



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 & Healthy Thanksgiving!

It is almost time for Daylight Savings Time to end. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6.

It is almost time for the Halloween Party, Monday, October 31 & Tuesday, November 1. 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 (please remember, no weapons or "scary" costumes)! *If you are not planning to stay for the parade/party, please note that classes end 1/2 hour early on your child's party day.*

Please note the number of students in the parade:

Monday AM: 38

Monday PM: 52

Tuesday AM: 28

Tuesday PM: 29 (Please note: we have added a new student since last month's newsletter)

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 Tara know if you are planning to help your child, so they will know who will still need assistance!

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! A BIG thank you to our Orange Room parents for donating pumpkins and snack for their "walking field trip" to our preschool pumpkin patch. The kids had so much fun!

The Thanksgiving Feasts will be on Monday, November 21 for MW3's and Green Room AM/PM4's & on Tuesday, November 22 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 Fellowship Hall 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!! This month for chapel time, we will be learning about when Jesus fed 5000 men! To help Miss Shannon tell the story, we are requesting that everyone bring at least one non-perishable food item to donate to Green Good Neighbors. We will show how when everyone gives a little, we can help a lot!!

We will also be working on a Christmas donation project for Green Good Neighbors (to help local kids in need for Christmas). In the month of November, we will share the family information with each teacher, and have a sign up sheet to help make sure that we are able to provide items for each family member. Our goal is to adopt at least one family per classroom. If you or anyone you know would be interested in adopting a family, please see Miss Shannon and I can get you in touch with GGN.

In the month of December, we will have a hat/mitten tree, and collect winter hats, gloves, socks and underwear for local children in need through Green Good Neighbors.

Greensburg United Methodist Church started a recycling program last summer. By saving our plastic bags and wrap, we can recycle them into park benches. Last year, we were able to save enough bags to have a bench made for our playground. If

you would like to save your bags/wrap too, there is a collection bag in the lobby area of the main entrance (between the 2 main doors), or you can give them to the main office at drop off and pick up and to put them in our main recycle area. A big thanks to all who have continued to donate !!!♥



Interested in trying out our Enrichment class? Sign up for December and receive a discount. For the month of December, Enrichment will be \$60 for students attending 2 days per week and \$120 for children attending 4 days per week. The class meets with Miss Renee and Miss Melissa on Monday/Wednesday in the Yellow Room and with Miss Renee and Miss Jess in the Green Room on Tuesday/Thursday. Payment due by November 16. There are limited spots, and no Stay-n-Play will be offered since we will be working on Christmas projects, and may need multiple days to finish items.

Mark your calendars: Our Christmas Programs are just around the corner! Family members are invited to these performances. Last year, we offered these online, but we are hoping to offer them in person this year. In order to do this, we will need to break them up into smaller groups: Here is the tentative schedule:

Monday December 12		Tuesday December 13	
Orange Room MWam	10:45	Orange Room TTHam	10:45
Orange Room MWpm	2:15	Orange Room TTHpm	2:15
Green Room AM	4:30	Yellow Room AM	4:30
Green Room PM	5:30	Yellow Room PM	5:30
Purple Room	6:30	Blue Room	6:30

Thank you to everyone who has been turning in Acme Receipts! Loving Hands will earn 5% of the community cashback amount on the bottom of the receipt. The program ends after December 24, 2022 for this school year. It will start back up again in August 2023. Please be sure to turn in all receipts when we return from winter break. We will turn them in to Acme at the end of January.

November Dates

- 2: Happy Birthday Ellie T
- 4: Happy Birthday Mason H
- 5: Happy Birthday Journey T
- 16: December Tuition Due
- 17: Happy Birthday Charlotte R
- 18: Happy Birthday Dawson W
- 19: Happy Birthday Audrina B
- 21/22: Thanksgiving Feast/Chapel time with Miss Shannon
- 22: Happy Birthday Merida G
- 23-27: Thanksgiving Break- no preschool (school resumes on MONDAY, November 28)
- 24: Happy Thanksgiving /Happy Birthday Lincoln S
- 25: Happy Birthday Adelina H & Blaire R

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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It is amazing how quickly the 3's classes are learning our classroom routines! We are very proud of all their accomplishments during the past few months! At the beginning of October, we began our daily routine of writing our name. In the beginning, we practice H.O.H (Hand Over Hand) to form the letters and then they try it independently with verbal cues. We are really working on developing fine motor skills - having your child color, make lines and use stickers at home are several great ways to do this.

During the month of November we will be introducing

Letters: A and K Numbers: 6, 7, and 8

Color: Brown Shape: Square

As the end of October is near, we wrap up our Halloween celebrations and move into Thanksgiving! We will have our Thanksgiving Feast and Chapel time this month celebrating with all our other Loving Hands friends! We will be making several projects incorporating squares — Spookly the Square Pumpkin, creating a turkey and its feathers by stamping a square (unifix cubes) in different color paint. We will also be learning about Veterans Day and making our own soldiers in honor of all our Veterans past and present! May you and your family find many blessings to celebrate this November. Happy Thanksgiving!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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The green room had so much fun learning all about farms last month! Our class trip to Kingsway Farm was such a special day. 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 Frankensteins, 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 Native Americans 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 also share in a special day making Stone soup and reading this teachable story in which we learn that when everyone contributes just a little, we can accomplish a whole lot!

We will continue our weekly letter focus, bringing us to the letters F,G,H and I, 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

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Hello Yellow Room families! We had such a busy October! We had a blast learning about different dinosaurs and even more fun with all of our fun Fall activities. From fizzy apple painting to pumpkin science to our fun filled day at the pumpkin patch - we learned a lot and had such a wonderful time doing it! We look forward to our Halloween party on Nov. 1. Thank you in advance to the volunteer moms for planning and coordinating everything! We can't wait! Don't forget, we dismiss 1/2 hour early on party day and there is no Enrichment that day.

In November, we will start the first week of the month reading some classic alphabet and counting books. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, it's going to be a good time in the Yellow Room! We will then discuss what it means to be "thankful." This is a natural lead in to our end of the month unit on Thanksgiving. We will discuss how and why we celebrate the holiday.

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. Don't forget to practice writing and recognizing letters and numbers at home! As we constantly tell the children, it takes a lot of "trying" to get good at anything!

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 game we play called "Ape behind the shape". Every day I hide a small picture of an 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. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered and helped with our Halloween party! We appreciate all of you for making this possible. 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. This month we will still concentrate on letters and letter sounds. This will help us prepare for the introduction of sight words in January. Miss 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

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Can't believe its November already!!! We have had a great couple months of school getting to know all of your amazing families!!!

Thank you to the parents who helped planned our Halloween Party we had so much fun and couldn't have done it without you!

We have been working on recognizing and writing our first names and have mastered it. We are now going to work on last names. We have done letters A through J and are going to continue working on the rest of the alphabet. We have done numbers 0 to 5 and are going to keep doing a new number every week, along with a shape and color. The children have been working so hard and we are so proud of them!

This month we will focus on writing and recognizing last names. We are going to begin working on rhyming, opposites along with patterns and sorting. 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 be talking about all the different animals that are on a farm.

Things to remember this month. There is No School Tuesday November 8. Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday November 23rd through Friday November 25th We will return to school Monday November 28th. 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!!!!