

2025-2026 School Year



Hello
Summer

Goodbye
Loving Hands
Preschool!!!

Wow!! I can't even believe that it is the end of the 2025-26 school year!!

What a great year this has been! We would like to thank each of you for the support that you gave us throughout the year! It has been a blessing to watch your little ones grow! For our families who will be heading off to Kindergarten...may your children continue their love for school and learning & may they grow in knowledge as they prepare for the successes that await them in the future! We are fortunate to be able to have played a small part in each of their stories. We hope that you will continue to keep in touch. We love to hear how they are doing!! For our students that are moving on to new schools or opportunities... we wish you all the same successes!! We hope that wherever your road leads you, you always remember that you have friends at Loving Hands! To our families that will join us again in the Fall... we are so excited to continue on this journey with you!! We have some great things in store for the upcoming school year and can't wait to begin the year with you!! We hope everyone enjoys their summer!!



The Trike a Thon was a HUGE success!! As of today, 5/14, we have raised \$24,288.55!!! We can't thank each of you enough for your continued support of our school! We truly have the BEST families!!

Classes have filled quickly for the upcoming school year! We have a few openings left, if you know anyone who may still be looking for a preschool! We have openings in our 3 year old options!! We have one opening in our Monday/Wednesday PM (12:15-2:45) class in the Orange Room with Miss Tara and Miss Shannon. Miss Lisa and Miss Terri have openings in their Wednesday/Thursday PM(12:25-2:55) class in the Pink Room! With some changes to our rosters, we have one opening in the MWF PM (12:20-2:50) class and one opening in our Purple Room PM (12:25-2:55) class, which is now open to any student who turns 5 by December 31. It is exciting to see so many returning and new families on the upcoming rosters! We hope everyone enjoys their summer and can't wait to see you in the fall!

Paperwork packets for our 2026-27 school year may be a little delayed this summer. Typically, I put the packets together in early June and they would be available for pickup at the church anytime until July 1, when I would mail them out. BUT this year, DCY (Department of Children and Youth) is in the process of a rule change, so that will delay the release of updated paperwork from the state. The rule change is to go into effect on July 1, but I am hopeful that they will give us access to the forms sooner than that. The plan now would be to have the files ready on July 1. Once they are complete, we will make a post on our school's FB page and leave them at the church entrance for the rest of the month of July. Anyone who would like to stop in and pick theirs up will be able to do so. This helps us to save \$ on postage, and also allows you to receive your paperwork sooner. The church's summer hours for pick up will be M-TH 9:00-2:00. Whatever is left at the end of the month, will be mailed on July 31.

If your child has a doctor appointment over the summer, before packets are out, or you have a younger sibling who will be attending next year, you can get the medical statement filled out ahead of time by printing it out. The most up to date form will always be available on our website, www.loving-hands.org under preschool forms. There are also copies available outside the office.

If you would like your preschool tuition to automatically come out of your account each month, you can sign up for AFT. There are forms available outside of the office, as well. If you turn it in by August 1, your September payment will be able to be deducted. If you turn the form in later than that, you will need to pay your September tuition (due on August 16) by check and then the subsequent months will be deducted automatically.

This year, Parent Orientation falls one week after September tuition is due. If you are not signed up for AFT, you will need to mail or drop off payment by Sunday, August 16. There is a drop box available under the carport if you come after hours. If you wait until Orientation to pay tuition, there will be a \$10 late fee.

Attached to this newsletter will be the school year calendar for next year.

We will be having some staff changes next year! Miss Lisa will be joining Miss Terri as a co-teacher in the Pink Room. Miss Lisa subbed in our Purple Room for the second half of this school year with Miss Stacey. We are so fortunate to have her joining our staff on a permanent position! Miss Terri will lead the 4's class, while Miss Lisa will take over the 3's class. Miss Leanne is moving to our Purple Room! Miss Stacey stepped in during the second half of this school year to take the lead role when we made some staffing changes. She did an amazing job (as we all knew she would), but she is looking forward to going back to her assistant teacher role for the 26-27 school year, and Leanne will take the lead! All other staff and classrooms will remain the same. We are fortunate to have an amazing staff, and even when there are changes to our staff, they all step in and make it a seamless transition. ♥

