



# Loving Hands Preschool

October 2018

We are off to a great start to the school year!! Thank you to everyone for completing your paperwork in a timely manner. We know that the State requires a lot of paperwork from you at the beginning of the school year, but please remember that it is for the safety of all of the children. If we ever had an emergency, we want to have all of the information that we need for every child. It also gives you the opportunity to share information with us, to better know your child. Just a reminder, if you are a new student and haven't turned in your **medical statement**, they will be due NO LATER than October 5. Anyone who has not turned in their form by that date will not be able to attend until it has been turned in. These are ODJFS rules, and exceptions cannot be made. If you need a new form, stop in to the Information Station, outside of the Preschool office and pick up a new one! If you would like to have your physician fax it to us, our fax number is 330-899-9880. There is an updated list at the Information Station to show if we are still in need of your medical statement or a part of it. Please double check to see if you are compliant.

**Where do I return things?** To help keep things organized and lessen the chance of something getting lost, please be sure to return items to the correct places.

**\*tuition payments:** there is a box inside of the sliding window of the MAIN office. It is labeled Loving Hands Preschool Tuition Payments. If you need a receipt, please make note on the envelope and Miss Brittney will put one in your child's mailbox as soon as payment is registered. Or if you need one sooner, you may ask the office secretary or Miss Shannon and we can provide you with one, as well.

**\*paperwork, medical statements, fundraiser envelopes (or returned books), etc.** There is a basket on the desk (Information Station) outside of the preschool office. It is labeled "paperwork basket." Please return all of these items to my office. It is too hard for teachers to keep track of items left in the classrooms. In order to maintain our teacher to child ratios, teachers are not able to go through backpacks during the school day, so items left in backpacks will remain there.

**\*field trip money, book orders or items requested by your child's teacher:** return to the classroom.

On **Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays**, the church office closes at 1:00pm, so there will be no church office staff available. If you arrive at school to pick up your child, and Miss Shannon is not in the main office yet, please be patient. She may be visiting or helping in a classroom. You are welcome to wait in the area between the two entrance doors. Miss Shannon will be there to open the door before 3:00 dismissal. If you need to pick up your child early, you may press the intercom button in the entrance, and someone will answer the intercom and assist you in entering the building.

As the **weather** begins to cool down, please be sure to send in a jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with your child daily. We will continue to go outside as weather permits. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen, please apply lotion before your child arrives at school. Unfortunately, we are limited on time to apply sunscreen on the children during class time.

The **Kidstuff Coupon Book** sale is coming to an end!! A book was sent home with each child on the first day of school. There are still a few of you who have not returned the book or payment. Please do so by Friday, September 28, so we can begin distributing additional books for those who ordered and close the sale. We can use the funds to purchase supplies throughout the school year! Thanks to all who participated!

For the month of October, we will begin offering our **Enrichment** Program. Enrichment is an optional program for our preschool children. It is offered between 11:30-1:00pm. It is structured like a preschool day, with the addition of mixed age groups (3-5 year old), and lunch time. This is a great opportunity to extend your child's day (9:00-1:00 for AM students, and 11:30-3:00 for PM students) and continue learning progress. On MW, it will be with Miss Alicia in the Yellow Room and on TTH, it will be with Miss Mary Ellen in the Green Room. Miss Stacey will be available for both classes, as needed. There will be a lunch basket located at the Information Station, outside the preschool office. Please place your child's lunch box in the basket BEFORE school (PM students may bring their lunch box to the classroom upon arrival). Not sure if you want to sign your child up for the entire month? You can also use our Stay-n-Play option. As long as space remains, each month we will offer this as a drop in option. Stay-n-Play is the same as Enrichment, but you sign up on a day-to-day basis. The sign up sheet and pricing can be found at the

Information Station, outside of the preschool office. This option will not be available any month where the class is full. There is space available for October.

**Fall Picture Day** will be on Wednesday, October 10 (Blue Room, Green Room, M/W 3's) & Thursday, October 11 (Purple Room, Yellow Room, TTH3's). Legacy Photo Services of Uniontown will take the portraits. They always do an amazing job! Picture forms will be coming home soon! Payments can be sent in the day of picture day, and given to your child's teacher. We will also have a Spring Picture day in April, but Legacy only takes class pictures in the fall. Even if your child is not participating in individual pictures, they will be included in the class picture (unless otherwise specified) in October.

There will be **no school on Friday, October 12**. We follow Green Schools calendar, and it is a teacher inservice day for the teachers.

