

Fall is Here!

Loving Hands Preschool
October 2017

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 6 (for children who attend on Wednesday) and October 7 (for children who attend on Thursday). 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.

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 and she 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 & 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 29, so we can begin distributing additional books for those who ordered and close the sale. We can use the funds to purchase equipment and 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 Mary Ellen 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. 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 11 (Blue Room, Green Room, M/W 3's) & Thursday, October 12 (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 March, 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 13**. 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 **Nickajack Farms** on Thursday, October 5. Nickajack Farms is located at 2955 Manchester Ave. NW, M. Lawrence, OH 44666. Families should arrive at Nickajack Farms 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 Thursday, September 28. 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 20 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 Monday, October 16. 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 12 at 9:00am in the Library.

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 22: 9:45-11:15am

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

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

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

Thursday, October 26: 8:45am-3:00pm

Friday, October 27: 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 Tuesday, 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 Monday, October 30 for our MW3's, and Green Room and Tuesday, October 31 for our TTH3's, Yellow Room, Blue and Purple Rooms. Each classroom has volunteer sign up 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:

Monday AM: 27

Monday PM: 9

Tuesday AM: 41

Tuesday PM: 49

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 ½ 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 Monday.

October Dates to Remember

- 1: Happy Birthday Cooper A.
- 2: First Day of Enrichment
- 2: Happy Birthday Marley G.
- 3: Happy Birthday Emmett N.
- 4/5: Chapel time with Miss Shannon
- 5: Field Trip for Purple and Blue Rooms to Nickajack Farms 9:50
- 7: Happy Birthday Harper D.
- 9/10: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 11: Picture Day for MW3's, Green Room and Blue Room
- 12: Picture Day for TTH3's, Yellow Room and Purple Room
- 12: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 13: Happy Birthday Miss Marie & Charley M.
- 13: NO SCHOOL- NEOEA DAY for Green Schools
- 16: Fire Drill-AM
- 16: NOVEMBER TUITION DUE
- 17: Storytime with Miss Brandie 1:00
- 18/19: Chapel time with Pastor Katie
- 19: Happy Birthday Erica C.
- 20: Field Trip for Yellow and Green Rooms to Kingsway Farms 9:15
- 21: Happy Birthday Ryan K.
- 22-27: Scholastic Book Fair-Open between church services and preschool classes (book fair closes at 12:30 on Friday)
- 23/24: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
- 24: Happy Birthday Cody A.
- 24: Fall Open House 5:00-6:30
- 25: Happy Birthday Xavier R.
- 27: Individual Learning Plan/fall assessment will be sent home
- 30:Halloween Party for MW3's and Green Rooms
- 31: Halloween Party for TTH3's, Yellow, Purple, Blue (PM)





Enrichment Class

Miss Mary Ellen

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Hello and welcome! My name is Miss Mary Ellen, and I will be your teacher during lunch time and enrichment. I am so excited to meet you and to spend the school year with you!

Throughout the year, we will complete activities that encourage the development of fine and gross motor skills, letter and sound recognition, early math skills and science exploration. These activities will include arts and crafts, music and movement, stories, science experiments and more. Our time together will be filled with lots of learning, friendship, and fun!

The themes for October will include the autumn season, fall harvest, apples, pumpkins and Halloween. First, we will create name mosaics on construction paper, and we will use these as placemats during lunch time. Also, we will learn about the life cycle of an apple and make apple pattern prints using real apples! As Halloween approaches we will do some fun science activities using pumpkins.

Orange Room

Miss Ang & Miss Robin

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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, tickle, and smooth while making these prints. Yellow day and circle day was 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 plant grass seed, watch it grow, and trim it with scissors. 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.

Green Room
Miss Marie & Miss Carolyn
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Wow! I am truly blown away by the amount of progress we are already making in the green room. Children have been learning about wetlands life and ponds. They seem to be enjoying it! I am very impressed that everyone is able to recognize their name and we will continue writing their names for the rest of the year. Next month we will be having a dinosaur unit. I know this will be a fun one for the little ones. We will be focusing on measurements, history, and fun facts about dinosaurs! October will be a very exciting month! We also have our field trip coming up, please pray for good weather :) however, it will be a blast no matter what.

