



Loving Hands
Preschool

September 2019

WELCOME FAMILIES!!! We are so excited to begin this school year!! We hope every family continues 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 3. 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 AM 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
10:00am/6:00pm: Purple Room PM 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
10:45am/5:45pm: 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. There are a few days throughout the year that Loving Hands is closed, while Green Schools are open. Please check your school year calendar for those dates.

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. This is a state rule, and exceptions can not be made.

In the beginning and end weeks of school, as weather permits, 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. Paying in full? using AFT? Don't need your envelopes? We would love to re-use them. Simply drop them in the paperwork basket at the Preschool Information Station.

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 20. 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 Tuesday, 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 AFT (Automatic 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 Shannon Belaney and on T/Th, it will be held in the Green Room with Miss Terri.

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: Labor Day- No School

3: Meet the Teacher (see page 1 for times)

4: First day of school for Green Room, Orange Room MW, Blue and Purple Rooms

5: First day of school for Yellow Room & Orange Room TTH classes

4: Tshirt orders due by first day of school \$10/ Coupon Book sale begins

6: Happy Birthday Ryker S.

7: Happy Birthday Mason S.

10: Happy Birthday Zoey C. & Carter T.

12: Happy Birthday Carter S. & Bryce C. & Adalynn V,

13: Happy Birthday Lincoln G.

16: October tuition due
19: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
20: Kidstuff Coupon Book sale ends \$25
22: Happy Birthday Justin M.
23/24: Chapel Time with Miss Shannon
24: Happy Birthday Morgan F.
26: Happy Birthday Kendal F.
27: Happy Birthday Brielle S.

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, "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 Terri & Miss Kate
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Welcome to the Orange Room! Miss Kate and I are so excited for this new adventure with you and your student! We have an entire school year of learning, activities, and crafts planned. We will be working on social skills, as well as academic materials. We have very few days in the month of September. We will be working hard on getting acclimated to a scholastic setting, filled with new friends and a new environment. Our themes will be "Welcome," "Rules," "All about me," and "Feelings." We will be introducing students with shapes, colors, and numbers, and letters in a variety of ways, including familiarizing students with letters of their names. To help with what we are learning in school, help your child find circles, the color yellow, and the first letter of their name. We will also be starting art projects and crafts! We will be drawing our first preschool picture, painting, making handprints, and crafts according to our daily reading. We will delve into how students express their feelings, and we encourage your help! Questions to ask your little one during our first months of school will greatly encourage how we interact, as well as how they interact with classmates. Some questions to consider:

- What is a feeling?
- What do you do with a feeling?
- What is your favorite color?

We are looking forward to an amazing and fun-filled school year!

Pre-Kindergarten-Yellow Room
Miss Stephanie & Miss Kate
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Hello and welcome to the Yellow Room. Miss Kate and I are so excited for school to begin. We know that some of you are returning to Loving Hands (like Miss Kate) and some of you are new to Loving Hands (like Miss Stephanie). Whether returning or new we are so excited to get to know you all and begin a wonderful year together. We are going to have so much fun you won't even know you're learning!

We will start the year off getting to know each other and our classroom routine. We will work a lot at first on classroom routines, expectations, and jobs. This will be fun and engaging with different songs and books like **The Rules of The Classroom** by Dr. Jean and **Quick as a Cricket** by Audrey Wood. We will talk about when we work together we all win and the job gets done faster, with more time to play. We will incorporate music into our daily schedule throughout the year.

We will begin immediately working on our names. We will have a sign in book outside of our classroom that we would like you to help your child sign in to each morning. Each child will have a "name" folder in class with different activities added throughout the year to help them learn their first and last name, address, and phone numbers.

We will be working on the letters A, B, C, and D this month and the numbers 0 and 1. We will read books like **Chick A Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin and **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr. to help us with our letter and color concepts. We will focus a lot on rhyming throughout the year and different nursery rhymes. This month we will work with the Itsy Bitsy Spider, Little Miss Muffet, Buckle my Shoe, and Old Mother Hubbard. We will be sing the ABC song everyday throughout the school year. We will also focus each month on a character trait and September will be Kindness. This is also a great time for us to begin observing and assessing each student to create an individualized learning plan for each child. We can hardly wait to get started!!

Pre-Kindergarten- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn
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Welcome to the beginning of an exciting year of Pre-Kindergarten! September will be filled with lots of fun as we start out with the book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. This is always a class (and teacher) favorite! This first month of school, we will be focusing on getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the classroom routines. Our learning center time will include many fun games, songs, and activities to help everyone become familiar with the Green room and all our new friends! We will also be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, discovering ways to sort and count plastic bugs, and digging right into the alphabet letters and sounds! We should be able to have our large muscle time on the playground outdoors this month, and will have Chapel time with Miss Shannon.

Don't forget to look for the first Friday Green Folder, including a "Peek into our Week" form, and return to the basket on Mondays! We will use the Remind app almost daily to send pictures and announcements, so if you haven't already, be sure to get the invite code and join! We are so excited for this year and can't wait to watch your children grow and learn together!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)-Blue Room
Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen
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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. 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, all about me, 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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Ahoy Mateys! Welcome to the Purple Room. We are very excited to begin our voyage on the SS TK. We have a few new students to Loving Hands and we are so happy to welcome you and show you everything that this wonderful school has to offer. Our first theme of the school year is about getting to know our crew. Our classroom runs like a well-managed ship and when we all work together, we can go anywhere. We will spend September getting to know each other through games and activities. Knowing the interests of everyone helps us to plan themes that are targeted towards what gets their attention and excites them. We will also use this month to assess the students and see where their strengths and weaknesses are. There is no right or wrong for where each student should be. This is to help us see the individual needs for each child, so we can design activities that will put them on the right track for Kindergarten. The first day of school is right around the corner and we cannot wait to start this journey together!

