



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 and be able to invite you into the classroom! 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!

Picture Day will be on Wednesday, March 2 (MW3, Green and Blue) & Thursday, March 3 (TTH3, Yellow, and Purple). There is no class picture during the spring pictures. Like Fall pictures, Buckeye Photo Services will take a picture of all children, and they will be posted on a password protected site. We will send a REMIND when the pictures are available to view. They are typically available for one week. There is no need to preorder or send in any money ahead of time. You can view before you purchase.

We need your help!! The Easter Egg Hunt will be coming up on April 13 & April 14. We are looking for candy/prize donations to fill Easter eggs for the hunts. We have 140 students, so for every 140 pieces of candy, each child gets 1 egg to find. So we will take as many donations as possible! Please remember that we are a nut free school, so please refrain from sending in candy that contains nuts. We won't be able to use it. Please bring in all donations by Friday, April 8. We will be looking for volunteers to help fill eggs on Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12 at drop off time. Anyone who would like to stay is welcome. You will need a mask, and we apologize, but no siblings can stay to help.

Since we had to postpone (Hot) Dogs with Dad in January, we are beginning to look at our reschedule dates for the event. We will be inviting dads to join us for lunch on Monday, April 25 (MW3's, Green and Purple) and Tuesday, April 26 (TTH3's, Yellow and Blue). Both days, the lunch celebration will begin at 11:30. This year, our day will look a little different. Since, unlike our Mother's Day celebration, we aren't able to split the celebration into smaller groups inside because of the time restraints, we excited to offer this fun day as a carhop event!! We did this last year, and it was so much fun!!

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

- AM classes: pick up your child at their normal pick up time.
- PM classes: drop your child off at their classroom at their normal drop off time
- FULL DAY class: pick your child up at 11:20 (early dismissal day on Tuesday). We will have our full day kids picked up at a special door that day if they are not staying. More info will come home later.

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

**It is time to start thinking about the Trike a Thon! This year the Trike a Thon is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 for AM classes, and 12:30 for PM classes. AM classes will start at their normal time, and PM classes will start immediately after the trike a thon, but on Monday, it will be an early dismissal day for the Blue Room full day kids. They will dismiss at the start of their trike a thon (12:30) This fundraiser allows us to make updates and improvements to the program! Last year we raised \$23,064!! 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), our new flooring in the classrooms, replacing the classroom lighting with a more efficient and LED lighting, mats in the muscle room, rubber mulch, a new fence for the playground, new tables and chairs in the classrooms, as well as new furniture pieces and rugs in rooms, and our new sign at the main entrance. Most importantly, we are able to fulfill wishlists for each classroom, for new equipment and supplies for the rooms!! Each child will receive a fundraising packet with information about the Trike a Thon after Spring Break. You will receive mailing labels in the packet, and will be asked to fill out the labels with anyone's name that you would like to receive a letter from your child. The letter will be personalized with your child's picture and signature, and labels will not be used for any other purpose than to send to your sponsors. It is so much fun!! More info will be coming out in the April Newsletter.

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 a Testimonial Page on our Website. You can stop at the Information Station, outside the preschool office 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! We would love to be able to update some reviews/testimonials with our current students!

Dates for March

- 2: Picture day (MW3, Green, Blue)
- 2: Happy Birthday Mila L
- 3: Picture day (TTH3, Yellow, Purple)
- 4: Happy Birthday Aria L
- 8: Happy Birthday Bryce R
- 9: Story time with Miss Brandie from the Green Library
- 14/15: Chapel Time with Pastor Katie
- 16: April Tuition Due
- 17: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am
- 17: Happy Birthday Owen P
- 21-April 3: Spring Break (classes resume week of April 4)
- 24: Happy Birthday David T
- 29: Happy Birthday Cora B
- 30: Happy Birthday Eris W
- 31: Happy Birthday Will F

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Wow! Where has the year gone? We are heading into another month with only few left. Our February was extremely busy. Miss Shannon and I are so grateful for all that took the time to come in for conferences, we know how incredibly busy your schedules are. Thank you to ALL the volunteers who came in and helped us with our Valentine parties. We also got the chance to talk about President's Day, and why we celebrate it. I'm sure you heard all about our dinosaurs and that the groundhog saw his shadow!! Heading into March, green will be the color of the month, and the diamond will be the shape. That pesky leprechaun will come and visit just before Spring break, with a fun filled week of celebrating St .Patrick's Day! Just a reminder, Spring break is from March 18th - April 3rd.

