



Loving Hands
Preschool

September 2018

WELCOME FAMILIES!!! We are so excited to begin this school year!! We hope everyo... 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 "Information Station" outside of the Preschool Office, or online at www.loving-hands.org

Please join us for our **Meet the Teacher** on Tuesday, September 4. 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/4:00pm: Orange Room MW PM class
9:15am/5:15pm: Purple Room Half Day class
9:30am/5:30pm: Blue Room Full Day class
9:45am/4:45pm: Orange Room MW AM class
10:00am/5:00pm: Yellow Room AM class
10:15am/5:15pm: Green Room AM class
10:30am/5:30pm: Orange Room TTH AM class
10:45am/5:45pm: Yellow Room PM class
11:00am/6:00pm: Green Room PM class
11:15am/6:15pm: Orange Room TTH PM class



Our **Information Station** is the place to find Enrichment signup sheets, volunteer opportunities at Loving Hands, copies of the Parent Handbook, newsletters, medical statements, 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. We also recommend that your child wear tennis shoes. The playground has rubber mulch and it makes wearing sandals or crocs uncomfortable.

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 16th 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 16th.

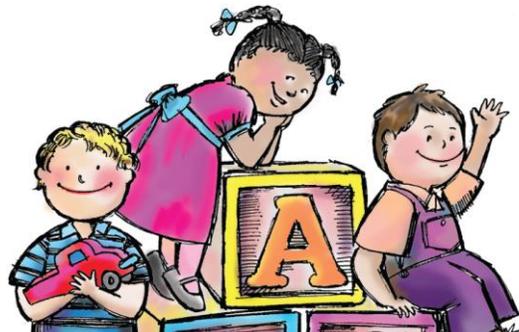
Our fall fundraiser is **KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!** These books are filled with valuable, family friendly coupons and discounts to hundreds of national, regional, and local businesses. Kidstuff Coupon Books are sold exclusively through schools! The cost of each book is \$25, and our school earns 50% profit 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 21. 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!

Enrichment classes will begin on Monday, October 1. 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 with Miss Alicia and Miss Stacey and on T/Th, it will be held in the Green Room with Miss Mary Ellen and Miss Stacey.

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

SEPTEMBER DATES

- 2: Happy Birthday Madelyn B
- 3: Labor Day- No School
- 4: Meet the Teacher (see page 1 for times)
- 4: Happy Birthday Lukas L
- 5: First day of school for Green Room, Orange Room MW, Blue and Purple Rooms
- 6: First day of school for Yellow Room & Orange Room TTH classes
- 6: Tshirt orders due by first day of school \$10/ Coupon Book sale begins
- 6: Happy Birthday Ryker S
- 7: Happy Birthday Jack M & Mason S
- 8: Happy Birthday Liam W
- 9: Happy Birthday Braden K
- 10: Happy Birthday Carter T
- 12: Happy Birthday Carter S & Ady V
- 13: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 16: October tuition due



16: Happy Birthday Addison F
21: Kidstuff Coupon Book sale ends \$25
22: Happy Birthday Justin M
24/25: Music and Movement with Miss Angelina
26: Happy Birthday Kendal F

Preschool-Orange Room
Miss Ang & Miss Robin
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Welcome to the Orange Room! Miss Robin and I are so excited to begin the new school year with you and your child! We have planned some super fun activities and can't wait to dive right in! 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", "Rules", "All About Me", and "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, using watercolors to paint to the music, dot art, making our handprints with our favorite color, drawing self-portraits, and painting with circles. Questions of the month, for school and home, consist of, "What are feelings?", "Can feelings have a color?", and "What can we do with our feeling?" We are looking forward to an amazing school year!

Preschool-Orange Room
Miss Carly & Miss Mary Ellen
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Hello, Orange Room families! What an exciting time for you and your children. For many of you, this is your child's first preschool experience, and we are so very eager to start the year off on the right foot. Miss Mary Ellen and I will do our best to accommodate each child and fill them with excitement for their first year of schooling. We will begin the month of September by getting acquainted with each other and our classroom routines. Your child will be introduced to his or her classmates and learn a little bit about their teachers as well. We will create our first piece of artwork using crayons and markers and explore other centers in the classroom. This will lead into a theme on feelings, in which we will discuss our emotions and display them through music and art. We will get a start on our first self-portraits, work in our journals, and read books such as "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "The Dot". We hope your child is looking forward to their time in Orange Room; we know we are!

Pre-Kindergarten-Yellow Room
Miss Carly & Miss Kate
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Welcome to another wonderful year in the Yellow Room at Loving Hands Preschool! After a fast and fun summer, Miss Kate and I are very excited to begin learning and having fun with your child. 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. For others, you have already known the wonderful opportunities Loving Hands has in store, and to you we extend a warm welcome back! Your children will learn and grow through a variety of developmentally appropriate activities in our classroom, and we love that they will teach us a few things, as well.

Our first week of school will mostly cover the routine and expectations of our classroom. We will get to know each other through games and activities, discuss both positive classroom behaviors, and become familiar with the centers in our room. After we've begun acclimating to the schedule, we will start a unit called "All About Me", in which we will learn more about ourselves as well as our classmates. Each student will paint a picture of their first initial, discuss their favorites in one-on-one time, make their own self-portrait, and more. The end of the month will begin a unit on "My Family" that will carry into October.

On September 28th, we will explore the color red. so please make sure to have your child wear something red to school that day. We will take a class photo of everyone wearing the color of the month!

In September, we will also focus on the following areas:

- Recognizing names and/or first initials
- Following class expectations
- Adjusting to routines
- Socializing with others

Pre-Kindergarten- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn
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Welcome to the Green Room!! We have been counting down the days for school to start and are so excited to begin a wonderful year together. In September, we will focus on getting to know each other and learning about our classroom and school. We will practice each other's names and begin to learn about our families. This is also a great time for the teachers to begin to observe and assess each student, so together we can create an individualized plan for your child!

We can't wait to start creating projects and begin learning together. This first month, we will focus on the letters A, B, and C, and the numbers 0 and 1. We will also begin exploring some math concepts, like color and shape sorting. We will explore the story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle, which is one of our favorite books! There are so many fun and exciting things ahead for you and your child this year!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)-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 the 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 sight words, and as the children learn different words we will be making a sight 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.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey

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Welcome to the Purple Room! We have so many fun and exciting activities planned, and we cannot wait to get this school year started. We will use the month of September to get to know our classmates through fun activities, designed so that we can learn about each other's interests. Miss Stacey and I will also be participating in most of these activities so the children can become more comfortable and familiar with us. Our first theme of the school year is "All About Me." This will help me plan for the upcoming months by observing what their likes and dislikes are. Some activities for this month include: self-portraits, completing "About Me" graphs and working on our writing and drawing skills by making our own All About Me mini book. We will also use this month to review our letters, numbers, colors and shapes. I'm sure most of the children are familiar with these, however it's always good for a review after a long summer vacation. This will also give us the opportunity to see where each student is at academically and where their strengths and weaknesses may lie.

Miss Stacey and I are ready to meet all of your wonderful children and begin this amazing school year! Please don't hesitate to contact me or set up an appointment for us to speak, if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for joining our Purple Room!