We will begin working on writing our names as part of our beginning routine. I have made dry erase cards for each child where they can trace and then write their name. We will perfect their name in no time! Please keep an eye on the calendar for your child's special day and other important school events such as no school or picture day! Lastly, have you signed up for my remind notifications> . If not, please do, this is how I can send out quick reminders such as color days, school cancellations, etc. I know our second month of school will be just as great, if not better than our first! Happy Fall!

October Focuses: Letters- Dd, Ee, Ff
Numbers- 2,3,4



Yellow Room
Miss Carly & Miss Kate
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Happy October, Yellow Room families! The first month of school went by so quickly, but it wasn't short on fun. We had a great time getting to know each other a little better, and your children have transitioned nicely into our daily routine. Last month, we sent home a letter discussing our classroom rules ("We take care of ourselves. We take care of each other. We take care of our school. We take care of the world."). While we continue to go over what these expectations mean and look like, we hope that they are being carried over into your child's home life. We want to be the best that we can be!

The month of October will make way for fun units on the fall season and Halloween! We will explore nature while on an outdoor leaf hunt, make exploding jack-o-lantern volcanoes, practice our scissor skills with the help of some spooky friends, and other fun seasonal activities. We will also have our first field trip to Kingsway Farms on Friday, October 20th. All students must be accompanied by an adult and at the site no later than 9:15 am. Fingers crossed for beautiful weather! There will be no school that day.

This month, we will also focus on the following:

Letters: Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, and Hh

Numbers: 3 and 4

Math Concepts: Inside/Outside, Over/Under/On, Top/Middle/Bottom, Above/Below, Before/After

Color: Orange



Blue Room
Miss Jessica & Miss Joyce
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Oh, my what a great first month of school we have had! We've had so much fun getting to know everyone and learning about one another's family. We have been working on recognizing letters and being able to write them. We are going to be working on three letters a week along with a color, shape and a number. We are also 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, community helpers and bats.

There are a lot of important dates to remember for the month of October, so please keep an eye on Remind and for important notes we send home. On October 5th we will be going to Nickajack Farms. We will meet there at 9:45am and will not be returning to school that day. October 31st is our Halloween Party, which will begin at 12:30pm and end at 2:30pm. There will be early dismissal that day. If you have any questions please feel free to ask or email me at any time. We can't wait to see what this month has in store for the Blue Room!

Purple Room
Miss Lindsay & Miss Stacey
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September was a great start to our school year! The students are settling into our schedule so nicely, and everyone is getting along and being super helpers for Miss Stacey and I. For the month of October, we will be getting into some more academics to see where everyone in the class is at. We will be doing lots of letters, numbers, and starting to touch on things like patterns, objects that are similar/different, and bigger/smaller. The class will be trying to start on sight words as well to see how the students do with these. I will make sure to send home, in your child's mailbox, what our words of the week are so you can help your child at home as well. Students will have a word of the day, which will be their "password" to get into class every day. Each child will tell me the word to get into the classroom (I will help your student if they are having troubles remembering our word by helping them use their letter sounds to sound out the word.)

October is such a fun month to learn about seasons, apples, pumpkins, and Halloween fun, which will be our focus this month! Our theme the first week will be "farm life", in which your child will be looking at the many different animals that live on a farm and the types of food you can find there as well. We will be doing some fun Science experiments that the kids will love, and we will also be doing an apple tasting to find out which kind of apples are every one's favorite!

Another fun theme we will be doing is sports! We will talk about all the different sports people play and what equipment they need to wear to protect themselves while playing. On the 11th, please have your child wear their favorite sports team apparel so we can take a fun class picture in our gear. We will also talk about the Olympics and why this is important to every country.

At the end of the month, we will focus on seasons, pumpkins, and Halloween. The class will take time discussing the important season we are going to be in and why these are important. The students will observe the trees outside the classroom and talk about the changes they are seeing. We will be looking at the life cycle of the pumpkins, opening one up and feeling what's, inside and doing some fun science experiments.