Preschool 3's- Orange Room
Miss Tara & Miss Shannon

OrangeRoomMW@loving-hands.org OrangeRoomTTH@loving-hands.org

Thank you for sharing your children with us this year. It has been amazing to see how much they have grown. They have learned to walk in a line, sit for Circle Time, recognize and write their names, play well with friends, and clean up after themselves. While it is time for them to move on to their next adventure, we are grateful to have been part of their first school experience. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow in the coming years. Have a wonderful summer, and please be sure to stop by and see us in the Orange Room next year!

Preschool 3's W/TH- Pink Room
Miss Leanne & Miss Terri

PinkRoom3s@loving-hands.org

As we come to the end of this school year, I find myself feeling both incredibly grateful and a little emotional. It has been such a joy to spend this time with your children during such an important and special stage of their lives. At three years old, everything is new, exciting, and full of possibility—and your children brought that energy into our classroom every single day. Their curiosity, laughter, and enthusiasm made each moment meaningful, and I truly looked forward to our time together. While I know I was only a small part of their journey, I sincerely hope I helped spark a love of learning and laid a foundation for a positive relationship with school. Watching them grow—socially, emotionally, and academically—has been such a privilege. I will deeply miss their smiles, their questions, their stories, and the joy they brought into the classroom. They made this year unforgettable.

Thank you for trusting me with your children and for your support throughout the year. It's a responsibility I don't take lightly. Wishing all of you a wonderful, relaxing, and fun-filled summer.

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room
Miss Libby & Miss Jess

GreenRoom@loving-hands.org

We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for such an amazing year! We could not have asked for a better group of four and five year olds! Together, we laughed, we sang, we created, we danced, we painted, we may have even cried, and we grew! Some of the childrens' favorite memories of

this school year include: The Very Hungry Caterpillar book, Easter egg hunting, snack time dance parties, sorting bugs, talking about God's Creation story, baleen whales, the rainforest layers, Stone Soup, Polar Express Day, Singing the goldfish song, Owen and MZee, muscle room fun, rhyming pairs, ocean animals, The Lorax, the post office center, crafts, dinosaurs, the airport center and our list goes on....Each child has made a memorable mark on our lives, and we will cherish these memories and moments forever! We send all our green room friends forward with well wishes and confidence that they will "chase their own rainbows!"

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room
Miss Kate & Miss Tina
YellowRoom@loving-hands.org

It feels like just a short time ago we were welcoming you all into our classroom to see where your child would be spending their school days. I still am not sure how we got here so quickly! Each child has grown and changed so much over these past 9 months. Miss Tina and I are so grateful we got to be there as it happened. But we definitely could not have done it without you! Thank you, parents, for everything you did to make this year such a success - especially the classroom volunteering! We appreciate everything you did to make those days fun and exciting for the children. We hope you enjoyed it too! Miss Tina and I will very much miss spending our days with these kids, but it is incredibly exciting to see them ready to move on to their next chapter. Each month this year, we put a new word on our affirmation door. As a class, we discussed what it meant and why it related to them. And at this moment, they all feel like the perfect description of your children: Brave, Smart, Kind, Unique, Capable, Loved, Helpful, Generous, and AMAZING! These kids are going to do great things someday. Thank you for letting us be a part of it.

Pre-Kindergarten W-F- Pink Room
Miss Terri & Miss Leanne
PinkRoom4s@loving-hands.org

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of our preschool year. What an incredible journey it has been watching your children grow, learn, and shine each day. This class has brought so much joy, curiosity, and kindness into our classroom, and we are so proud of everything they've accomplished. Throughout the year, our preschoolers explored a wide range of themes and skills. They learned through play, hands-on activities, stories, songs, and lots of laughter. Some of our favorite highlights include:

- Exploring bugs, insects, and the butterfly life cycle
- Building early literacy skills with word families like AT and AN
- Strengthening number recognition and writing numbers 1-20

