



Loving Hands Preschool

November 2020

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!

We just want to take a moment to thank each family for participating in our first Trunk or Treat event. With Covid regulations, we were so sad to think of parties/parades without our parent helpers, but having the Trunk or Treat, was a great substitution. A little normalcy for our families in a crazy, different time was much needed! Thank you to all the parents who helped plan activities for our kids to do on their party days. There was so many great activities planned. The kids are sure to have a wonderful day!

It is almost time for Daylight Savings Time to end. Don't forget to **turn your clocks back** one hour on Sunday, November 1.

The **Thanksgiving Feasts** will be on Monday, November 23 for MW3's and Green Room AM/PM4's & on Tuesday, November 24 for TTh3's, Yellow AM/PM4's, Purple and Blue Room. Children should pack snack as they normally would. On the day of the feast, we will all come together in the Muscle Room for Chapel time with Miss Shannon and eat snack as a group. We will utilize the entire room to still keep our classes in small groups and social distance from the other rooms. We are just excited to get to share this time with our other classrooms. It is a great way to thank God for all that he has given us!!

Green Good Neighbors hosts the food/clothing bank here at Greensburg United Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings. Next time you are cleaning out your closet, you can bring your donations to the church on your way to preschool! Those items can be brought to the back of the building on Wednesday mornings, before and after preschool. 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 "taxable" 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. Please bring in your items by Tuesday, November 24.

We are still working out some ideas for the Christmas Programs this year. We do know that they will probably not yet be able to look as they normally do. We may have to limit the number of people allowed to come, if we are able to open it up to families or we may have to look at some additional virtual options. We have a staff meeting on November 11, and will work out all details on that day, and send it out to families as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has been turning in Acme Receipts! At the bottom of your receipt, it will give you a Community Cashback total. Loving Hands will earn 5% of that amount on the receipt. The receipt collection program runs until December 26. All receipts should be turned in when we return from Winter Break, so that we can turn them in for reimbursement. We are sad to announce that Giant Eagle will no longer be supporting schools with their Apples for Students program. They have decided to put their donation efforts into new avenues in place of schools. This was always a great help to our program. We are sad to see it discontinued.



November Dates

- 1- Daylight Savings Time ends
- 1- Happy Birthday Lydia V
- 3- Election Day- NO SCHOOL
- 5- Happy Birthday Nora M
- 10- Happy Birthday Briley B
- 16- December Tuition Due
- 17- Happy Birthday Kinsley H
- 19- Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 19- Happy Birthday Gideon J
- 23- Thanksgiving Feast for Orange MW & Green Rooms
- 24- Thanksgiving Feast for Orange TTH, Yellow, Blue and Purple
- 25-30- Thanksgiving Break- NO SCHOOL
- 27- Happy Birthday Finn M
- 30- Happy Birthday Cora G



Preschool 3's- Orange Room
Miss Terri & Miss Shannon B

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Happy November, Orange room parents. What an amazing and fun filled October we've had. We learned about apples, pumpkins, and started writing our names! In November, we will introduce a new color, BROWN. We will also introduce a new shape, the SQUARE. We will be learning about Pilgrims, Indians, and most importantly, what it means to be thankful. We will participate in a Thanksgiving feast with Miss Shannon, which is always a special event for our students. We will also honor our Veterans on November 11th with a special craft. We can't believe that the leaves are almost gone and Santa is just around the corner!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

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The green room has had so much fun learning all about farms last month! We especially loved reading many different versions of The Three Little Pigs. Our learning centers included different activities in which the kids could recreate the story using figures, and try building a house of sticks, straw and bricks! The end of October was a little "spooky," as we made "witches brew" in the sensory table, and the centers transformed into Halloween themed stations, including tracing letters using a witch finger in green sand, counting skeletons and Franksteins, and making letters using pretend spiders!! A giant thank you to EVERYONE who helped plan and donate for our class party!

November will bring the story of the first Thanksgiving. We will talk about the Pilgrims on the Mayflower meeting the Indians and how they shared a meal together. We will celebrate this special day with our very own feast during snack time! Our friends will talk about being thankful and what friendship means. We will read the story of Owen and Mzee, a baby hippo and a sea turtle that formed an unlikely friendship based on kindness and love.

We will continue our weekly letter focus, as well as number recognition and counting practice. Thank you for sharing your sweet children with us...they are each so special!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Tina

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Hello Yellow Room families! We had such a memorable October! From our discussions on family to fizzy apple painting to our crazy busy Outdoor Day - we learned a lot and had so much fun doing it! In the month of November, we will dive deep into the ocean! Each class will focus on a different marine animal. It's sure to be a whale of a time! We will also spend some time talking about Thanksgiving and discussing what it means to be thankful. We have so many more fun activities planned this month. And since the children love doing science projects so much, we have a few more of those to come as well!

Our letters for November are H, I, J, and K. Our numbers are 8, 9, 10, and 11. Our shape is the square and our color is Blue. Also, don't forget there are photos and a small description of each day in our google classroom - so check it out!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Everyone has been doing amazing with practicing letters, numbers, and shapes. They really enjoy a new game we play called "Ape behind the shape". Every morning I hide a small ape behind a shape on the board and they try to guess which shape he is behind. They are doing great practicing with shape recognition. We used October to explore different ways that we could use apples with science and art. We're ending the month with our Halloween trunk or treat and our Halloween party. Although, we cannot have parent volunteers inside the classroom, we appreciate all donations that we have received for the party. We would not have an amazing party without you all! The students have been extremely interested lately about fire safety, so we will begin November with our fire safety theme. We will talk about what to do if a fire is happening and demonstrate the rule of STOP, DROP and ROLL. We will end with our hibernation theme. We will talk about which animals hibernate or go dormant 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. This month we will still concentrate on letters and letter sounds. This will help us prepare for the introduction of sight words in January. 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 Mary Ellen

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Can't believe its November! What a first crazy couple months of school it has been. We are so thankful that everyone has adjusted well to the new changes we are going through and are having a fabulous school year!!!!

Thank You to everyone who took part in our 1st trunk or treat event. It was a blast and definitely a time to remember. We also want to thank our blue room parents and their hard work on our class party. I know this year was different but we loved getting to enjoy all the things you had planned for us!!!!

We have been working on recognizing and writing our first names. We are now going to work on last names. We have done letters A to O and are going to review the letters we have done so far before we move on to the last half of the alphabet. We have done numbers 0 to 3 and are going to keeping doing a new number every week, along with a shape and color. We have been working on rhyming words and opposites as well. The children have been working so hard and we are proud of all of them.

This month we will focus on writing and recognizing last names. We will enjoy a camping theme where we will bring in our very own campsite to our classroom for the children to enjoy making some camping memorize. We will talk about Thanksgiving and how it started and what it means to be thankful. We will enjoy listening to the children tell us what they are thankful for. To end the month we will talk about Farm Animals. We will learn about all the different animals that are on a farm.

Things to remember this month: There is No School Tuesday November 3 for election day.. Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday November 25 through Monday November 30. We will return to school Tuesday December 1st. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and don't eat too much!!!!!! We are thankful for all 14 of our friends and their families!!!!!!