



Happy Thanksgiving

From all of us at
Loving Hands Preschool
November 2018

The staff at Loving Hands Preschool is Thankful that we have such a wonderful group of children and parents in our program! We are blessed to have each one of you in our lives! We hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving.

It is almost time for Daylight Savings Time to end. Don't forget to **turn your clocks back** one hour on Sunday, November 4.

It is almost time for the **Halloween Party**, Tuesday, October 30 & Wednesday, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 Wednesday (party day). It will be normal dismissal on Tuesday (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!

The **Thanksgiving Feasts** will be on Monday, November 19 for MW3's, Green Room AM/PM4's and Blue Room & on Tuesday, November 20 for TTh3's, Yellow AM/PM4's, and Purple Room. 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 Tuesday, November 27 at 1:15, 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 Tuesday 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 with their parents 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, \$90 for children attending 4 days per week, and \$35 for our PM students. The class meets with Miss Alicia on Monday/Wednesday in the Yellow Room and with Miss Mary Ellen 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 10 at 11:45am- M/W Orange Room classes

Monday, December 10 at 6:30pm- Green and Purple Rooms

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

Tuesday, December 11 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 Muscle 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: 1 box of crackers by Thursday, December 6

Orange Room PM class: cheese (can be 1 brick, cubed, sliced) by Thursday, December 6

Green Room classes: 1 dozen cookies (NO NUTS) by Monday, December 10

(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. 11
(please bring at drop off, so we can begin plating cookies for morning programs)
Purple Room: One Gallon of orange punch (by Thursday, Dec 6)
Blue Room: 2 liter of Sprite (By Thursday, December, 6)*

November Dates

3: Happy Birthday Miss Joyce
6: Election Day- No School (Green Schools Closed)
6: Happy Birthday Cassidy Z.
7/8: Chapel Time with Pastor Katie
8: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
10: Happy Birthday Evan P.
12/13: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
16: December Tuition Due
19: Thanksgiving Feast/Chapel Time with Miss Shannon for MW3's, Green and Blue Rooms
20: Thanksgiving Feast/Chapel Time with Miss Shannon for TTH3's, Yellow and Purple Rooms
21-26: Thanksgiving Break (school resumes on Tuesday, November 27)
24: Happy Birthday Miss Ang & Mackenzie B.
27: Storytime with Miss Brandie from the Green Library 1:15pm
27: Happy Birthday Elliana S.
29: Happy Birthday Jackson W.



Preschool 3's - Orange Room

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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 old's have had fun using 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 (foundational math). They have also been working on pre-reading skills such as tearing and cutting paper, using their pinching fingers for various art activities, carefully following lines with their pointing finger, and using writing tools to write their name with care to follow a left to right progression. The daily calendar helps as well as we follow a left to right progression as we count. The children have been working on understanding patterns, playing with triangles and the fact that all triangles have 3 sides. October activities include making scarecrows using various shapes, painting crows, singing counting songs, exploring a real pumpkin, journaling, and painting an ear of corn with a real corn cob as our medium. My favorite part of the day is circle time! Reading their facial expressions are priceless! They are so engaged and eager to learn!

November brings more learning through fun! We will 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 will 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, Miss Carly, Miss Mary Ellen 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.

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn

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November is the time of year when we are reminded to be thankful! We are so thankful for the chance to learn and grow with your children. Each one is special and we love watching them grow and discover new things every day. The children have started thinking about their own special gifts and talents and what they love about themselves. We read a book called "I Like Me," and then created self portraits and finished the sentence, "I like me because..."

We will also spend time this month learning about the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims and Native Americans, and will celebrate our own Thanksgiving Feast together. We will discuss helping others and being thankful. Kindness and sharing will be character traits we will discuss and continue to practice this month! We will still focus on more letters and their sounds, and begin to put some of our sounds together and see what happens! Also, we will practice counting and discovering number comparisons using many fun manipulatives! We will be starting many number-sense games and activities in our daily learning centers, like counting apples in the baskets and filling and counting a ten frame with fun erasers!

We are looking forward to another fun month filled with learning and growing together in the Green room! We are thankful for you and your children!