Our classroom was always buzzing with creativity. The children expressed themselves through: Painting, drawing, and crafting, Building with blocks and loose parts. Dramatic play and storytelling. And music, movement, and imaginative games. Their ideas and artwork filled our room with color and personality. One of the most meaningful parts of preschool is watching children grow in confidence and independence. They learned to:

- Use their words to solve problems
- Show kindness and empathy
- Follow routines and classroom expectations
- Try new things, even when they felt unsure
- Celebrate their own successes and cheer for their friends

We are so proud of the caring, capable little learners they are becoming. As we wrap up the year, we celebrate how far each child has come. They are leaving the Pink Room with stronger skills, bigger hearts, and a wonderful sense of curiosity about the world. We know they will continue to do amazing things in Transitional-K and Kindergarten.

Thank you so much for your support, your partnership, and the trust you place in us each day. It has been an absolute joy teaching your children and being part of their early learning journey. We wish you a summer full of sunshine, play, and special family moments.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room
Miss Stacey (& Miss Leanne M/T, Miss Lisa W, TH)

PurpleRoom@loving-hands.org

What a school year it has been! It feels like just yesterday your children came to the Purple Room for their very last year of preschool. (And in some cases, the end of three years at Loving Hands!) Despite some big changes and bumps in the road this year we had a truly great school year. I don't think I could've asked for a sweeter, nicer, more fun group of kiddos to help me ease into a lead teacher position. They were all such pros at adjusting to all the changes big and small. All of your children are definitely ready for kindergarten and will succeed there and beyond. I will miss them all and surely will never forget the Purple Room class of 2026!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Renee

BlueRoom@loving-hands.org

Wow! Where has the year gone. We first want to start by saying thank you. Thank you trusting us and allowing us to be apart of all your children's lives this school year.

This year had brought lots of fun, laughs and memories to last a lifetime. We want you to know how incredibly proud we are of each and everyone one your children. We have enjoyed watching all the friendships that have been made throughout the school year and hope they continue grow in years to come.

They have each show what amazing and talented kids they are and we have no doubt that they will achieve anything and everything they want to. They have each have grown so much and we know they are going to succeed in kindergarten. Remember you are amazing just the way you are!!!!

We hope that your summer is filled with lots of fun and sunshine! We will miss each and everyone of you. Thank you for making this year one we will never forget. Have a great summer!!!!

Enrichment Class

Miss Kate (MW) & Miss Libby (TTH)

YellowRoom@loving-hands.org

GreenRoom@loving-hands.org

MW: Enrichment families - Thank you so much for giving Miss Brittney and I the opportunity to spend our days with your children! We have thoroughly enjoyed playing, coloring, crafting, and dancing with them this year. We loved the lunchtime conversations and watching their friendships with each other grow. This is a truly remarkable group of children. We can't wait to see what the future holds for them!

TTH: We ended our fun days together playing a variety of games. The kids loved See It, Spot It, which is basically a giant memory game on the carpet. We also explored some classics, like The Cootie game, Don't Spill the Beans, and There's a Yeti in My Spaghetti! It was great to practice celebrating others' wins, while learning how to move on when we don't win and hope for another chance! We also did a few directed drawings, like the sharks and giraffes.

This group has been so fun....they have formed friendships outside their regular classrooms and truly seem to look forward to coming together twice a week. Thank you for allowing us to be a small part of their preschool journey.

Happy Summer Birthdays!!!

June

- 9: Pierson M
- 11: Miss Shannon B
- 13: Sonny P & Luna N
- 14: Sebastian B
- 15: Aurora N
- 18: Miss Tina
- 19: Lainey G
- 26: Blakelyn F
- 27: Lincoln T



July

- 1: Mila G & Connor S
- 2: Norah G/ Myra V/ Emmy S
- 3: Ivan S
- 6: Darrow v/Otis B/Viera B/Ava M
- 7: Adam P
- 8: Avery S/ Amelia T
- 9: Parker F/Presley P
- 15: Baker S
- 19: Evie B
- 26: Ruby T
- 27: Cooper F/Vincent F/Grayson W

