



The staff at Loving Hands Preschool is grateful that we have such a wonderful group of children and parents in our program! We are thankful for each and every one of you! We hope each of you has a blessed Thanksgiving!

It is almost time for Daylight Savings Time to end. Don't forget to **turn your clocks back** one hour on Sunday, November 5.

It is almost time for the **Halloween Party**, Monday, October 30 & Tuesday, October 31. The parade will begin as soon as all children have arrived to school. All families are welcome to stay for the parade. You may also pass out treats to the students if you would like! Just a reminder: all treats should be nut-free! Since we have children in our program with other dietary restrictions as well, small toys are also a great idea!! It is always so fun to see the kids dressed in their costumes! If you are not planning to stay for the parade/party, please note that our dismissal time is ½ hour earlier on party days!! AM children will dismiss at 11:00am, PM children will dismiss at 2:30pm. Please be on time to pick up your child. There will be NO ENRICHMENT for any students either of these party days. **FOR OUR FULL DAY CHILDREN**: please pack your child's costume (or bring it with you at 12:15 if you plan to help your child get dressed before the parade). Please let Miss Jessica and Miss Joyce know if you are planning to help your child, so they will know who will still need assistance! **For our Transitional Kindergarten classes (Purple/Blue)**, it is only early dismissal for these classes on Tuesday (party day). It will be normal dismissal on Monday (Purple/Blue only).

Our Pre-K and T-K classes had a great time on their field trips! Thank you to all the family members who participated in the field trip!

Loving Hands Preschool has BABY FEVER!! We would like to congratulate Miss Lindsay on the upcoming birth of her daughter, Linlee Jennifer. Miss Lindsay began her maternity leave on Monday, October 23, and is "patiently" waiting for Linlee's arrival. She is hoping to return to school before Christmas. During this time, Miss Kate (M/W) and Miss Carolyn (T/TH) have graciously stepped up to assist Miss Stacey in the Purple Room in the AM. We would also like to congratulate Miss Carly as she is also expecting!! Miss Carly and her husband will be expecting their first child in mid-April. In addition to the babies that we will be welcoming to the world during this school year, Miss Ang and her family are preparing to adopt 2 girls (ages 6 & 8). Please keep the Ritchie's in your prayers that this process goes smoothly for them and they may soon turn their family of 5 into a family of 7!! We are so excited to welcome these new additions for Miss Lindsay, Miss Carly and Miss Ang!!!

The **Thanksgiving Feasts** will be on Tuesday, November 21 for TTH3's, Yellow Room AM/PM4's & on Wednesday, November 22 for TTh3's, Green AM/PM4's, Purple Room and Blue Rooms. Children should pack snack as they normally would. On the day of the feast, we will all come together in the Parlor for Chapel time with Miss Shannon and eat snack as a group. It is a great way to thank God for all that he has given us!!

The month of November, we will be collecting taxable items for donation to **Green Good Neighbors**. Green Good Neighbors hosts the food/clothing bank here at Greensburg United Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings. Did you know that there is a clothing shed here on the church's property? Next time you are cleaning out your closet, you can bring your donations to the shed on your way to preschool! GGN accepts all household donations, as well. Those items can be brought to the back of the building on Wednesday mornings. There is even someone there to help unload your car! For the month of November we will have boxes outside of the Preschool Office to collect the following items: TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, LAUNDRY SOAP, SHAVING CREAM, FEMININE PRODUCTS, TOILET PAPER, DEODORANT, DIAPERS and WIPES. Thank you in advance for all of your donations! GGN always accepts food or monetary donations, as well.

On Wednesday, November 29 at 1:00, Brandie Reedy from the Green Library will be here for a preschool **storytime**. These dates were not originally added to calendar. If your child does not attend school on Wednesday afternoons, but you would like to come and join the storytime, you are more than welcome. It will be in the Parlor (across from the Sanctuary). Each month, storytime is offered at a different time to allow everyone to attend throughout the school year. Enrichment students who are being picked up at 1:00 are also welcome to stay after dismissal for storytime!! Interested in trying out our **Enrichment** class? Sign up for December and receive a discount. For the month of December, Enrichment will be \$50 for students attending 2 days per week, \$75 for children attending 4 days per week, and \$30 for our PM students. The class meets with Miss Mary Ellen on Monday/Wednesday in the Yellow Room and in the Green Room on Tuesday/Thursday. Payment due by November 16.

Mark your calendars: Our **Christmas Programs** are just around the corner! All family members and friends are invited to these performances.

