you have been happy with your preschool experience at Loving Hands Preschool and will share that with new families!! We share pictures of all the special events going on at school, as well as reminders and updates. Don't use Facebook, we also have Testimonial Page on our Website. You can stop at the Information Station and pick up a Testimonial Page from the file folder labeled Testimonial Page, and fill it out for us to add to our website! You are our BIGGEST supporters, and we need your help to get the word out about the experience you have had while at Loving Hands!

Picture Day will be on Wednesday, April 10 (MW3, Green and Blue) & Thursday, April 11 (TTH3, Yellow, and Purple). There is no class picture during the spring pictures. Picture forms will be sent home soon!



Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey
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Wow! March?! I cannot believe we are talking about March already. February flew by with everything that happened. Thank you to all the parents for coming in for conferences. I really enjoy showing you all how much they have grown and leaned within just a couple short months. I am so proud of all of them for their hard work at home and at school and I love hearing all the stories of what they do to practice. We did a lot of different activities for February that they all really enjoyed. We used a salad spinner to paint hearts and they all turned out so cool. I had a line around my desk of spectators. We also worked with graphing, cutting and pasting. We are just now taking our dive under the sea to begin our exploration. After we hang up our SCUBA tanks and dry off, we will celebrate National Read Across America Week and talk all about Dr Seuss for the first week of March! I love Dr Seuss week and getting into the wacky spirit. To help us get into our Dr Seuss books we will have to dress for the part, of course. Monday- Crazy Hair Day, Tuesday- Top Hat Tuesday (wear a silly hat), Wednesday-Wacky Wednesday (dress in your silliest and wackiest clothes), Thursday- Green Eggs and Clothes Day (wear something green). This is by far, my favorite week of school!

Once we finish with our wacky week, we will switch gears and talk about Spring. I think we are all ready for some warmer weather and what better way to welcome Spring, then with activities and crafts. Our dramatic play area will have them explore what it would be like to be a bee keeper. We talk a lot about bees and what they do, so they will be able to put on their protective hat and gloves and conduct their own bee hive inspection. We will continue to work on letter recognition and sounds, as well as number recognition. More sight words will be coming home, so keep a look out for the flash cards. March will be a short month, with our Spring Break at the end, but it will be a fun filled month, for sure!

Enrichment Classes
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey
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February turned out to be very magical in Enrichment, as we read and explored the world of fairy tales. We used a lot of our fine motor skills to build bridges, decorate crowns and even build our own beanstalks. March will bring sunshine and flowers, with the start of Spring. When you think of sunshine, you must think about ice cream. We will use this month to do activities and crafts all about ice cream! Our math skills will come in handy as we count scoops and match numbered cones. We will make ice cream using simply ingredients that we can find at home and follow it by our own taste test. We will also talk about graphs, letters and patterns using ice cream. Let's get Spring started. I scream, you scream. We all scream, for ice cream!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room
Miss Kate & Miss Carolyn
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Happy March, Yellow Room families! As we slowly inch our way toward Spring, I am so excited to take on the lead role in the classroom. We have so much planned for this month, I can't wait to get started! We will start off by spending a few weeks talking about animals, specifically on zoo and farm animals. In doing so we will identify and make our own zoo animal tracks, create elephants with blowing trunks, do some fluffy sheep painting, and work on our math skills with some counting and sorting activities. We will also try out our ability to move like some of these animals in the muscle room! That should be a fun to see! We will finish out the month with a week on dinosaurs! We will measure our feet vs. a T-Rex and make our own fossils. In between all of this, we will also start working on phone numbers this month too! Don't forget to stop by and see us during Spring Open House on March 13 (and check out your child's room for next year too if they are going on to one of our TK classes). The book fair will be open all that week. This is a great opportunity to stock up on books with read with your child! This month brings an exciting new adventure in the Yellow Room and I can't wait to see how much your children continue to learn and grow here!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room
Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen
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We can't believe how fast February came to an end! Hopefully March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. I hope everyone enjoyed coming to our art show. The children enjoyed showing off their amazing work.

This month is full of lots of excitement. We will begin by celebrating Dr Seuss's birthday we will then spend two weeks talking about Space. We will also start working on shoe tying, so please have the children wear lace shoes to school. The children have been doing a great job on their sight words. Miss Mary Ellen and I are so impressed with how great they are doing. We will keep learning new words and practice reading books. We are going to start sending home our buddy bags which will have easy reader books a buddy to read with and a special snack. After the children have completed the books, please write which words they did well with and which words they had a hard time with. We are also going to continue with beginning addition and subtraction the kids have been catching on well.

Don't forget Spring Break is March 25th to March 29th. Only 2 more months of school, so let's make them great!

Preschool 3's- Orange Room
Miss Ang & Miss Robin/ Miss Shannon & Miss Mary Ellen
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The 3-year-old Valentine parties were so much fun! Thank you parents for all the great plans, donations, and hard work! The children had a wonderful time!

In class, the children were asked "What color is love?" and, "what shape is love?" We also painted hearts with a heart stamper, a cardboard tube shaped like a heart, and a heart shaped cookie cutter. Also in February, our class motto came into play. Our motto is "I think I can, I think I can... I'll try". We read the book *The Little Engine That Could* and learned that it's okay if you're having trouble but instead of saying "I can't" say "I'll try".

We also played with bears (the stuffed variety) and the word *HIBERNATION*. Did you know that mama bears sometimes wake up during hibernation to care for their cubs? The children painted a bear using brown paint and a fork as their medium.

Thank you for sharing your sweet children with us! We love watching them grow, think, and become so engaged in the activities! March brings Dr. Seuss, Transportation, St. Patrick's Day, the OVAL shape, and the color GREEN!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn
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Do you like green eggs and ham? Would you eat them in a house? We will be starting the month of March off with a fun and "rhyme-y" Dr. Seuss week. This is the perfect time for us to focus on rhyming words as we read lots of different books by Dr. Seuss and make lots of silly rhyming pairs! We will wear silly socks and taste green eggs and ham, so be on the lookout for information coming home for this fun and silly week ahead! If you have any Dr. Seuss books at home that your child wants to bring in to share, we would love to borrow them! The Lorax will be our final Dr. Seuss focus and we will discuss the importance of taking care of our Earth, recycling, and saving trees!

Outer space was a blast...we hope you have heard about gravity and the eight planets from your kids at home! I think we have some future astronauts in our green room!!

We are amazed at how much these kids have grown this year...thank you for sharing them with us!