The **Purple Room and the Blue Room Transitional Kindergarten** classes will be taking our first **field trip** of the school year to **Maize Valley** on Thursday, October 4. Maize Valley is located at 6193 Edison St. NE; Hartville, OH 44632. Families should arrive at Maize Valley at 9:45. The field trip will start promptly at 10:00. The cost of this trip is \$8 per person. Siblings are welcome, and under 2 years of age are free) Money (cash only)/permission form for the field trip should be returned to your child's teacher no later than Monday, October 1. Field trips replace your child's day, so there will be no PM class that day.

Our **Yellow and Green Room Pre-K** classes will be meeting at **Kingsway Farm** on Friday, October 5 for their first **field trip**. The first wagon ride will leave promptly at 9:30, so please arrive at 9:15 to give us time to check in. Kingsway Farm is located at 1555 Andrews St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632. The cost of the field trip is \$7 per child (siblings are welcome, ages 2 and under are free) and \$3 per adult (for the wagon ride only). Permission form/money (cash only) should be returned to your child's teacher no later than Friday, September 28. Field trips replace your child's class day, so there will be no PM class that day.

For members of our **Preschool Board**, our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 11 at 9:00am in the Library. Loving Hands Preschool is currently looking to fill 1-2 spots on our preschool board. We typically meet on a Thursday morning each month at 9:00am. If you would be interested in being considered for a seat on our board, please see Miss Shannon.

**Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to Loving Hands Preschool!! It will be located in the Gathering Area at the main entrance. The hours that we will be open will be:

Sunday, October 21: 9:45-11:15am

Monday, October 22: 8:45am-3:00pm

Tuesday, October 23: 8:45am-3:00pm

Wednesday, October 24: 8:45am-3:00pm & 5:00pm-6:30pm during Open House

Thursday, October 25: 8:45am-3:00pm

Friday, October 26: 8:45am-12:30pm

This is a great way to stock your child's library with some new books! We will also be looking for volunteers that would like to help work at the register. There will be times available in our Volunteer book at the Information Station. At this sale, Loving Hands Preschool will earn 40% of each sale in Scholastic Dollars. We can purchase books and equipment for our classrooms with these dollars.



Join us for our **Fall Open House** on Wednesday, October 24 from 5:00-6:30. We recommend that AM families come between 5-5:45, and PM families come between 5:45-6:30. This is to assure that the teachers will have time to greet all children and families and the classrooms won't be overcrowded with AM and PM families at the same time. If the time doesn't work for you and you need to come earlier or later than the recommended time, please feel free to come anytime between 5:00-6:30!! We are looking forward to showing you what we have been working on so far!! The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for the evening, as well!



**Halloween Parties** will be on Tuesday, October 30 for our TTH 3's and Yellow Room and Wednesday, October 31 for our MW3's, Green, Blue and Purple Rooms. Each classroom has volunteer signup sheets if you would like to help for the party. If the sign-up sheet is full, you are still welcome to put your name down too!! Our party chairpersons will contact the volunteers on their list to set up a meeting time to plan the party. This will take place about the first week in October. On each party day: children will

come to school in their costume (BLUE ROOM PARENTS, PLEASE SEE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CLASS). Parents will take their children into the classroom, just like a normal day. Parents and other family members are then invited to join us for the Halloween Parade. The parade route will begin downstairs in the Gathering Area, down the hallway and into the Muscle Room. Spectators are welcome to bring a treat/prize to pass out to the children as they pass. Please remember: NO NUTS!! We have several children with allergies this year, so passing out prizes instead of candy is also encouraged. The number of children that we will have at each parade is:

Tuesday AM: 30

Tuesday PM: 20

Wednesday AM: 40

Wednesday PM: 30



At the conclusion of the parade, classes will meet in the Muscle Room for pictures. Parents are welcome to take a picture of the class in their costumes. At that time, children will proceed to their classrooms to begin the party. Parents who are helping will head up at this time and begin the party. If you are not planning to stay for the party, please plan on picking your child up 1/2 hour early from school. *AM classes will dismiss at 11:00 and PM (and full day) classes will dismiss at 2:30. There is no Enrichment on EITHER of the party days.*

**BLUE ROOM:** The morning will be a typical preschool class for your child. After lunch, they will begin preparing for the party. Please send in your child's costume in a labeled bag. Parents are welcome to come in at 12:15 if they would like to help their child dress in their costume. If you are not planning to attend the party, please note that class will end at 2:30 on Wednesday.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR:** Have you checked out our Loving Hands Volunteer Book? It is located at our Information Station, outside of the preschool office. There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year! Events/Programs run more smoothly with your help!! Thanks to everyone who has already checked it out!

