

Loving Hands Preschool

May

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Wow!!! It is hard to believe that it is May!!! What an exciting year this has been! We have a month crammed full of fun events, and we couldn't be more excited about it!



Our **Mother's Day Celebrations** will be on Tuesday, May 5 & Wednesday, May 6. There will be no school on EITHER of these days for ALL students. The doors will open at 9:50 (or 12:20), to give us time to prepare. You will drop your child off to their teacher, and you can make your way to the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) when you arrive.

- Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00am (Orange TTHam, Yellow Room AM and Purple AM) for brunch.
- On Tuesday, May 5 at 12:30, we will host our Orange TTHpm, Yellow PM and Purple PM for lunch.
- Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00am (Orange MWam, Green AM, and Pink AM) for brunch.
- On Wednesday, May 6 at 12:30, we will host our Orange Room MW pm, Green PM, Pink PM, and Blue for lunch



The letters have been mailed and we are excited to get the treasure box out as the donations have started flooding in! We have already raised over \$5,000!! We will divide the Trike a Thon up into 4 events (RAIN OR SHINE), which will cause our class time to be shortened on our trike a thon day (early dismissal at 10:30 for AM classes, 12:30 for Blue Room & late start at 1:30 for PM classes, with regular dismissal time for PM classes). They will be held at:

- 10:30 on Monday, May 11 (Orange Room MW AM and Green Room AM and Pink Room AM).
AM STUDENTS: Students will be picked up from class at 10:30 and then can proceed to the parking lot for the event. AM families, participating in the Trike a Thon, will meet at the parking lot once they have picked up their child from preschool. The Trike a Thon will begin with a warm up and announcements. Please do not allow your child to begin riding until we have had time to warm up. AM students, not participating, should be picked up at 10:30. An adult must be with your child at all times during the Trike a Thon.
- On Monday, May 11 at 12:30, the Orange MWpm, Blue Room, Green Room PM & Pink Room PM classes will begin their event.
PM STUDENTS will arrive at their normal class time, and we will begin the event at 12:30. PM children wishing to participate should arrive at school by 12:30. At the conclusion of the Trike a Thon, they will begin class. PM students, not participating, should arrive for class at 1:30.
- On Tuesday, May 12 (Purple Room, Yellow Room, and Orange Room TTh) will have their trike a thon. Times and procedures are the same as above for AM and PM times.

Full Day students will only dismiss early on their trike a thon day. The opposite day is a normal day for them. The half day students will only have early dismissal on their trike a thon day. On Tuesday, Purple Room AM students will be dismissed from the side gravel lot. There will be NO ENRICHMENT ON EITHER OF THESE DAYS!! Because we aren't able to use the parking lot on Wednesdays, we apologize that it is on a non-school day for Pink Room. We hope that you can all join us at 10:30 (4's)/12:30(3's) for the event!

Children **MUST** have a helmet on to participate in the Trike a Thon. We encourage families to create signs to cheer on your child as they ride around the track!! All preschool children will earn a medal for participating! AM students are welcome to bring your bikes when you drop off. We will have bike parking under the carport, or you can bring them when you pick up!

Just opened: We just had a spot open in our Blue Room full day class for next year. If you are interested in signing your child up for that class, or know someone who may be interested, please reach out to Miss Shannon M for more information!



Our last classroom days for the 2025-26 school year will be on Thursday, May 14 for the Pink Room 3's, Friday, May 15 for the Pink Room 4's; Monday, May 18 for our Green Room and MW3's and Tuesday, May 19 for our Yellow Room, TTH 3's, Blue Room and Purple Room.

We are sad to see so many of our friends moving on to Kindergarten in the fall! And excited to see some of our friends returning for Pre-K and T-K next year! We will celebrate all of their accomplishments at our Pre-K and T-K graduations.

- This year, our **Blue Room and Purple Room Transitional-K** classes will celebrate **graduation** on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00pm. Your child may be brought to the muscle room at 5:50 (please make sure to stop off at the potty before leaving your house. We don't want anyone to have to take a potty break during the ceremony!). The ceremony will be in the Sanctuary. At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone may exit the building from the sanctuary exit, leaving one person to pick up the child at the muscle room, so they can receive their portfolio and gift before they head off to Kindergarten! Please turn in your RSVP form to the Preschool office paperwork basket by Monday, May 11 (coming home soon!!)
- Our **Green, Pink and Yellow Room Pre-K** classes will celebrate **graduation** on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00am for AM classes and 12:00pm for PM classes. Your child may be brought to the muscle room at 9:50/11:50 (please make sure they use the potty before coming to school. We don't want anyone to have to take a potty break during the ceremony!). The ceremony will be in the Sanctuary. Please turn in your RSVP form to the Preschool office paperwork basket by Wednesday, May 13 (coming home soon!!). At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone may exit the building from the sanctuary exit, leaving one person to pick up the child at the muscle room, so they can receive their portfolio and gift before they head off to Kindergarten!