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Jess
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February flew by as we learned all about outer space! We hope you were able to check out our own planets in the hallway that we created and described! Would you enjoy a visit to the planet called Cotton Candy where everything is pink and fluffy and tastes sweet? Or, how about a mission to Toy Story 4 planet where everything is made of toys!! We had such a BLAST discovering life without gravity and learning the names of the planets in order from the sun! We also spent time discovering dinosaurs! We went on a dinosaur egg hunt to find eggs with baby dinosaurs wearing the letters of the alphabet on them. It was a challenge to see how many "dino letters" we could find!

Our Valentines Party was very fun and I know all the friends enjoyed all the hard work and time from the parents!! We loved seeing all the different individual Valentine cards that are so unique and creative.

Do you like green eggs and ham? Would you eat them in a boat? In March we will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss! We will discover all kinds of rhymes and crazy characters that he uses in many of these silly books! Look for the different themed days coming up for that fun week! *The Lorax* is a special book that explains the importance of recycling and taking care of our world. This will wrap up the Dr. Seuss celebration and take us into Earth Day. We will talk about recycling, reducing, and reusing as we watch spring appear outside!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room
Miss Kate & Miss Tina
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Hello Yellow Room families! Goodness, these months keep flying faster and faster! It is hard to believe that we are already headed into March. This month we will continue our rhyming fun with more Dr. Suess books. Don't forget to check the calendar for a couple more of those participation days. Then, we will transition into a unit on Community Helpers. We will talk about some fun jobs and all the different ways they aid our community. Our goal is to finish off the alphabet before Spring Break, so we will work on letters, V, W, X, Y, and Z. We will continue to review numbers and discuss what comes after 20. Our shape is the oval. This month we will also start to have a few Mystery Readers come to visit. It's sure to be a super fun month!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey
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Thank you to all those who helped with the Valentine's Day party and came in for conferences. I really enjoyed showing you all how much they have grown and learned within just a couple short months. I am so proud of all of them for their hard work at home and at school. We used February to introduce more sight words, work on our numbers and how we show kindness and love toward each other. Beginning in March, we will celebrate National Read Across America Week and talk all about Dr Seuss. This, by far, is my favorite theme and I love to get into the wacky spirit! We will begin our study by dedicating an entire week to wackiness. Each day we will have a different silly attire to come to school in. As February's calendar showed, Monday February 28th will be Crazy Hair Day. Tuesday will be Silly Hat Day. Wednesday will be Wacky Wednesday (dress in your silliest and wackiest clothes). Thursday will be Green Eggs and Clothes Day (wear anything green). These dress up days are voluntary, and they do not need to participate if they choose not to. We will use March to continue to work on letter and number recognition along with letter sounds. 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!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room
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This month is full of lots of excitement. We will begin by celebrating Dr Seuss's birthday with lots of fun crazy days to dress up. They are all listed on our Calendar. This is one of my favorite weeks. Picture Day will be during this week on Wednesday March 2nd!

We will then talk about dinosaurs which will finish our last 2 weeks of March! This is another one of my favorites lots of fun crafts, games and science experiment's to be done during this theme!!! We will be digging up some fossils and creating our own!

We are going to introduce 3d shapes and begin some easy math problems. We are going to 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, so we are going to start working on reading our easy reader books and creating our own sentences.

I am going to begin sending home our reading bags. Each bag will consist of 2-3 easy reader books a special snack and a special reading buddy!!! There will also be a little note in there from Miss Jessica. I would love to hear parent feedback from the parents on how their child did with reading their books!!

Remember Spring Break is March 21st through April 1st!!!! Hopefully warm weather is approaching soon!