



Loving Hands Preschool  
May 2018  
Newsletter

Wow!!! It is hard to believe that it is May!!! What an exciting year this has been! We have a month crammed full of fun events!

**Enrichment** will be offered on a limited basis in May. It will be offered on May 1,7,8,9,10,16,17,21 & 22. There will be a sign up sheet at the information station, outside of the Preschool Office for anyone interested in signing up for some or all of these days.

Our **Mother's Day Tea** will be on Wednesday, May 2 at 10:00am for our Orange MW, Green and Purple Rooms. Our Orange TTH, Blue and Yellow Room Tea will be on Thursday, May 3 at 10:00am. There will be no school on EITHER of these days for all students. Students can be brought to their classroom at 9:50am and moms (or a special woman in your child's life) can join us in the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) for the tea. The children will perform songs and we invite you to stay for a light brunch.

Miss Shannon and Miss Robin will be hosting a **Mom's Day Off** on Friday, May 4 from 11:30-3:00. This is similar to our Drop-n-Shop at Christmas time. We have an option for all students who would like to attend! There is a sign up sheet at the Information Station.

- Students who attend school on Friday mornings: your child can stay after preschool and attend MDO. That will extend their day from 9:00-3:00 that day. The cost of this option is \$20.
- Students who attend school on Friday afternoons: your child can arrive at school at 11:30 and stay with us for MDO until preschool starts at 12:30. The cost of this option is \$10.
- Students who do not attend school on Fridays: your child can come to school from 11:30-3:00. The cost of this option is \$20.

Lunch will be included for all students. Mother's Day crafts and games will be played, as well as ending the day with a movie and popcorn.

The letters have been mailed and we are excited to get the treasure box out as the donations begin coming in! The **Trike-a-Thon** will be held at 11:30 on Monday, May 14 (Blue Room, Orange Room MW, Green Room AM & PM) and on Tuesday, May 15 (Purple Room AM & PM, Yellow Room AM & PM, and Orange Room TTh AM & PM). All half day preschool classes will run as normal on these days, but Full Day pre-k will dismiss at 11:30 for the Trike a Thon on Monday (They will have a regularly scheduled day on Tuesday).

At 11:30, AM families participating in the Trike a Thon will meet at the parking lot once they have picked up their child from preschool. The Trike a Thon will begin with a warm up with Miss Angelina and announcements. Please do not allow your child to begin riding until we have had time to warm up. PM children wishing to participate should arrive at school at 11:30, as well. At the conclusion of the Trike a Thon, they will be dismissed to go with their teachers to class.

Local businesses have donated food items for the Trike a Thon, so a small "lunch" will be provided to each child. Children MUST have a helmet on to participate in the Trike a Thon. We encourage families to create signs to cheer on your child as they ride around the track!! All preschool children will earn a medal for participating!

**Our last classroom days** for the 2017-18 school year will be on Monday, May 21 for our Green Room and MW3's and Tuesday, May 22 for our Yellow Room, TTH 3's, Blue Room and Purple Room.

We are sad to see so many of our friends moving on to Kindergarten in the fall!! And excited to see some of our friends returning for Transitional-K next year! We will celebrate all of their accomplishments at our Pre-K and T-K graduations:

- This year, our **Blue Room and Purple Room Transitional-K** classes will celebrate **graduation** on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30. Your child may be brought to their classroom at 6:20 (please make sure to stop off at the potty before dropping them in the classroom. We don't want anyone to have to take a potty break during the ceremony!). The ceremony will be in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited down to the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) for an ice cream social afterwards! Please turn in your RSVP form to the Preschool office paperwork basket by Monday, May 14 (coming home soon!!)

- Our **Green and Yellow Room Pre-K** classes will celebrate **graduation** on Wednesday, May 23 at 10:00am. Your child may be brought to their classroom at 9:50 (please make sure to stop off at the potty before dropping them in the classroom. We don't want anyone to have to take a potty break during the ceremony!). The ceremony will be in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited down to the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) for a cake reception afterwards! Please turn in your RSVP form to the Preschool office paperwork basket by Monday, May 14 (coming home soon!).

