



WELCOME FAMILIES!!! We are so excited to begin this school year!! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer, and continue to enjoy what is left of it. Each month, we will send a school-wide newsletter home with each child. This will give you a glimpse of what will be going on in your child's class, and around the school. Please keep the **newsletter** and class calendars in a "safe" place so you can refer to them, as needed. If you misplace your copy or need an additional for other family members, additional copies can be found at the new "Information Station" outside of the Preschool Office, or online at [www.loving-hands.org](http://www.loving-hands.org)

Please join us for our **Meet the Teacher** on Tuesday, September 5. This is the opportunity to spend ½ hour in the classroom with your child and help them explore before their BIG day!! We offer day and evening times for your convenience. Please be sure to bring: any paperwork that you still need to turn in, a set of extra clothing for your child in a labeled Ziploc bag, any school supply items that you haven't already turned in, and items that you purchased to donate to the classrooms

*9:00am/5:00pm: Orange MWAM , Green AM*

*9:15am/5:15pm: Purple Room AM*

*9:30am/6:30pm: Blue Room*

*9:45am/5:45pm: Orange TTHAM, Yellow AM*

*10:00am/6:00pm: Green PM, Purple PM*

*10:30am/6:30pm: Orange PM, Yellow PM*

Our **Information Station** is the new place to find Enrichment signup sheets, volunteer opportunities at Loving Hands, copies of the Parent Handbook, newsletters, school year calendars, and also a place to put paperwork that needs turned into the Preschool Office. We use this area to share information with everyone in a convenient place. Please continue to turn tuition payments into the church office. There is a tuition box located inside the sliding window of the main office. If a teacher requests an item, such as field trip forms, etc. you may return those to the teacher directly. All school wide materials (like enrollment paperwork, medical statements, and fundraiser materials) will be turned into the Information Station. Please do not hand Miss Shannon or your child's teachers items. Arrival and dismissal times are busy and we would hate to set something down and misplace it.

As our numbers have grown, the size of our **hallways** has not. We are, unfortunately, tight on space in the hallway. We will ask that you line up in front of your class hooks (Not in front of your child's hook, but the first hook available closest to the arrival/dismissal door). As you move past your child's hook, you can grab their stuff, and continue moving forward to the door. Then you can check your child's mailbox on your way out. Our hope is that this will keep the center of the hallway empty for people to move past. At arrival, our classroom doors open 5 minutes early (8:55 or 12:25). If you will refrain from bringing your child upstairs until then, we hope to find that our hallways will not be as overcrowded with people waiting to get in. By arriving at 8:55 or waiting downstairs, You will be able to come in, and immediately hang your things up and go right into the room. There are two stairways that access the Preschool Hallway, front and back. You are welcome to use whichever is easiest for you, but we recommend that the Yellow and Purple Room use the front, the Green and blue Rooms use the back, and for Orange: On MW, we recommend families use the front, and our TTh use the back. This limits each stairway to two classrooms using at one time, and may help with the flow of the hallway. We want everyone's

experience at Loving Hands to be a positive one. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to stop in and speak with Miss Shannon.

Our preschool does not offer a "carpool" option, so a responsible adult will need to walk your child in to school each day, and pick them up at the end of each day. In order for an adult to pick up your child, their name must be present on the **Child Release Form**. Teachers will check ID of any adult that they do not recognize. Please bear with us at the beginning of the school year, and bring your ID, as well. We are learning to put names to faces and may not recognize you right away! In the beginning of the year, we encourage parents to walk in to the classroom with your child and supervise them as they wash their hands. This provides them with a transition time before parents leave. As your child transitions, and is comfortable with drop off time, you are welcome to shorten your goodbye to the doorway. At the end of the day, parents will form a line outside of the classroom door (at their designated hook area) and at dismissal the teacher will dismiss one child at a time to limit the confusion. If you would like to speak with the teacher about your child's day, we ask that you wait until dismissal is complete and they will be available to speak with you at that time. If at any time during the year you would like to add or remove someone from your child's pick up list, please do so in the preschool office with Miss Shannon. I will be sure to update the information with the teachers.

We follow **Green Local Schools school year calendar**, as well as any snow days. If Green Schools has a Delay Start, preschool will be closed for that day. It will be considered a snow day.

Please remember to pack a **snack** for your child each day. You may choose what you would like to send for your child, but we do ask that it contain nutritional value and that is NUT FREE! Their snack box/bag may stay out in the hallway with their backpack. *Just a tip: especially at the beginning of the school year, you may want to take the snack box out of your child's backpack and hang it up separately. This helps our little ones who may have a hard time getting their backpack down by themselves.*

Every child must have a **Medical Statement** on file that has been signed by a physician. ODJFS requires that this be on file within 30 days of any new student's enrollment, and every 13 months thereafter. The Preschool Office will send out reminders to families at 90 days. We will ask that you return the form with the date of your child's appointment. If we do not receive that back, we will send another reminder 60 days before the expiration and then again at 30 days. If a child's Medical Statement expires and we have not received an updated form, your child may not return to school until that has been updated.