Our **Orange Room & Pink Room 3's** classes will celebrate the end of the year with **popsicles on the playground** on Thursday, May 21, from 10:00-12:00. We will have Mike Salvino, a balloon maker & magician there to celebrate with us. He has joined us for the last 12 school years. Occasionally there is an accidental popped balloon, but the kids have always really enjoyed him!! The celebration will be outside in the pavilion/playground (weather permitting... it will be in the muscle room if needed). RSVP for this event by Tuesday, May 12 (invites coming home soon!). This is a great way to say goodbye to our friends for the summer and meet new friends (and teachers!!) who may be in our class next year!! We will break up the times that everyone gets their frozen treats by class to allow for a smaller number of people in the pavilion. This will be the time that the teachers will pass out portfolios to their students, as well.

We will meet in the pavilion at the following times.:

- MWam at 10:30,
- MWpm at 10:45,
- TTHam at 11:00
- TTHpm at 11:15
- WTHpm at 11:30

Families are welcome to come/stay for the duration of 10:00-12:00, or you can come for your assigned time, whichever you prefer. There will be lots of space and stations set up! If weather doesn't permit an outside celebration, we will ask families to come for their designated time only (with a blanket to sit on), so that we can set up some activities in the muscle room, as well, while they enjoy their treats and the balloon guy!

End of the Year...

May Dates

- 3: Happy Birthday Diana M & Miss Shannon M
- 5: Mother's Day Brunch 10:00 (AM) or Lunch 12:30(PM) (TTH3, Yellow and Purple)
- 6: Happy Birthday Miss Lisa
- 6: Mother's Day Brunch 10:00 (AM) or Lunch 12:30 (PM) (MW3, Green, Pink, & Blue (PM))
- 7: Happy Birthday Charlie J
- 10: Happy Birthday Brooks K
- 10: Happy Mother's Day
- 11: Happy Birthday Graham S
- 11: Trike a Thon 10:30(AM- MW3, Green, Pink) & 12:30 (PM- MW3, Green, Pink, and Blue)
- 12: Happy Birthday Kollyns F
- 12: Trike a Thon 10:30(AM- TTH3, Yellow& Purple) & 12:30 (PM- TTH3, Yellow & Purple)
- 13: Happy Birthday Ireland H
- 14: Last day of school for Pink Room 3's
- 15: Last day of school for Pink Room 4's
- 16: Happy Birthday Mayson R
- 17: Happy Birthday Miss Terri
- 18: Happy Birthday Landon G
- 18: Last day of school for Orange MW & Green Rooms
- 19: Happy Birthday Lyla S & Vinny I
- 19: Last day of school for Orange TTH, Yellow, Purple and Blue Rooms
- 19: TK Graduation for Blue and Purple Rooms 6:00pm
- 20: Happy Birthday Lylia D & Emersyn M
- 20: Pre-K Graduation for Green AM, Yellow AM & Pink AM 10:00
- 20: Pre-K Graduation for Green PM & Yellow PM 12:00
- 21: Happy Birthday Carson P
- 21: Preschool 3's Picnic 10:00-12:00 (see page 2 of this newsletter for classroom times)
- 23: Happy Birthday Nyla M
- 25: Memorial Day
- 26: Happy Birthday Sophie S
- 27: Happy Birthday Jack W
- 31: Happy Birthday Judah J



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

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April was filled with exploration and fun, and we are looking forward to an equally exciting May. We are especially excited to spend time with our moms during our Mother's Day Tea this month. Another upcoming highlight is our Trike-a-Thon-we can't wait to cheer everyone on as we head toward a fun-filled end of the school year.

Even though there are only a few school days in May, they will be packed with learning and activities. On Favorite Color Day, please have your child wear their favorite color or all the colors of the rainbow to join in our special color-themed activities. Additionally, having introduced the final letter of the alphabet in April, we will be hosting a Letter Celebration featuring letter-themed snacks and games.

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

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I can't believe we're down to our final few days together-it truly feels like the year has flown by! It has been such a joy watching the children grow, learn, and build friendships, and we are excited to finish our time together with a fun and memorable experience. To celebrate, we'll be taking a special *virtual* trip to visit everyone's favorite mouse! Throughout our adventure, the children will "board" a plane, explore a magical park, watch a lively parade, and even "ride" a few exciting attractions. We'll also take time to relax on our pretend vacation by heading to the beach, where we'll enjoy some fun, hands-on activities. Along the way, there will be plenty of surprises to keep the excitement going and create lasting memories during our final days together. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to use their imaginations, reflect on the year, and celebrate all they have accomplished. Please be on the lookout for additional information coming home soon regarding our end-of-the-year activities, special events, and important dates. Thank you for being such an important part of a fantastic year-we're looking forward to making these last few days extra special!

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

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May is here...and always a bittersweet time! We are excited for the kids to begin new adventures next year but will miss each of them so much! This month, we are working on blending all the letter sounds together to form words. We have introduced a few sight words, mainly to allow the kids to discover that letters blend together to form words. We also work on the beginning sounds of words, as well as which sound comes at the end. These are all great beginning steps to prepare them to read! The kids have been practicing writing simple sentences to discover left-to-right orientation and grouping of letters into words.

