



Loving Hands Preschool September 2026



WELCOME FAMILIES!!! We are so excited to begin this school year!! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and continue to enjoy what is left of it. Each month, we will send a school-wide newsletter home with your 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.

Our first days of class will be Monday, September 14, Tuesday, September 15 & Wednesday, September 16. This will allow us to have a **Meet the Teacher** week during the week of September 8-11. Teachers will have a sign-up sheet available at Parent Orientation, for each family to sign up for a 15-minute time slot. This is the opportunity to spend a few minutes in the classroom with your child and help them explore before their BIG day!! We offer day and a few 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. If you didn't attend Parent Orientation, the sign-up sheets will be available M-TH 9-2 outside of the preschool office. Paperwork/supplies/tuition, etc. can also be dropped off at that time.

Enrichment classes will begin for our 4- and 5-year-old students on September 28.

- PM students will attend 11:00-12:30; AM students will attend 11:30-1:00.
- The class is offered Monday-Thursday
- Pre-K classes can attend 2 days/week; TK classes can attend 2 days or 4 days.
- We offer a full year option, so you don't have to sign up each month for any family who makes tuition payments through AFT; but we will still offer the month-to-month option, with sign-up sheets at the Communication Station (outside of the preschool office); we will also offer stay-n-play option, which is a daily option (these options are based on space availability). This sign-up sheet will come out at the end of the preceding month. For October, the sign-up sheet will be out during Parent Orientation/Meet the Teacher week.

Our staggered drop off and pick schedule will look like this:

- 8:45-11:15 or 12:15-2:45: Orange Room classes
- 8:50-11:20 or 12:20-2:50: Green & Yellow classes
- 8:55-11:25 or 12:25-2:55: Purple & Pink classes
- 9:00-3:00: Blue Room

****PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING ANY EARLIER THAN 5 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S START TIME.** This will help to reduce the long lines or mixing in with another class's arrival. Upon entering the building, our parents will continue down the tile hallway to the double doors, where their teachers will be waiting for them. This will be our **drop off** area. Parents will be able to exit the next set of double doors to the parking lot. This will reduce parents from having to pass each other in the entrance areas. During the first weeks of school, if the same parent is dropping off and picking up, we will give you a pick up card. This will help speed up the pick up process. Please bring the card back with you at pick up. If someone different is picking up, simply let the teacher know and we will hold onto the card and that will help us know who we will be IDing before dismissal.

Pick up will take place at the same entrance. The outside door will be locked until it is time for pick up to begin. To decrease the waiting time and long lines prior, we will ask that you do not enter the building until your pick up time. Children will come down and wait outside of the muscle room area and then we will dismiss the kids, individually, to go home.



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. 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. 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** (and a lunch for our full day/enrichment classes) 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 be placed in their backpack, so it is easier for our little ones as they head upstairs. There will be a box outside of the Preschool Office for Enrichment lunches. AM students will drop their lunch box off there upon arrival. Please make sure to pack snack separate from lunches.

Every child must have a **Copy of Immunization Record** on file by the first day of school. If at any point in the school year, your child has an updated record, you are welcome to turn in a new copy, but you will be asked to turn in a new copy again the following school year, if applicable. If you need an Immunization Exemption Form, see Miss Shannon M.

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, or there are blank envelopes next to the tuition box in the Main Office. Payments are due BY the 16th of the month. Payments are made one month in advance (i.e., September payment was due on August 16, In April, you will make your last payment for May). 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, or leave it in our drop/mail box under the carport over the weekend, to avoid late fees. 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. Just a reminder that all payments are non-refundable. If at any time a family decides to withdraw from the program, they will need to do so in writing to preschooldirector@loving-hands.org

JOIN US ON **FACEBOOK!!!** In addition to private classroom FB pages, 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. Returning Parents: We would appreciate your help. Please take a few minutes to write a review on our Facebook page. We would like some updated reviews on our page when prospective parents visit us on Facebook!