In the beginning and end weeks of school, we will be using the playground and outdoor play areas. Please be sure to **sunscreen** your child before school. Loving Hands Preschool will not be responsible for sunscreen. We have a short time frame to enjoy the playground, so there is not time to apply/reapply sunscreen throughout the day.

Families have been given **Preschool Payment Envelopes**. We request that these be used each month to simplify the payment process for Brittney Hurley, our Administrative Coordinator. If you forget your envelope, please be sure to write your child's name on the memo line of your check. Payments are due BY the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Payments are made one month in advance (i.e. September payment is due on August 16). Please note: sometimes the due date is going to fall on a weekend or day that the school is not open, please be sure to pay ahead of time in these cases. The payment will not be cashed until on or after the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our fall fundraiser is **KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!** These books are filled with valuable, family friendly coupons and discounts to hundreds of national, regional, and local businesses. Kidstuff Coupon Books are sold exclusively through schools! The cost of each book is \$25, and our school earns 50% profit on each book sold! Use a few coupons and you will easily save more than the cost of the book! There are 24 editions, so even out of town family members can enjoy the savings! Your family earns 1 FREE book for every 5 books you sell! A sample book will be sent home with each child. Payment is due by Friday, September 22. Please make checks payable to Loving Hands Preschool. If you do not wish to purchase the book, simply return the book to the box outside of the Preschool office (DO NOT GIVE TO TEACHERS). If you wish to order more than

one book, simply fill out the order form, and we will order the additional books and deliver them to you as soon as they arrive! Thank you for your support of our program!

To our returning families, we hope that you noticed the **improvements** we have made to our program over the summer. With the support from our Trike-a-Thon fundraiser in the spring, we were able to replace all of the windows in the classrooms! The church also replaced the lights in the Muscle Room with LED bulbs. They are brighter and more energy efficient. The loud hum of old fluorescent lights is a thing of the past! In addition to these items, the teachers received ALL items off of their classroom wishlists! We do our best to keep our tuition costs low for our families, so being able to use fundraisers as a way to give back to the program is a huge blessing to us!

**Enrichment** classes will begin on Monday, October 2. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Station (outside of the preschool office) for anyone that is interested in signing their child up. Also, if you are currently using EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) for your tuition and would like to have Enrichment deducted, you need to let Miss Shannon or Brittney Hurley, our Administrative Coordinator, know. Otherwise, you will need to send a check in for Enrichment payment. This year, Enrichment will be held in the Yellow Room on M/W and on T/Th, it will be held in the Green Room. We would like to welcome Miss Liana to our Loving Hands program! Liana Sciulli was a preschool parent last year, and had expressed an interest to work with children in our program. Liana is currently working on her Early Childhood Education degree and will be teaching our Enrichment classes this year!

JOIN US ON **FACEBOOK!!!** Loving Hands Preschool has a Facebook Page. We post reminders, updates, and other exciting info on the page. Look for us at [www.facebook.com/LovingHandsPreschool](http://www.facebook.com/LovingHandsPreschool)

## SEPTEMBER DATES

**4:** Labor Day- No School

**4:** Happy Birthday Lukas L

**5:** Meet the Teacher

**5:** Happy Birthday Calvin D

*KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS WILL GO HOME ON FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL*

**6:** First Day of School for MW3's, Green, Blue and Purple Rooms

**7:** First Day of School for TTH3's and Yellow Room

*TSHIRT ORDERS DUE BY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL*

**7:** Happy Birthday Mason S, Jack M

**9:** Happy Birthday Braden K

**10:** Happy Birthday Carter T, Isaac S

**12:** Happy Birthday Emmerson G

**14:** Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

**16:** October Tuition Due (This is a Saturday, so be sure to pay by Friday, 9/15)

**16:** Happy Birthday Addison F

**17:** Happy Birthday Logan P

**19:** Fire Drill- AM classes

**20/21:** Severe Weather and Emergency Drills

**22:** Kidstuff Coupon Book fundraiser ends- please return payment of unsold book

**23:** Congrats to Miss Jessica (Blue Room) on her wedding day!!

**24:** Happy Birthday Levi J

**25/26:** Music and Movement with Miss Angelina

**28:** Happy Birthday Aurora P

**29:** Happy Birthday Kendall M, Luciana M



Orange Room  
Miss Ang & Miss Robin  
[aritchie@neo.r.com](mailto:aritchie@neo.r.com)

Welcome, **3-year olds**, to the Orange Room! Miss Robin and I are so excited to begin the new school year! We have planned some super fun activities for you! There are only 7 preschool days in September, so our priority this month is to make sure everyone becomes acclimated with one another and with their new environment. We will be adjusting to new situations, demonstrating appropriate trust in adults, and managing and recognizing feelings. Themes will be "Welcome" and "Me and My Feelings". Skills we will focus on include the circle, the color yellow, recognizing the number 1, and some letters in their name. To preserve what they learn at school, see how many circles you and your child can find on a car ride, in a room at home, or outside. The same can be done with the color yellow, the number 1, and the letters in their name (start with their first letter). At school, some art projects will be drawing our first preschool picture, making handprints with our favorite color of paint, and drawing self-portraits. Questions of the month, for school and home, consist of, "What are feelings?" and "Can feelings have a color?" There are no wrong answers!