Our **Orange Room 3's** classes will celebrate the end of the year with a **picnic** on Thursday, May 24, from 10:00-12:00. We will have Mike Salvino, a balloon maker & magician there to celebrate with us. He has joined us for the last 6 school years. Occasionally there is an accidental popped balloon, but the kids have always really enjoyed him!! The picnic will be outside in the pavilion (weather permitting...it will be in the muscle room if needed). It is requested for everyone to bring a covered dish and their own table setting (fork, spoons, plates, napkins). Loving Hands will provide the hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. We also request that everyone bring a picnic blanket along. If our picnic is moved indoors due to weather, we will set our blankets up in the Fellowship Hall, or if there is not enough picnic table space, we can use them outdoors too! Please RSVP for this event by Wednesday, May 16 (invites coming home soon!). This is a great way to say goodbye to our friends for the summer and meet new friends (and teachers!!) who may be in our class next year!!

### May Dates

- 1: Happy Birthday Liam B
- 2: Mother's Day Tea for MW3's, Green Room and Purple Rooms 10:00
- 3: Happy Birthday Miss Shannon
- 3: Mother's Day Tea for TTH3's, Yellow Room and Blue Room 10:00
- 4: Happy Birthday Paxton P
- 4: Mom's Day Off 11:30-3:00
- 6: Happy Birthday Cameron V
- 9/10: Chapel time with Pastor Katie
- 10: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 13: Happy Mother's Day
- 14/15: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 14: Trike a Thon for MW3's, Green and Blue Rooms @ 11:30 (early dismissal for Blue)
- 15: Trike a Thon for TTH3's, Yellow and Purple Rooms @ 11:30
- 18: Happy Birthday Jaxson B
- 21: Last class day for MW3's and Green Room
- 22: Last Class day for TTH3's, Yellow, Blue and Purple Rooms
- 22: Transitional Kindergarten Graduation (Purple and Blue Rooms) @ 6:30pm
- 23: Pre-Kindergarten Graduation (Yellow and Green Rooms) @ 10:00am
- 24: Preschool Picnic (Orange Room) @ 10:00-12:00
- 27: Happy Birthday Micah C.
- 28: Memorial Day
- 29: Happy Birthday Graham B
- 30: Happy Birthday Liam S
- 31: Happy Birthday Tyler D



Orange Room  
Miss Ang & Miss Robin  
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Hello Parents! April brought "Growing Things" into focus as we planted sunflower seeds. The children noticed that some seeds were the same and some were different. As they grew, they noticed that they were each a little different in size. Some took much longer to grow than others. They learned what soil is and all the other things a sunflower needs to grow. It was definitely a joy to watch curiosity and wonder in the children during this project.

The children have also been preparing for Mother's Day! I won't tell you exactly what they've been working on as it would ruin the surprise, but I will say fine motor skills were worked, math skills practiced, language skills have become more complex, and persistence stretched.

In May we will celebrate our Mom's, introduce the pledge of allegiance, review the parts of a book, the best way to take care of a book, and the job of the author and illustrator. We will pull out the play tools, workshop and BBQ toys for the pretend play area and add a putt putt golf course to the block area to tempt Spring into summer fun.

Green Room Pre-K  
Miss Marie & Miss Carolyn  
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Hello green room families! I cannot believe it is May already! We have been making tremendous progress in the green room this year. I am extremely happy and excited with the results I have seen. During the last month of the school, we will be focusing on finishing up the ocean unit and talk about Summer and what we can do to protect ourselves from the heat! We will talk about the weather and the different seasons throughout the year. I believe this will be a good wrap up to our school year because I know they will be getting anxious as we approach the end of the school year. We have been working hard to memorize our phone numbers however I have been allowing them to each go at their own pace. We will be memorizing our street addresses as we consistently know our phone numbers. This is a before class and end of class activity daily so it helps to practice at home as well. Thank you for another successful month at school!