August

- 5: Palmer S & Miss Jessica
- 7: Knox M
- 10: Calvin H
- 12: Charlotte M
- 13: Emma T
- 14: Mackenzie S
- 15: Tyler M
- 17: Sammy B
- 20: Bianca W
- 21: Jase W/Azlie M
- 22: Khloe R & Emma T
- 24: Henry W/Luke M
- 25: Anna K
- 26: Logan T & Lincoln B
- 27: Matthew G/Avery H
- 31: Harper K



July

19-23: Vacation Bible School at Greensburg United Methodist Church 6:00-8:00pm

August

16: SEPTEMBER TUITION DUE (tuition can be brought to both nights of orientation- AFT will come out on 8/16)

25: Parent (ONLY) Orientation

5:00: Orange Room TTH

5:30: Blue Room

6:00: Yellow Room

26: Parent (ONLY) Orientation

5:00: Orange Room MW/Pink Room 3's

5:30: Purple Room

6:00: Green Room/Pink Room 4's

September

2: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

7: Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

8-10: Meet the Teacher: Times vary per classroom

(sign up available at Parent Orientation)

14: First day of school for Orange MW, Green, Purple & Blue Rooms

15: First day of school for Orange TTH & Yellow Rooms

16: First day of school for Pink Room

16: OCTOBER TUITION DUE

28: First day of Enrichment (MW class)

29: First day of Enrichment (TTH class)

30: First Day of Enrichment (WTH class)



OCTOBER

1: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am

7: Fall Picture Day (MW3's, Green, Blue, Pink)

8: Fall Picture Day (TTH3's, Yellow, Purple)

9: NEOEA Day- NO SCHOOL

12-14: Scholastic Book Fair (will be open during open house, as well)

14: Fall Open House 5:00-6:30 (recommended times: 5:00-5:45, AM classes; 5:45-6:30 PM classes, Blue: 5:15-6:15)

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

15: Field Trip for Purple and Blue Rooms (9:45 at Ramseyer Farms) NO CLASS ON FIELD TRIP DAYS. AN ADULT MUST BE PRESENT

16: NOVEMBER TUITION DUE

16: Field Trip for Green, Yellow, Pink Rooms (9:30 at Kingsway Farm)

28: Halloween Parties for MW3 and Green Rooms (parties dismiss ½ hour earlier than normal) (NO ENRICHMENT FOR GREEN ROOM)

29: Halloween Parties for TTH3, Yellow, Pink, Purple and Blue ROOMS (all classes dismiss ½ hour earlier than normal) (NO ENRICHMENT)

NOVEMBER

3: Election Day- TEACHER PD DAY- NO SCHOOL

11: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

16: DECEMBER TUITION DUE

18: Thanksgiving Feast for MW3, Purple and Green Rooms

19: Thanksgiving Feast for TTH3, Yellow, Pink and Blue Rooms

25-30: Thanksgiving Break- NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

9: Christmas Programs (early dismissal day for 3's classes)

10:30: Orange MWam, 2:00: Orange MWpm, 4:30: Green AM, 5:30: Green PM, 6:30: Purple Room

10: Christmas Programs (early dismissal day for 3's classes)

10:30: Orange TTHam, 2:00: Orange TTHpm/Pink WTHpm, 4:30: Yellow AM, 5:30: Yellow PM, 6:30: Blue Room/Pink Room AM

16: JANUARY TUITION DUE

16: Polar Express MW3 and Green Rooms- NO ENRICHMENT

17: Polar Express TTH3's, Yellow, Blue, Pink and Purple Rooms (Blue Room ONLY- early dismissal day)- NO ENRICHMENT

18: Christmas Break Begins- NO PRESCHOOL until 1/5/26 (Green Schools are in session on 12/18- LHP closed)

JANUARY

1: Winter Break- NO SCHOOL

4: School resumes for all classes

12: Registration for 27-28 begins for CURRENT STUDENTS 8:00am

14: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00

16: FEBRUARY TUITION DUE

18: Martin Luther King Jr Day- NO SCHOOL

19: Registration for 27-28 begins for RETURNING FAMILIES & SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS 8:00am

21: Registration for 27-28 begins for NEW FAMILIES 8:00am

FEBRUARY

9/10: Conferences (times determined by each teacher, sign up sheets will be posted)