We had so much fun learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and watching our very own caterpillars emerge into colorful butterflies. To finish up our year of fun, we will learn about fairy tales, like Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk! We will spend a day or two on each fairy tale and learn about sequencing the events of a story and making predictions. We are also looking forward to spending our large muscle time outdoors as often as we can! May brings our very special Mother's Day Tea, Trike-A-Thon, and Graduation.

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Tina

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It is hard to believe it is already May! It feels like the school year just started. We definitely plan to make the most of this last month together. We will continue reviewing our letters and discovering how they work together to build words. And we will celebrate one last color day with Favorite Color Day! We have so many fun school wide activities planned, so make sure to keep an eye on the calendar. Don't forget, there are no regular classes on May 5th, just our Mother's Day Celebrations. And Trike-a-thon day has early dismissal for our AM friends, and a late start for our PM friends. And then shortly after that, is graduation...but I'm not ready to think about that yet. There's just too many exciting things to experience together first! Can't wait to get started!

Pre-Kindergarten W-F- Pink Room

Miss Terri & Miss Leanne

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Happy May! We are enjoying the warm weather and all the signs of spring. The children have been full of energy and curiosity, and we're excited to share what's ahead this month! We will continue to practice letter recognition and sounds, counting and number skills, and sharing, problem solving.

What We're Learning

This month, our themes will include:

- **Spring & Plants** - learning how flowers grow and what plants need to thrive
- **Insects & Bugs** - exploring the tiny creatures we see outside
- **Weather** - talking about sunshine, rain, and everything in between

Special Activities

- Planting seeds and watching them grow
- Bug-themed art projects
- Outdoor play and nature walks (weather permitting)
- Sensory play with spring material.

Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. We like to take them out if the weather permits, and our playground time is earlier, some days may be chillier. Also please remind your child to leave toys at home, we would HATE for anything to get lost.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Stacey (& Miss Leanne M/T, Miss Lisa W, TH)

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It is unbelievable that we have come to the end of the year already! May will be a very busy month as we celebrate Moms, participate in Trike A Thon and wrap up our school year with graduation! Be sure to check Class Dojo and/or our class Facebook pages for important information regarding all the special events that will be taking place. Note: there will be no school May 5 and May 6 as we will hold our Mothers' Day celebrations those days. There will be no enrichment on May 11 and May 12 on Trike A Thon days. Our last class day will be May 19, with our graduation ceremony taking place that evening.

Our last few weeks we will have an ocean/beach theme with lots of opportunities for sensory play with sand and water. We will learn about the importance of our oceans and about some of the fascinating creatures that call the ocean home. Look for some cute ocean animal crafts coming home. We end our unit with the best day of the year: beach party day! The children will be allowed to wear swimming suits (shirts for the boys and coverups for the girls please) and bring a beach towel for musical beach towels. We will watch a portion of the movie Moana and have some movie snacks as well as ice cream and popsicles on the playground.

Throughout our last few weeks, we will continue to review all that we've learned this year. All of the students have grown so much this year and all will do fantastic in kindergarten!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Renee

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Can't believe the last month of school is here! We couldn't be more blessed to have had the privilege of getting to spend this year with all of you and your families. For the month of May we have so much fun stuff going on.

For the last month of school, we will be talking about summer and all the fun activities that you do during the summer. We will also talk about getting ready for kindergarten. We will talk about what the kids are excited for and what they may be nervous about. We can't wait to make these last few weeks of school the best yet! So many fun memories to be made still!!!! I am hoping one day the weather will be warm enough and we can enjoy a picnic outside on the playground!!

On Monday May 11th will be our annual Trike a Thon. The day of the Trike a Thon you may bring your child's bike and helmet to school when you drop your child off in the morning or when you come for the event. The event will take place at 12:30 pm. Anyone may come and watch the children ride their bikes. Someone has to be there with their child during Trike a Thon. We will have early dismissal that day so when the Trike a Thon is over, we will NOT return to class.

Our graduation will take place on Tuesday May 19th at 6:00pm. Information will be coming home soon. May 16th will also be our last day of class.

Enrichment Class

Miss Kate(MW) & Miss Libby (TTH)

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MW: What a fun year we have had in Enrichment! As we look to the few days we have coming up in May, we will spend them doing what we enjoyed most this year - having fun with our friends! It's a short month, but we will make the most of our time together before our school year ends!

TTH: Enrichment has been so much fun! We discovered different life cycles, starting with the caterpillars, then moving onto tadpoles. The kids really enjoyed making the life cycles with playdoh to show each stage and that it is continuous. We will move into learning about spring and plants, then celebrating Mothers Day.

As enrichment wraps up, we wanted to thank each of our friends for joining us on our special days together. It has been really fun to try challenging STEAM projects and science experiments with our enrichment group. We feel confident that they experienced a transition to a "longer" school day, including eating lunch at school! We will miss each of them and wish them success as they begin their next chapter of school!

