



# Loving Hands Preschool

## October 2024

Wow! We are so excited to be back in school and spending our days with the kids again! Thank you for making the first couple weeks great for staff and the kids. We couldn't do it without all of your cooperation and support!

This has been such a smooth start to the year! To help make drop off and pick up times go smoothly, please don't enter the building any sooner than 5 minutes before your child's start time (unless you need some assistance with something, of course). The teachers will not be down for your class any sooner than that, and it will help alleviate some of the crowding in the waiting area. The classes will not come down any sooner than their end time each day for dismissal.

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 9/10/11 (one month from their first day of school). 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, so we must get these forms on file for your child. 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 hanging on the door where we meet the teachers for drop off/pick up 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. Please be sure that their immunization record is also attached. You are also welcome to email me a copy of the immunization from your MYCHART if the doctor does not attach a copy at [smiller1950@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smiller1950@sbcglobal.net)

**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 items:** 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. Teachers may not always be able to go through backpacks during the day, so items that are left in the backpack may remain there. The basket makes it easy to drop it off as you are waiting in line to drop your child off at school each day.

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.

On Wednesday, September 30, we will welcome Miss Brandie, from the Green Library, back for **storytime** with our PM students! We are so excited to have her join us each month for some library fun. She will return on the following dates this year for our other students:

Monday, Sept 30 @1:00pm: Orange MWpm, Green PM, Purple PM, Blue Rooms

Thursday, October 17 @1:00pm: Orange TTH pm, Yellow PM, Pink PM (Purple & Blue away on field trip)

Wednesday, November 13 @10:00am: Orange MWam, Green AM, Purple AM, Blue Rooms

Tuesday, December 17 @ 10:00am: Orange TTham, Yellow AM, Purple AM, Blue

Wednesday, January 22 @ 1:00pm: Orange MWpm, Green PM, Pink PM, Purple PM, Blue Rooms

Wednesday, February 19 @ 10:00am: Orange MWam, Green AM, Purple AM, Blue Rooms

Thursday, March 13 @1:00pm: Orange TThpm, Yellow PM, Pink PM, Purple PM, Blue

Tuesday, April 15 @10:00am: Orange TTh am, Yellow AM, Purple AM, Blue

**Fall Picture Day** will be on Wednesday, October 9 (Blue Room, Green Room, M/W 3's, Pink Room) & Thursday, October 10 (Purple Room, Yellow Room, TTH3's). Buckeye Photography of Canal Fulton will take the portraits. This will be our fourth year using them and we are so excited to continue this new partnership with BP! Buckeye does their ordering online AFTER picture day. So once pictures have been taken, you will be able to go on and view the pictures and order what you would like. This is new to many of you, so please don't hesitate to ask any questions that you may have as you begin the process. This will also allow ALL children to get their picture taken. The class picture will be taken in the fall, as well. The picture day info is coming home with this newsletter. More info will be sent through REMIND to show how to access our album when the pictures are available for viewing.

**Enrichment** is starting this month!!! Enrichment is an optional month-month program that extends your child's day by 1.5 hours on M-TH. The AM class will stay after class from 11:30-1:00 and the PM class will arrive at 11:00 and stay in enrichment until they head to preschool at 12:30. It's not too late to sign up for October! We would like to welcome Miss Kate as our Enrichment teacher on M/W and Miss Libby will be our T/TH Enrichment teacher. We are also excited that Miss Brittney, our Administrative Assistant will be the enrichment assistant on MW this year, and Miss Jess will be here on T/Th to help!! They have so many fun activities planned!!! If you plan to sign your child up for Enrichment for the entire school year, you can sign up for AFT and then you will have a permanent spot in the class. For those that are paying cash or check, the sign up sheet will be out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each preceding month to sign up. Spots fill fast, so check it out today!!!

There will be **no school on Friday, October 11**. We follow Green Schools calendar, and it is teacher inservice days for the teachers.

We are excited to see everyone at **Open House**, scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 from 5-6:30. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone for it! In order to reduce the number of people in the rooms at a time, we are going to make a request for classes to come to their classrooms at particular times.

- Orange Room (MWam: 5:00-5:20, TTham 5:20-5:40, MWpm 5:40-6:00, and TThpm 6:00-6:20)
- Blue Room open between 5:15-6:15
- Yellow, Green, Pink and Purple Rooms (AM classes 5:00-5:45 and PM classes 5:45-6:30)

We will be welcoming Stephanie Troyer, from Paper Pie/ formerly Usborne Books to our Open House. She will be set up in our Gathering Area. Parents can stop and shop during the open house. There is information coming home in the back of this newsletter for the book fair!