Yellow Room Pre-K  
Miss Kate (& Miss Mary Ellen & Miss Joyce)  
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Happy May, Yellow Room Families! It is hard to believe we are in our last month of school! This year has gone so quickly and we have learned so much! Before we say good-bye for the summer, though, we have so many exciting things planned for this month. We will begin with some fun projects to help the students learn their addresses and phone numbers. We have been working on phone numbers diligently since Spring Break and the children are making fantastic progress! Keep practicing at home! To round out the month we will be discussing exercise and why it is so necessary! This will include some much needed "brain breaks," yoga fun and "hot lava" games. We will also be reviewing our numbers and letters.

It's a busy month, so don't forget to mark your calendars with Mother's Day Tea, Trike-a-thon, and graduation!

A great big thank you to Miss Mary Ellen and Miss Joyce for joining in the Yellow Room fun and helping things run so smoothly!

Blue Room TK  
Miss Jessica & Miss Joyce  
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Wow the school year is coming to end. We couldn't be more blessed to have had an awesome school year with all of you. For the month of May we have so much fun stuff going on. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our Mother's Day Tea at 10:00am. There is no school that day so please bring your child to the classroom at 9:50am and we will bring them down to the muscle room. On May 14 will be our annual Trike a Thon it will began at 11:30. The day of the Trike a Thon you may bring your child's bike and helmet to school when your drop your child off in the morning or when you come at 11:30am for the race. We will have early dismissal that day so when the Trike a Thon is over we will not return to class. Our graduation will take place on May 22 it will be at 6:30pm but we would like the children to arrive at 6:15pm to our classroom. May 23<sup>rd</sup> will also be our last day of class. ☺ For the last month of school we will be talking about Summer and Getting ready for kindergarten. We look forward to spending this last month with all of you!!

Purple Room TK  
Miss Lindsay and Miss Stacey  
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May is here! I can't believe this is the last month of school! It has gone so fast and it won't slow down in May. This month is such a busy month with all of our fun events—Mother's Day Tea, Trike-a-thon, our beach party, and graduation!

This month we will discuss oceans! I love this theme and the kids are always so excited to learn about all the different animals that live in the ocean. We will focus on the different layers of the ocean, the different animals, what's the difference between salt water fish and pond fish, Pirates, sharks, the beach and much more!

Students will be wrapping up their numbers, sight words and all their big academics they have taken on in the last month. I think the students have gotten a good grasp on the reading aspect and will be ready to go to Kindergarten. They did such a great job last month when we touched on our money and our middle sounds, which are hard topics, so this month we will do a lot more fun art, games and work on getting our "Kindergarten Jitters" out. The class knows it's coming, so we will be having group discussions about what to expect and explaining they should not be scared! Kindergarten is a fun place to be and it means they are growing as little human beings!

On the 17<sup>th</sup> will be our beach party. This is one of my favorite events that we do as our last big hurrah before graduation. It is a nice day to relax and have a fun day in class! We start out with fun games, like musical beach towels and ring toss. During centers, we

have sand, water, and other beach games they may play with. If it's warm enough outside, we will be playing outside too! Then we will be watching some of our beach movie, "Moana", with popcorn as our snack. We also do popsicles and ice cream! You're welcome to donate anything to our beach party. Things we may need are: water toys (no water guns, please), bubbles, sunglasses, flower leis, Hawaiian punch, and any decorations you wish to donate.

Enrichment Class

Miss Mary Ellen

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Happy springtime enrichment families! It's hard to believe that this is our last month of enrichment. We have had so much fun this year and although the school year is winding down we will be very busy this month. Due to the various special events that take place this time of year enrichment will only be offered on the following days 5/1, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10, 5/16, 5/17, 5/21 and 5/22. We will continue to learn about nature as we spring into the month of May. We will focus on the themes of plants, animals, the ocean environment, and the summer time season. We'll label the the parts of a plant and learn how plants take in water through their roots by conducting a simple science experiment using celery and colored water. Then we'll learn about ocean animals and play an ocean animal riddle game and make our own "ocean" in a bottle craft project. Finally we will celebrate the end of the school year by doing some fun summer themed activities including bubbles, boats, rockets and a tie dyed art project using liquid watercolors and baby wipes. Here's to a great last month of enrichment!