**CLEANING BUCKETS-** Greensburg United Methodist Church is planning to put together Cleaning Buckets to help victims of the Hurricane in the Carolinas. Last year, Loving Hands Preschool helped them with this effort, by having each class work together to put one bucket together per class. There will be a sign up sheet outside of each room soon. If you would be willing to help, you can sign up for one of the cleaning items that you would be willing to donate. Everything is packed into a 5 gallon bucket (so please take note if a specific size item is requested. They can't accept other sizes) and will be delivered to an UMCOR collection site to be sure they arrive where they are needed most. If everybody donates a little, we can help someone in a BIG way!!!

## October Dates to Remember

1: First day of Enrichment

1: Happy Birthday Cooper A.

1/2: Chapel time with Pastor Katie

5: Happy Birthday Harrison S.

6: Happy Birthday Ethen H. and Adrian C.

7: Happy Birthday Harper D.

8/9: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina

10: Picture Day for MW3, Green and Blue Rooms

11: Picture Day for TTH3, Yellow and Purple Rooms

11: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

12: NEOEA DAY for Green Schools- NO PRESCHOOL

12: Happy Birthday Madelyn D.

13: Happy Birthday Kaydence C. & Charley M.

14: Pastor Appreciation Day- Thanks Pastor Katie for all you do!

14: Happy Birthday Audrey C.

15/16: Chapel time with Miss Shannon

16: NOVEMBER TUITION DUE

19: Happy Birthday Erica C.

21-26: Scholastic Book Fair- see above for times

22/23: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina

24: Fall Open House 5-6:30 (recommended times: 5-5:45 for AM, 5:45-6:30 for PM)

27: Happy Birthday Evie D.

30: Halloween Party for TTH3's and Yellow Room classes (early dismissal 1/2 hour early), (NO ENRICHMENT)

31: Halloween Party for MW3's, Green, Purple and Blue Rooms (early dismissal 1/2 hour early) (NO ENRICHMENT)

31: Happy Birthday Joseph B.





**Preschool 3's- Orange Room**  
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The 3-year olds have had such a great first month of preschool! They all seem to be quite comfortable and acclimated. They have been practicing taking turns and using nice words as they play together. The children drew whatever they chose as their first project. They experimented with crayons and some chose to use markers. They painted their hands with their favorite color and pressed them onto paper. They used descriptive words such as cold, warm, smooth and rough while making these prints. Yellow day and circle day were a success. Some circles were flat and others were a sphere. They were very curious to see whose circle would roll down the ramp. Predictions became easy for them after they saw a few test runs with the ramp. We also went on a #1 hunt and found MANY! Did you know there's more than 1 way to make the number 1? October brings more fun as we hammer golf clubs into a pumpkin. This will be great hand-eye coordination along with fine motor practice. And I'm certain their scientific inquiry skills will come into play as well! We will focus on the #2, the color orange, and the triangle shape in October. At home, it's a wonderful time to go on a nature walk! Take a bag with you and collect leaves, sticks, nuts... count, compare, and sort your findings. Have fun and enjoy your sweet children. Thanks for sharing them with us. We find them so precious.



**Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room**  
**Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn**  
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The Green room is off to a fantastic start! We have been super busy already and it seems that we are all adjusting well to the classroom procedures and having fun while getting to know all our new friends. The kids have loved sorting pretend bugs in the science center, and made their own very hungry caterpillar using a balloon to paint with! We have also enjoyed reading many books about different bugs and butterflies...the class favorite is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle! The green room can now name the four stages of the butterfly life cycle in order, complete with hand motions! We can always use extra practice at home with scissors; we remind the kids to keep their "thumb up when we cut!"

We will be starting off October with a fun field trip to Kingsway Farm on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>! This will be a great way to kick off an exciting month filled with pumpkins, leaves, apples, and Halloween! The kids are practicing writing their first names, and we will continue to work on that daily! We will also continue weekly letter work - including recognizing the letter, writing the letter, and learning about the sound that the letter makes! The kids are sure to love the many different pumpkin and apple activities we have coming up!

October will bring some new experiences for our Green room, like Music and Movement with Miss Angelina and Chapel Time with Pastor Katie and Miss Shannon!

Thank you for letting us learn and grow with your children at school...we think they are each so special and can't wait to help them continue to grow this year!



**Pre-Kindergarten-TTHF- Yellow Room**  
**Miss Carly & Miss Kate**  
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Happy October, Yellow Room families! What an excellent start to the school year. We've enjoyed getting to know your children over the past several weeks. They are really getting the hang of our classroom routines and expectations. Thank you for working with them at home! The month of October will continue with the unit on families, and we will be discussing what makes our families special and unique using comparative words (same and different, big and small, etc.). We will be illustrating our families on sentence strips and making house graphs to show who lives with us.