**FIELD TRIPS ARE COMING!** We are excited for our fall field trips for our 4 and 5 year old classes!!

Our **Blue/Purple** Transitional-K classes will be meeting at **Ramseyer Farms** on Thursday, October 17 for their first **field trip**. Please arrive promptly by 9:30 to give us time to check in. Please send in form/money (cash only) by Thursday, October 10. Cash only

*Ramseyer Farms is located at 4000 Ramseyer Lane, Wooster, OH 44691. The cost of the field trip is \$10 per person (Age 2 and under are free).*

Our **Green Room Pre-K & Pink Room** classes will be meeting at **Kingsway Farm** on Friday, November 1 for their first **field trip**. The first wagon ride will leave promptly at 9:30, so please arrive at 9:20 to give us time to check in. Please send in form/money by Wednesday, October 23.

Our **Yellow Room Pre-K** classes will be meeting at **Kingsway Farm** on Friday, November 1 for their first **field trip**. The first wagon ride will leave promptly at 9:30, so please arrive at 9:20 to give us time to check in. Please send in form/money by Tuesday, October 22.

*Kingsway Farm is located at 1555 Andrews St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632. The cost of the field trip is \$9 per child (siblings are welcome, non-walking age are free) and \$6 per adult (for the wagon ride only). Permission form/money (cash only) should be returned to your child's teacher.*

Field trips replace your child's class day, so there will be no class that day. A responsible adult must stay with their child at all times.

For members of our **Preschool Board**, our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 24 at 9:00am in the Library. Loving Hands Preschool is looking for parents who may be interested in volunteering on our preschool board if a spot would open up. 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.

We are permitted to use Hand Sanitizer with children when a sink is not available, but they are not permitted to have access to it without adult assistance, so we ask families who have included sanitizer in backpacks, or snack boxes to please remove them. We hand wash when we arrive, before snack, after restroom, when we come in from outside, when we are in contact with bodily fluids (wiping noses), anytime our hands are visibly dirty and before we go home, and use sanitizer on the playground or muscle room when a sink is not immediately available. So sanitizer in backpacks or snack boxes, in addition to being a violation of our licensing rules, won't be necessary. It will be provided by teachers at any time needed.

**Halloween Parties** will be on Wednesday 10/30 (Green & Orange MW) and Thursday 10/31 (Orange TH, Yellow, Pink, Purple and Blue). We are always excited to have parent volunteers for the parties. Each classroom has volunteer signup sheets if you would like to help for the party. This year, we did limit the number of volunteers to no more than 4 adults (sorry, due to space limitations, we will not be able to invite siblings, or additional family members to the party. If the sign-up sheet is full, you are still welcome to put your name down to help with party planning. 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. We are asking parents to plan: One Halloween story, One music/movement game, one craft, and snack (nut free, and other specific classroom restrictions will be shared at the planning meetings). There will be plenty of other volunteer opportunities throughout the year, as well!

On each party day: children will come to school in their costume (**BLUE ROOM PARENTS, PLEASE SEE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CLASS**). We ask that costumes are not scary or contain weapons. Parents will drop their child off at their normal class time. Parents and other family members are then invited to join us for the Halloween Parade, which will begin as soon as all classes have arrived. The parade route will begin downstairs in the Gathering Area, down the Sunday School 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 preschool children that we will have at each parade is:

Monday AM: 26  
Monday PM: 25  
Tuesday AM: 40  
Tuesday PM: 62



At the conclusion of the parade, classes will meet in the Muscle Room for pictures. Parents who are helping will head up at this time and begin the party. At that time, children will proceed to their classrooms to set up for the party. If you are not planning to stay for the party, please plan on picking your child up at their **early dismissal time (1/2 hour before their regular time)**. There is no Enrichment on EITHER of the party days. Check out your child's classroom FB page for pictures!!

**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. Blue Room parents are welcome to come in at 12:15 if they would like to help their child dress in their costume. **They will dismiss ½ hour early on their party day (2:30)**



September 30: First day of Enrichment (openings still available for this month)

2: Happy Birthday Oaklyn G

8: Happy Birthday Landon D

9: Happy Birthday Gil S

9: Picture Day for Orange MW, Green, Blue, Pink Rooms

10: Picture Day for Orange TTH, Yellow, Purple Rooms

10: Happy Birthday Bella C

11: NEOAEA Day-Green Schools closed- NO PRESCHOOL

15: Happy Birthday Cailin A

16: November Tuition Due

16: Fall Open House 5:00-6:30 (recommended times: 5:00-5:45, AM classes; 5:45-6:30 PM classes)