10: Valentine's Day Party for MW3 and Green Rooms (parties dismiss ½ hour earlier than normal) (NO ENRICHMENT FOR GREEN ROOM)

11: Valentine's Day Party for TTH3, Yellow, Pink, Blue and Purple (all classes dismiss ½ hour earlier than normal) (NO ENRICHMENT)

12: Conference Make-up day- NO SCHOOL

15: President's Day- NO SCHOOL

16: MARCH TUITION DUE

17: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am

23: (HoT) Dogs with Dad for TTH3's, Yellow and Purple Rooms (NO ENRICHMENT) |

24: (HoT) Dogs with Dad for MW3, Green, Pink and Blue Rooms (NO ENRICHMENT)



MARCH

10: Spring Picture Day (MW3, Green, Pink, Blue)

11: Spring Picture Day (TTH3, Yellow, Purple)

11: Blue Room Art Show 2:30 (early dismissal for Blue Room ONLY)

16: APRIL TUITION DUE

17: Easter Egg Hunt for MW3 and Green Room- NO ENRICHMENT

18: Easter Egg Hunt for TTH3, Yellow, Pink, Purple and Blue- NO ENRICHMENT

19-29: Spring Break- NO SCHOOL (Green schools in session on 3/19 and 3/29-LHP closed)

APRIL

15: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am

16: MAY TUITION DUE

21: Spring Open House/Meet the Teachers 5:00-6:30 (recommended times: 5:00-5:45, AM classes; 5:45-6:30 PM classes, Blue 5:15-6:15), (for Orange Room-recommended times are 5-5:20: MWam, 5:20-5:40:TTHam, 5:40-6:00: MWpm, 6-6:20: TTHpm)

MAY

4: Mother's Day Brunch/Lunch (NO PRESCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS EITHER DAY)

May 4 @ 10:00/12:30: Orange TTH, Yellow and Purple Rooms

5: Mother's Day Brunch/Lunch (NO PRESCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS EITHER DAY)

May 5 @ 10:00/12:30: Orange MW, Pink, Green and Blue Rooms (Blue will come for the 12:30 lunch)

10: Trike a Thon

10:30 for MW3am, Green AM and Pink; 12:30 for MW3pm, Green Room PM and Blue (NO ENRICHMENT) (early dismissal for Blue Room)(if you are not participating, AM dismissal will be at 10:30 and PM class will start at 1:30)

11: Trike a Thon

10:30 for TTH3am, Yellow AM and Purple AM; 12:30 for TTH3pm, Yellow Room PM and Purple PM (NO ENRICHMENT) (if you are not participating, AM dismissal will be at 10:30 and PM class will start at 1:30)

13: Last Day of Class for Pink Room 3's

14: Last Day of Class for Pink Room 4's

17: Last Day of Class for MW3 and Green Rooms

18: Last Day of Class for TTH3's, Yellow, Blue, Purple Rooms

18: TK Graduation 6:00pm (Purple and Blue)

19: Pre-K Graduation 10:00am/12:00pm (Yellow, Green, Pink Room 4's)

20: Preschool 3's Popsicles on the Playground/Picnic 10:00am-12:00pm (Orange/Pink Room 3's)

(popsicle time for each class: MWam: 10:30-10:45, MWpm: 10:45-11:00, TTHam 11:00-11:15, TTHpm: 11:15-11:30, WTHpm: 11:30-11:45)

31: Memorial Day

Loving Hands Preschool follows the Green School Year Calendar. Any day that says NO SCHOOL means that Green Schools is also closed. There are days throughout the year that are exclusively closed to Loving Hands. Those days will say NO PRESCHOOL.

*Calendar is subject to change. Please watch your monthly classroom calendar for updates/changes.

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Testimonial Page

Have you been happy with your child's experience at Loving Hands Preschool? Help us share the word on our website's testimonial page!

_____ Name (optional)

Please return this form to the Paperwork basket outside of the preschool office. Thanks for your help!!

****You can us a review on Facebook, too!****

You are welcome to email it to Miss Shannon, as well at preschooldirector@loving-hands.org