Save your Acme receipts!! Loving Hands Preschool earns 5% of the community cashback listed on the bottom of each receipt towards supplies and equipment for our school! The Community Cashback program runs from August 1, 2026 until February 15, 2027. We also collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Collection buckets for both can be found outside the preschool office at the Information Station!

Be sure to sign up for your child's class on the **CLASS DOJO** app!! This is a way for the teachers to communicate with you about activities going on in class, send pictures and reminders. They are able to send mass texts to all families or communicate individually with a family. The best part is that you can also send private texts back to them! If you have a grandparent or babysitter that is responsible for your child during school time, they are also welcome to sign up for the app. This will allow them to get the reminders, as well.

SEPTEMBER DATES

1: Happy Birthday Vienna P
2: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am in Library
2: Happy Birthday Kallie D
6: Happy Birthday Miss Leanne/Owen M
7: Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
8-11: Meet the Teacher Week (be sure to sign up for a time!!)
13: Happy Birthday Jayden F
14: First day of school for the Orange Room MW, Green, Blue and Purple Rooms
15: First day of school for Orange Room TTH and Yellow Rooms
16: First day of school for Pink Room
16: October Tuition due
16: Happy Birthday Charlee E/Carson R
20: Happy Birthday Emmie G/Serenity R
22: Happy Birthday Selena R
26: Happy Birthday Dolly P/Zane B
27: Happy Birthday Gavin J
28: Enrichment begins



What's Happening

In our classrooms...

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

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OrangeRoomTTH@loving-hands.org

Welcome to the Orange Room! We are so excited for this new adventure with you and your child! We have an entire school year of learning, playing and exploring planned. We will be working on social skills, as well as academic materials. During our first month of school, we will be working hard on getting acclimated to a classroom setting, filled with new friends and a new environment. We will be introducing students to shapes, colors, numbers and letters in a variety of ways, including familiarizing students with the letters of their names. To help with what your child is learning at school, you can work on identifying circles, the color yellow and the first letter in their name.

We will also be introducing centers, starting fine motor journals, self-portraits, and art projects! This month we will be drawing our FIRST preschool picture, painting, along with other activities that coincide with our daily reading. 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 letter did you learn about today?
- What do you like to play during centers?
- What song did you sing today?
- What new friend did you meet?

We are looking forward to an amazing and fun-filled school year! It is truly amazing how much our little Orange Room friends grow throughout the year! We can't wait to be a part of it all!

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

PinkRoom3s@loving-hands.org

Welcome to the Pink Room! We are so excited for this new adventure with you and your child! We have an entire school year of learning, playing and exploring planned. We will be working on social skills, as well as using academic materials. During our first month of school, we will be working hard on getting acclimated to a classroom setting, filled with new friends and a new environment. We will slowly introduce classroom rules, gradually add in a number

and letter of the week and working on name recognition. To help with what your child is learning at school, you work on asking them about their classmates, classroom rules and first letter in their name.

We will also be introducing centers, starting fine motor journals, self-portraits, and art projects! This month we will be drawing our FIRST preschool picture, painting, along with other activities that coincide with our daily reading. 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 letter did you learn about today?
- What do you like to play during centers?
- What song did you sing today?
- What new friend did you meet?

We are looking forward to the happiest school year with your preschooler and hope to make it a space that they feel truly happy to participate in each week. They are going to grow so much this year. We feel so excited to have your child with us in the Pink Room this year!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

GreenRoom@loving-hands.org

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting year of Pre-Kindergarten! 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 be working on identifying and writing our names as well as learning about the alphabet, beginning with the letter Aa! We should be able to have our large muscle time on the playground outdoors this month if the weather cooperates.

Don't forget to look for the first Friday Green Folder, including a "Peek into our Week" form! After looking it over with your child, please remember to return the folder, with the pages still in the prongs, on Mondays! We will use the Class Dojo app to send information and announcements, so if you haven't already, be sure to get the invite code and join! You can also use this App to ask any questions, as your message will go directly to Miss Libby.