(for Orange Room-recommended times are 5-5:20: MWam, 5:20-5:40:TTHam, 5:40-6:00: MWpm, 6-6:20: TTHpm)

(Blue Room 5:15-6:15)

16: Happy Birthday Arwen W

17: DAY TRIP to Ramseyer Farms for Blue and Purple Rooms 9:30am

17: Storytime with Miss Brandie from the Green Library 1:00

18: Happy Birthday Marley S

22: Happy Birthday Jozie J

23: Happy Birthday Rory C

23/24: Chapel Time with Pastor Harlen

24: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

25: Fall Assessment/Individual Learning Plans sent home

25: Happy Birthday Gabriella P

26: Happy Birthday Reese B

29: Happy Birthday Theo H & Miss Jess (Green Room)

30: Halloween Parties for Orange MW & Green Rooms, (dismiss ½ hour early, NO ENRICHMENT)

31: Halloween Parties for Orange TTH, Yellow Rooms, Pink, Blue and Purple (dismiss ½ hour early, NO ENRICHMENT)

31: Happy Birthday Ezra D

November 1: DAY TRIP to KINGSWAY FARMS for Green, Yellow & Pink Rooms 9:30am



### **Preschool 3's- Orange Room**

**Miss Tara & Miss Shannon B**

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So long September and into October we go! We have LOVED getting to know all of your sweet children these first few weeks of school! During September we have been focusing on our classroom routines and were introduced to our special classroom guest, Mr. Potato-head, who teaches us about our rug rules during Circle Time. We have also introduced all of the centers in our classroom and have been enjoying playtime with new friends. In our Sensory Center and during small group we have been practicing our sorting skills using various objects.

In October we will continue to learn about each other and practice our class routines while also incorporating two fall favorites: apples and pumpkins! We will begin to practice recognizing the letters of our names — with the special focus on their beginning letter. This month we also begin writing/tracing our names. Our letters AND numbers will be F, E, H A and 3, 4, 5. Our color this month is ORANGE and the shape is the TRIANGLE. Our Nursery Rhyme: Star Light, Star Bright. Mid month when we are shifting our focus from apples to pumpkins, we will be having our Fall Fest! This event is held outside (as long as the weather cooperates) during our normal school day. We will be reaching out for volunteers and donations. Keep an eye out for information in your child's folder. We hope you have been enjoying all of the pictures on our classroom FACEBOOK pages — please be sure to sign up for our classroom account to get a glimpse into our day! We are off to a great beginning of the year - as always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out.

### **Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room**

**Miss Libby & Miss Jess**

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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.

We discovered dinosaurs in September, and loved reading many books about them. It was so fun opening baby dinosaur eggs to see which dinosaur letter was inside. We also found it exciting to find tiny dinosaurs and pretend bones in the sand in the sensory table. We measured a dinosaur footprint and revealed how many of our feet could fit inside one dino footprint! Finally, we took a class vote to see who wished dinosaurs were still living with us... looks like the majority voted yes, we wish we were still living among these gigantic creatures!

Another big focus for our class this first month has been on kindness and making friends. This will continue throughout the whole year, as we believe it is very important to show the importance of being kind to others. One book we read was *A Little Spot of Kindness* by Diane Alber, in which the main character shows us how to make good choices and show kindness. We each came home that day with our own "spot" of kindness on our hands, and have since learned that we don't need to have the "Spot" on our hands to remind us to make good choices.

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! We also experiment with making the letters using a variety of items, like play-doh, sand, tiny erasers, fingers, blocks, legos, and many more during our learning center time in the classroom!

The green Friday folders may be returned to school each Monday, so we can organize them and fill them with important paperwork to return on Fridays! We will collect the "peek into our week" pages in the prongs and add a new one each Friday!

October will bring new themes as we continue our progress with the alphabet letters and sounds, and numbers. We will explore farms and farm animals this month, which is always exciting and fun! Halloween will bring some fun pumpkin and spider themed centers, too!

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 THF- Yellow Room**

**Miss Kate & Miss Tina**

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Hello Yellow Room families! What a fun September! It seemed like we waited forever for school to start and when it did, boy did it fly by! Miss Tina and I are so impressed with how well the children are adjusting to the school day! We are having so much fun with them playing games, discussing what makes each of us unique, what makes up a family, and how to be a good friend. As we move into this new month, we will talk about feelings. All feelings are valid, but it's what we do with them that makes a difference! We will then transition to learning about the ocean! We will learn about the different layers and several of its more exciting inhabitants! We'll then end the month talking about Fall - leaves, pumpkins, apples, cooler days and Halloween! Don't forget, we will dismiss 1/2 hour early on Halloween party day, Thursday, Oct. 31. And our field trip to Kingsway Farm is the next day, Friday, Nov. 1! Whew! It's a jam packed month for sure!