Yellow Room  
Miss Carly & Miss Kate  
[cmwhitsett23@gmail.com](mailto:cmwhitsett23@gmail.com)

Happy school year, Yellow Room families! After a fast and fun summer, Miss Kate and I are eager for the year to begin. For some of you, this will be your first time sending your child to preschool, embarking on an exciting new journey that will set the bar for their schooling experience. How exciting! For others, you have already experienced all of the wonderful opportunities Loving Hands has in store, and to you we extend a happy welcome back! Your children will learn and grow through a variety of developmentally appropriate activities in our classroom, and we have come to realize that they will teach us as well.

The month of September will primarily focus on getting to know each other. We will practice learning the names of our classmates and teachers, as well as individual facts about each other (starting with our All About Me bags from Meet the Teacher). We will also discuss classroom expectations and routines together in an effort to develop positive behavior habits from the very start. The end of the month will be all about our families and celebrating what makes us alike and different. Meanwhile, Miss Kate and I will begin observing and assessing students in order to create their Individualized Learning Plans for October.

This month, we will also focus on the following:

Letters: Aa, Bb, and Cc

Numbers: 1 and 2

Math Concepts: Same/Different, Color and Shape sorting

Color: Red



Green Room  
Miss Marie & Miss Carolyn  
[marieeubank@yahoo.com](mailto:marieeubank@yahoo.com)

Hello and welcome to the Green Room. We have many fun and exciting activities and events planned for this month. Our initial theme of the school year is ponds and the creatures living in them. We will be having a Green Day in which we encourage everyone to come dressed in green! The first month of school will focus on procedures and getting used to a consistent schedule. We will also focus on our classroom being a family in which we are all a part of. We will begin the alphabet with A,B, and C, along with the numbers 0 and 1. You will soon begin to see crafts made by our students appear in the hallways or hanging in our classroom. We will have a fantastic first month of school!

Purple Room  
Miss Lindsay & Miss Stacey  
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Welcome, friends, to the Purple Room! I'm so excited to get this new school year started. For the month of September, we will begin by getting to know the students and finding out their interests. This is important for our school year so I know what the students would like to learn about. Some of my new friends are going to be shy at first, but that's okay! Miss Stacey and I will be showing them how to communicate and make friends. We will also be learning right and wrong in the classroom. We will also be doing some review on our letters, numbers, colors and shapes. All the students probably are familiar with most of these, but sometimes, during the summer, the children usually turn off their thinking caps. So, that's why we will be taking time this month to see where all the students are and what they are struggling with.

Near the end of September, if the students are ready, we will be starting sight words. The class will start out with simple words such as "a, as, at", etc. When we begin working on sight words, I will be sending the words home that are our "words of the week." Please take these words home and practice with your child; Help them sound the words out, and maybe try using them in a sentence, or have them write the word down. Letter sounds are something children often struggle with, so learning the sight words will help them learn to sound out words and help them on their journey to reading. When getting the words of the week, those words will be the "passwords" of our room. Every day, I will have one of the words posted outside the classroom for the children to read before they come in the room. The goal of this is for the students to recognize our sight words of the week on their own. If they don't know, I will be able to assist the student in helping them sound it out and figure out what the word is. All of this is great practice for your child and will help them succeed not only in our classroom, but in kindergarten the following year.

Miss Stacey and I are ready for this school year and very excited to meet our new students! If you have questions or just need to talk to me about anything, please don't hesitate to email me at [lindsaymoore2033@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaymoore2033@gmail.com) or you are welcome to call the school. If you want to set up a time to talk after class, we can do that. To keep from traffic building in the hallway just let me know at the door that you would like to talk to me before or after class and I would be happy to set something up with you. Thanks so much for joining the Purple Room!

Blue Room  
Miss Jessica & Miss Joyce  
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Welcome to the Blue Room! We are so excited to start this new school year at Loving Hands We have lots of fun things planned for this school year. We are excited for year to begin. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better. So let the fun begin.

For our first month of school we are going to be working on our classroom routine, which will include songs that will be incorporated into our daily schedule throughout the school year. We will learn about our classroom rules and jobs. Our themes to kick off our school year will be back to school, families, friendships and apples. Throughout the year we will be working on things to prepare your children for kindergarten. such as reviewing our letters and numbers, working on memorizing our address and phone numbers. We will also be working on rhyming words and words that are the opposites. Once I feel the children are ready we will begin site words and as the children learn different words we will be making a site word game that the children can bring home and play with you to show you all the words they are able to recognize. ☺ We look forward to a wonderful school year.