And lastly, join the class Facebook page to see your little one in action during our days together! We are so excited for this year and can't wait to watch your children grow and learn together!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Stacey & Miss Tina

YellowRoom@loving-hands.org

Hello and welcome to the Yellow Room! Miss Tina and I are very excited to start the school year and to meet all of our new friends! Preschool is such an important milestone in a child's life, and we will do our very best to create a classroom filled with happiness, fun, learning, creativity and embracing our uniqueness, which we hope will build a foundation for a lifelong love of school. There are so many amazing activities that we have planned for this year. From arts and crafts to science experiments, field trips and holiday parties, learning our letters and numbers and discovering where our interests lie! We hope your children are as excited as we are and come home bursting to tell you all about their days!

To start off we will be getting to know one another through some fun games and activities and getting to know all about the fun centers in our room. Additionally, we will learn about our school and classroom rules and how we treat our new friends and teachers. Each month we will have a special focus on a few letters and numbers, shapes and colors. For the month of September, we will start with the letters A, B, C and numbers 1 and 2, as well as the color yellow (of course) and circles. Your children will grow and learn so much this year and we are honored to be a part of their formative years!

Pre-Kindergarten W-F- Pink Room

Miss Leanne & Miss Lisa

PinkRoom4s@loving-hands.org

We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, family time, and lots of fun memories! While it's always a little sad to see summer come to an end, we are so excited to welcome everyone back for another amazing year of preschool. It will be wonderful to see so many familiar faces at Meet the Teacher, and we are thrilled to welcome several new friends and families to our classroom. We can already tell this is going to be a fantastic year filled with learning, laughter, and new friendships. We have been busy preparing engaging activities, exciting themes, hands-

on projects, special events, and plenty of opportunities for exploration and discovery. We have many fun things planned throughout the year and can't wait to share these experiences with your children. Thank you for trusting us to be part of your child's early learning journey. We look forward to working together to make this school year a happy, successful, and memorable one for every child. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Terri & Miss Sarah

PurpleRoom@loving-hands.org

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are so excited to begin this colorful journey together. Our classroom will be a place where children can **learn, play, explore, create, make friends, and grow** each and every day.

The beginning of school is a big step for our little learners. Some children may be excited to come to school, while others may feel a little nervous—and that is perfectly okay! We will spend these first weeks getting to know one another, learning our classroom routines, and building a safe and caring classroom community.

Our days will be filled with hands-on learning and fun! We will be working on:

- Listening to stories and building early reading skills
- Learning letters, sounds, and names
- Counting, numbers, shapes, and early math skills
- Practicing writing, drawing, cutting, and other fine-motor skills
- Problem-solving and exploring through play
- Art, music, movement, and creative activities
- Sharing, taking turns, making friends, and using kind words
- Becoming more independent and confident at school

During the first weeks of school, our biggest goals are to **build relationships and learn routines**. We'll practice things like unpacking our belongings, following directions, cleaning up, lining up, using classroom materials, and being responsible helpers.

Don't worry if your child doesn't remember everything right away. Learning new routines takes time, and we will practice together!

Reminder: Your child may come home tired, extra hungry, or full of stories about their day. Starting school is exciting—and exhausting!

Please encourage your child to talk about school, celebrate their accomplishments, and remind them that they are capable of doing hard things.

We are so grateful to have your family as part of our classroom community. We can't wait to watch your child learn, grow, and shine this year!

Here's to a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Renee

BlueRoom@loving-hands.org

Welcome to the Blue Room!! Miss Renee and I are so excited to have you in our classroom this year! We can't wait to learn all about you and your families. We have lots of fun things planned to do during our time in the blue room together and can't wait to get started.

Our first couple weeks of school will consist of us getting to know one another and learning our class schedule, classroom routine and classroom rules. We will have lots of fun games to play as we get to know each other. Each month, we will focus on one shape and one color for that month. We will focus on two letters and a number a week.

Our themes to kick off our school year will be back to school, all about me and apples. With these themes come lots of fun activities such as our all about me bags to learn all about our friends and their families, meeting all our new friends on our first day of school and different science experiments and crafts with apples. We will also have a taste test to try different kinds of apples. Miss Renee and I look forward to an amazing school year with all our new friends in the blue room and all our fun activities we have planned.