Our color for October is Orange. Our letters are D, E, F, G and H. We will continue learning a new number each week and our shape for this month is the triangle.

### **Pre-Kindergarten W-F- Pink Room**

**Miss Terri & Miss Leanne**

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What a wonderful start we have had in the Pink room! There were definitely some things that were different from home but everyone adapted VERY well. We have learned and are continuing to learn what it's like to be in school. Sitting on the carpet during circle time, and walking in a line with our classmates is coming along nicely. We have such a wonderful classroom of kind and thoughtful group of kiddo's. They are playing so well together and sharing during center time. Next month we will talk about camping, apples, scarecrows, pumpkins and of course Halloween! Be on the lookout for some at home reading we will be starting soon. Miss Leanne and I are looking forward to busy October.

### **Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room**

**Miss Alicia & Miss Courtney**

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September has been a great month of learning about rules and expectations for school, as well as learning about our new friends. We have tons of things planned for October that will be a lot of fun! Our class Halloween party will be at the end of the month. An email will be sent out before the party to those who have signed up to help. I will send your child's Individual Learning Plan home this month, which needs to be signed and returned. This will discuss how your goals for your child will be implemented into our day-to-day learning. October will also bring our first STAR OF THE WEEK. I will send a brown paper bag home, along with the instructions on what to fill it with for their special week. We will start the month with our Fall theme and talk about apples, pumpkins, and all things Fall. The students will have fun picking apples in our classroom's apple orchard, where they can weigh and sell at our market. The last couple of weeks of October will be all about Halloween. Our dramatic play area will be turned into a potion's lab and the students can create their potions with some very interesting ingredients. We also have our field trip planned to the pumpkin patch for Thursday, October 17th. Please make sure to return the permission slip with payment, if you plan on attending. This month, we will continue reviewing all capital and lower-case letters, letter sounds, and numbers, while also focusing on our writing skills. Practice makes progress, so please practice at home with your child. We are so excited to get October started!

## **Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room**

**Miss Jessica & Miss Renee**

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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 worked on our classroom routine and classroom rules. We have started to work on our letters and numbers and shapes and colors. We will be doing two letters a week and a shape, color and number a month! I am going to start sending home a paper every Thursday to show you what is going to be going on the following week of school! I hope you have been checking out our classroom facebook page to see pictures of our school days. 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 and holding our pencil correctly. We will continue working on letter recognition and letter sounds, along with number recognition. This month our themes will be fire safety, fall, pumpkins and Halloween. This month we will also begin chapel time which we will have twice a month once with Pastor Harlen and once with Miss Shannon. This month we will also start having a star student a week! I will send home an all about me poster for them to complete and on the Monday of their special week they can bring in a show and tell.

This month we also have our field trip to Ramseyer Farms in Wooster on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>. we will NOT have class. We will meet at the farm!!!!

## **Enrichment Class**

**Miss Kate(MW) & Miss Libby (TTH)**

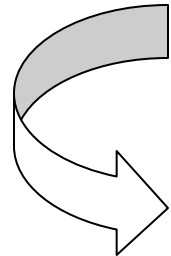
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**M/W in the Yellow Room:** Hello Enrichment families! This month, we'll spend some time getting to know one another, exploring the ocean deep, and having fun with some Fall and Halloween activities. We can't wait to see where this new adventure takes us!

**T/TH in the Green Room:** In enrichment, we will be digging up dinosaurs! We will discover fossils and make projects about these prehistoric creatures. After that, we will be making spooky crafts and doing Halloween themes activities to wrap up October!

**The next page  
has book fair  
info!!!**





## **Come to the Paper Pie Book Fair!**

**There will be a nice selection of quality Usborne and Kane Miller books, plus Smart Lab STEAM toys and more!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Shopping is from 5:00-6:30pm (during our fall open house)**

**Two ways to purchase books!**

- 1. At the book fair on Wednesday, 10/6  
or**
- 2. Online! Browse the full Paper Pie catalog & place your order online at [www.paperpie.com/brandpartner/W4668/event/4034338](http://www.paperpie.com/brandpartner/W4668/event/4034338)  
\*all online orders must be placed before 11pm on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Loving Hands Preschool will receive a 50% match on the profits of the book sales, which will enable us to receive FREE books for our classrooms, as well as purchase books for our Adopt a Families at Christmas time!!**

**If you have questions about the book fair, email Stephanie Troyer at [books.stephtroyer@gmail.com](mailto:books.stephtroyer@gmail.com)**