Following that, we will learn about colors through some fun art, science, and sensory activities. Your child may get a little messy, so please make sure to dress them in appropriate play clothes. We will finish the month with a unit on fall. Weather permitting, we will go on an outdoor leaf hunt and talk about what makes fall different from summer. We will



also make some tree art with various mediums and textures, play a fun autumn gross motor game, and make an exploding pumpkin volcano!

Don't forget about our 4's field trip to Kingsway on Friday, Oct. 5. There will be no school that day, and each child must be transported and accompanied by an adult. We will also have our class Halloween parties on Tuesday, October 30th. On party day, classes will end 30 minutes early, and there will be no Enrichment.

On October 25th, we will explore the color orange, so please make sure to have your child wear something orange 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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I can not believe September has already come to an end! We learned so much about our new classroom and about all our friends. We have a VERY busy and exciting October planned! We will have our first field trip to Maize Valley at the start of the month and end the month with our Halloween party. We will have our first STAR OF THE WEEK and begin music and movement and chapel time. October will start with our apples theme. The students will have fun picking apples in our classroom's own apple orchard. We will also experiment with apples and conduct our own taste test. The last couple weeks of October, our theme will switch to Fall. We will talk about leaves and the changing of the seasons. We will use this month to continue reviewing all capital and lower case letters, letter sounds and numbers; focusing on our writing skills. Practice makes perfect, so please continue to practice at home with your child. We are so excited to get October started!



**Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room**  
**Miss Jessica & Miss Joyce**  
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Oh, my what a great first month of school we have had! We have had so much fun getting to know everyone and learning about one another's families. We have been working on writing letters and being able to recognize them. We are going to be working on three letters at time for two weeks. The first week we will learn to recognize them and how to write them, the second week we will work on the sound and what things begin with that letter. We will also work on a color, shape and a number for two weeks. We are going to keep focusing on recognizing our names by signing in every morning when the children come into the classroom.

For the month of October as the children begin to recognize their first name we are going to start slowly working on last names. We will begin working on fine motor skills such as cutting a line with scissors. We will continue working on letter recognition and letter sounds, along with number recognition. This month our themes will be pumpkins, fall, fire safety and Halloween. This month we will also begin chapel time which we will have twice a month, once with Pastor Katie and once with Miss Shannon.

There are lot of important dates to remember for the month of October so please keep an eye on remind and for important things we send home. Two of the important dates to remember are on October 4<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Maize Valley. We will meet there at 9:45am and will not be returning to school that day. The other date is October 31<sup>st</sup>, which is our Halloween Party. It will begin at 12:30pm and end at 2:30pm so that day will be an early dismissal day. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask or send us a remind at any time. Can't wait to see what this month has in store for the Blue Room!





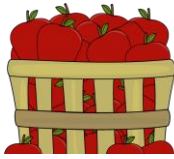
**Enrichment- MW- Yellow Room**  
**Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey**  
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Hello! My name is Miss Alicia and I will be the enrichment teacher for Monday/Wednesday in the Yellow room. I cannot wait to get started with enrichment and meet new friends and continue my day with old friends.

We will have so much fun this school year making crafts and playing games designed to help with fine motor skills, language and literacy and math. We will also discover new and exciting experiences as we dive into science experiments and make our own predictions.

The first week of October will focus on crafts and activities with the letters in our names. The following weeks of October we will explore apples and create fun pictures, using them as tools. We will end the month talking all about fall and Halloween. We will have our first STEAM project using coffee filters to make our own fall leaves. As we get closer to Halloween, we will also use toilet paper rolls to make spiders. I cannot wait to get October started and see everyone!



**Enrichment-TTH-Green Room**  
**Miss Mary Ellen & Miss Stacey**  
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Hello and welcome! My name is Miss Mary Ellen and I will be your teacher during lunch time and enrichment on T/TH this year in the Green Room. I am so excited to meet you and to spend the school year with you!

Throughout the year we will do hands on activities that encourage the development of fine and gross motor skills, language art skills like letter and sound recognition and early math skills like number sense and recognition, spatial awareness, measurement and patterns. We'll also learn about the world around us as we explore science concepts. Our time together will be filled with learning, friendship and fun!

The themes for October will include farm animals, apples and Halloween. First we will read the book "The Big Red Barn" by Margaret Wise Brown followed by a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) challenge where we will build a barn using Lego blocks. This activity will encourage and inspire the 4 C's creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking. Next we will talk about apples and make a class book inspired by Dr. Seuss's "Ten Apples Up On Top". Also during this lesson we will practice math skills like counting and measurement as we find out what weighs more or less than an apple. As Halloween approaches we will play some festive games like "Bippity Boppity Brew" where we'll make alphabet stew. Finally we'll do an art activity and make spooky monsters as we paint with straws.



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