Pre-Kindergarten=TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Carly & Miss Kate

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Happy November, Yellow Room families! Things are moving along quickly in our classroom. After a very busy October filled with fun and festivities, November will be a little more observational in order to prepare for assessments in December. We will begin a unit based around Thanksgiving, sharing, friendship, and thankfulness. We will make memory bracelets to help us remember the history of Thanksgiving, and use our engineering skills in a fun STEM activity that will pose the question of how to move a turkey feather across the room using various tools. We will prime our fine motor skills by sticking feathers in a food strainer, and create the perfect Thanksgiving dinner plate. In addition, we will discuss thankfulness: why we are thankful, who and what we are thankful for, and how we show our gratitude to God.

Before holiday break, we will have a Thanksgiving feast with the rest of the school during Chapel with Miss Shannon. The students are to bring their usual snack; no special food is necessary. We will end the month by beginning a unit on fairy tales!

On November 15th, we will explore the color yellow, so please make sure to have your child wear something yellow to school. We will take a class photo of everyone wearing the color of the month!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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October was such a jam-packed month and we had so much fun! We continued reviewing our letters, numbers and shapes every day with exciting activities and games. We took a deeper look into apples and pumpkins by investigating them inside and out. Everyone really enjoyed our new sensory bin and they had fun in our apple orchard picking and selling apples. November will start with our hibernation theme. We will talk about which animals hibernate during the winter and which animals migrate during the winter. We will transform our dramatic play area into a cozy cave for our little "bears" to explore how it feels to hibernate. The end of November will be all about Thanksgiving. We will use this time to talk about what we are most thankful for, make our own colorful turkeys, and talk about the Mayflower. This month we will still concentrate on letters and letter sounds. This will help us prepare for the introduction of sight words in December. Ms

Stacey and I have so much to be thankful for this November and we cannot wait to celebrate Thanksgiving with our wonderful Purple Room family!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Joyce

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Wow, can't believe how fast these months are flying by! The children are working so hard. Miss Joyce and I are very proud. We have been working on writing our first and last names and identifying the letters, Letter A- L, Numbers 1-5, shapes, colors, rhyming and opposites. We hope you enjoyed coming to open house and seeing all the children's hard work. We want to thank all the parents for their hard work for the Halloween Party. We are excited to celebrate!

We are going to start working on Sight Words. We will do two sight words per week. When we begin our sight words, we will start sending home cards for the bang game, so your child can practice their sight words by playing the game at home. As we start to learn more sight words we will start sending home buddy bags, so the children can read some easy reader books with you or a special buddy.

Our themes for this month are farm animals, turkeys, Thanksgiving and our five senses. We have so many fun activities planned for all of themes and so much to learn I can't wait to see what the month of November brings. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and doesn't eat too much. Miss Joyce and I are thankful for our ten little turkeys. ☺

Enrichment- MW- Yellow Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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We had so much fun getting to know each other during our first month of enrichment. We played "eye spy" in the apple orchard and practiced counting and writing numbers. Our apple tree art turned out very appropriate for fall with our orange, red and yellow leaves. November will begin by exploring pumpkins, taking a closer look inside them and using them for a very bubbly science experiment. We will end November talking about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. Our turkey pinecones will be a perfect centerpiece for Thanksgiving dinner. I can't wait to see what my enrichment friends are thankful for this school year!

Enrichment-TTH-Green Room

Miss Mary Ellen & Miss Stacey

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Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that October is already over. We've had a very busy first month in enrichment. The students are having lots of fun learning and making friends as they explore a new classroom environment. I'm enjoying spending time with your children and they are adjusting nicely to the new routine.

The themes for this month will include the autumn season, pumpkins, turkeys and Thanksgiving. First we will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and do an art activity using mini pumpkins. Then we'll become scientists as we ask questions and make predictions and observations while we conduct a pumpkin themed science experiment. Next we will focus on the autumn season and talk about the seasonal changes we notice this time of year. During this lesson we'll do a fun fall themed fine motor activity as we practice using scissors while cutting leaves. As we get closer to Thanksgiving we will sing festive songs about turkeys like "The Turkey Pokey" and "I'm a Little Turkey" (sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot"). We'll also play some games which focus on math concepts, and we'll read several books about Thanksgiving and learn about the first Thanksgiving feast. Finally we will focus our attention on the important values of this holiday such as gratitude and spending time with family. May all of our enrichment families have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