Monday, December 11 at 11:45am- M/W Orange Room classes

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm- Green and Purple Rooms

Tuesday, December 12 at 11:45am- T/TH Orange Room classes

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm- Yellow and Blue Rooms

For our Orange Room programs: AM families: rather than picking your child up from class on your day, please make your way to the Sanctuary for the program. PM families, please arrive to the Orange Room no earlier than 11:35 to drop your child off and then make your way to the Sanctuary. The PM3's class will be dismissed to their preschool class AFTERWARDS. On that day, we ask that the PM children pack a lunch instead of a snack. The students will eat lunch in their classroom in place of snack time.

For our Pre-K and T-K classes, please arrive to your child's classroom no earlier than 6:15 on the evening of the program.

For all programs: Families are invited to the Music Room after all performances for cookies and punch! Each class will be requesting donations from families for items for the program. (This info will be shared again in the December Newsletter, but we want to allow you to plan ahead)

**Orange Room AM classes: One Gallon of orange punch (by Thursday, Dec 7)**  
**Orange Room PM class: 2 liter of Sprite (By Thursday, December, 7)**  
**Green Room classes: 1 dozen cookies (NO NUTS) by Monday, December 11**  
 (please bring at drop off, so we can begin plating cookies for morning programs)  
**Yellow Room classes: 1 dozen cookies (NO NUTS!) by Tuesday, Dec. 12**  
 (please bring at drop off, so we can begin plating cookies for morning programs)  
**Blue Room: 1 box of crackers by Thursday, December 7**  
**Purple Room: cheese (can be 1 brick, cubed, sliced) by Thursday, December 7**



What's happening in our classrooms.....

**Orange Room**  
**Miss Ang & Miss Robin**  
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Hello Orange Room Parents! It's hard to believe it's November already! October was such a fun and busy month. The days certainly go by quickly.

The 3 year olds have had fun using counting cubes to count the letters in their name. This activity has not only helped with name recognition, but focused on one-one correspondence as well. They have also been working on pre-reading skills, such as tearing and cutting paper, using their pinching fingers for various art activities and carefully following lines with their pointing finger as they follow a left to right progression. They have been working on understanding patterns, playing with triangles and the fact that all triangles have 3 sides. They are so smart! These are just a few things we have done.

Many of the children have been talking about the show *Paw Patrol*, so, as we move into November we will have fun learning more about patterning, number recognition, pre-reading skills... through this theme. We will also play with the color brown and our shape of the month is a square. The children have really become great friends with each other and continue to work on empathy and understanding of how everyone of us is so different yet so alike. The children will also be talking about gratitude, the first Thanksgiving, and our own Thanksgiving traditions.

Miss Robin and I feel very blessed to have such wonderful children, and families, in class. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's life.



We have had another successful month of school! I am thoroughly enjoying working with all of your children. It amazes me how fast they have picked up the routines and ways of our school. They are definitely a very intelligent group of kids. We have been learning all about dinosaurs such as how big they are, how long ago they lived and how fast they were! During the month of November, we will be focusing on transportation and community helpers. We will talk about how we can help out our communities (just in time for Thanksgiving!). They have started the routine of writing their names as part of their morning routine so they should be consistently writing their name in no time if they have not already hit this target. Working on this at home is greatly appreciated especially stressing that the first letter is capital or uppercase with the following being lowercase. We will also be playing the bucket game to start recognizing and making the sounds of letters. The bucket game is a small game in which they choose a letter from the bucket and if they answer correctly they get to keep the letter as a point and at the end of the game, whoever has the most gets to choose a prize from our classroom treasure chest. Again, practicing this at home is definitely helpful! Please continue to keep an eye on our classroom calendar for their special days or days that we do not have class. Lastly, have you signed up for our classroom Remind account? If not, ask me how and I will gladly help! Let's have another wonderful month of school and Happy Thanksgiving Loving Hands families! November focuses: Letters- Gg, Hh, Ii  
 Numbers- 5 & 6

**Yellow Room-PreKindergarten**  
**Miss Carly & Miss Kate**  
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Happy November, Yellow Room families! Fall is finally in full swing, and we have spent the last month getting into the best parts of the season. We hope your child had a blast during our Halloween parties! November will start off with a roar as we spend the first two weeks learning all about dinosaurs. We will discover fossils in our sensory sand box and create our own with model magic clay, as well as design unique pterodactyls and find out how many of our shoes fit inside a T-Rex's footprint! Look up Koo Koo Kanga Roo's "Dinosaur Stomp" and Laurie Berkner's "We Are the Dinosaurs" to get acquainted with our Jurassic jams!

We will end the month with a unit on Thanksgiving and the feelings we associate with the holiday. First, we will make bracelets that correspond with the story of the first Thanksgiving, each bead representing a piece of the history. We will discuss what we are thankful for and illustrate that on placemats to be used at our Thanksgiving Feast on November 21st. Everyone will also create their own turkey hat to wear at the feast. Food will not

