



Loving Hands Preschool

October 2026

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, we ask that you 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.

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, immunization forms, fundraiser items, etc:** 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 Tuesday, September 29, we will welcome Miss Kayla, from the Green Library, back for **storytime** with our AM students! We are so excited to have her join us each month for some library fun.

Fall Picture Day will be on Wednesday, October 7 (Blue Room, Green Room, M/W 3's, Pink Room) & Thursday, October 8 (Purple Room, Yellow Room, TH3's). Buckeye Photography will take the portraits. This will be our sixth year using them and we are so excited to continue this 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 ClassDojo 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 Olivia 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 is the enrichment assistant on MW, 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 1st of each preceding month to sign up. Spots fill fast, so check it out today!!! For October, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are filled. We will offer stay-n-play for the Tuesdays for anyone who would like to check it out sometime in the month of October. The cost of stay-n-play is \$15 for the day. Stay-n-play will only be an option for the month if there are openings.

There will be **no school on Friday, October 9**. 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 14 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 hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in October! The book fair will be open during preschool hours on Monday, October 12-14. It will also be open during our Open House. It 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 15 for their fall **field trip**. Please arrive promptly by 10:05 to give us time to check in. The field trip will start at 10:15. Please send in form/money (cash only) by Thursday, October 8. **CASH ONLY, PLEASE!**

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, Yellow and Pink Pre-K** classes will be meeting at **Kingsway Farm** on Friday, October 17 for their fall **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 Thursday, October 9.

*Kingsway Farm is located at 1555 Andrews St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632. The cost of the field trip is \$10 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 by Friday, October 9. **CASH ONLY, PLEASE!***

****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 1 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 Wednesday or 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 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 10/28 (Green & Orange MW) and Thursday 10/29 (Orange TTH, 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:

Wednesday AM: 26

Wednesday PM: 26

Thursday AM: 52

Thursday PM: 60

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 for Green Room on Wednesday, and no enrichment for all students on Thursday.** 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)**





October Happenings

- 1: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am
- 2: Happy Birthday Oaklyn G
- 4: Happy Birthday Juliet C
- 6: Happy Birthday Kollyns S & Ezra D
- 7: Fall Picture Day for Orange MW, Green, Pink and Blue Rooms
- 8: Happy Birthday Oliver M & Sutton H
- 8: Fall Picture Day for Orange TTh, Yellow and Purple Rooms
- 9: NEOEA Day- No School (Green Schools closed)
- 11: Happy Birthday Harper R
- 12-14: Scholastic Book Fair- open during Preschool Hours
- 14: Happy Birthday Nora B & Lena H
- 14: Fall Open House- Scholastic Book Fair will be open from 5-6:30 that evening, as well.
 - 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)
- 15: Field Trip to Ramseyer Farms for Purple and Blue Rooms. Field Trip starts promptly at 10:15
- 16: Field Trip to Kingsway Farms for Green, Yellow and Pink AM. Field trip starts promptly at 9:30
 - ** for both field trips, plan to arrive 10 minutes earlier to allow time to check in**
- 16: November Tuition Due
- 17: Happy Birthday Jade S
- 18: Happy Birthday Aliyah M
- 20: Storytime with Miss Kayla from the Green Library
- 20: Happy Birthday Nora B
- 24: Happy Birthday Nico R
- 28: Halloween Party for Green and Orange MW- No enrichment for Green Room; ½ hour early dismissal for Green and Orange MW.
- 29: Halloween Party for Yellow, Orange TTh, Purple, Pink and Blue- No enrichment for ALL- ½ hour early dismissal for all students
- 29: Happy Birthday Miss Jess
- 30: Happy Birthday Hudson S
- 31: Happy Halloween

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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So long September and on to October we go! We have LOVED getting to know all of your sweet children these first few weeks of school! During September, we focused on learning our classroom routines and were introduced to our special classroom guest, Mr. Potato-Head, who helps teach us our rug rules during Circle Time. We also learned our three classroom rules: Be Kind, Be Safe, & Be Responsible!

Playing in centers and making new friends has been a BIG hit! During the last week of September, "Alphabelle," our class fairy, arrived and introduced us to our very first letter: Tt! September's number was 0, our shape was a circle and our color was yellow.

On to October!

This month, we will continue getting to know one another while practicing our classroom rules and routines. We will also begin working on name recognition, with a special focus on recognizing the beginning letter of each child's name. We will even start practicing how to trace and write that very special first letter! Our letters for October are L, I, F, and E and our numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. Our color of the month is ORANGE, our shape is the TRIANGLE and our nursery rhyme is "Hickety Pickety Bumblebee."

We hope you have been enjoying all of the pictures on our classroom FACEBOOK page! Please be sure to sign up for our classroom account so you can get a little glimpse into all the learning, playing and fun happening during our day! We are off to a GREAT start to the school year, and we are so excited for all the fun October will bring! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Preschool 3's W/TH- Pink Room

Miss Lisa & Miss Leanne

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Goodbye, September, and hello, October! We've had the best time getting to know your wonderful little ones over the past few weeks. September was all about exploring our space, making new friends, and learning how our classroom works. The kids loved meeting our special guest, Mr. Potato Head, who helped us learn our rug rules during Circle Time!

What We're Exploring in October

This month, we are continuing to learn about one another and build on our daily routines. We will be starting hands-on letter activities, focusing on helping the kids recognize and trace/write the first letter of their own names!

- **Focus Letters:** B, E, H, M, O, V
- **Focus Numbers:** 2, 3, 4, 5
- **Color of the Month:** Orange
- **Shape of the Month:** Triangle
- **Nursery Rhyme:** *Hickety Pickety Bumblebee*

Stay Connected

We hope you've been enjoying the photos of our everyday adventures on our classroom Facebook page! If you haven't joined yet, please be sure to sign up so you can catch a peak at all the play and learning happening each day.

We are off to such a wonderful start to the school year. As always, please feel free to reach out anytime if you have questions.

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 the ocean in September! We learned about sharks and whales. It is so fascinating to watch how a baleen whale uses hair-like structures, called baleen to eat, while a shark has many many rows of very sharp teeth! It was fun to create some of these ocean animals to hang up in the hallway and around the room!

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!

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 TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Stacey & Miss Tina

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Miss Tina and I are SO proud of how amazingly well all of the children have jumped right in to all of our classroom routines and daily activities! It feels like we've already been back to school for weeks with how easily everyone has adjusted to the start of a new school year! We have been very busy during September learning our school and classroom rules as well as getting a great start with name recognition, introducing colors and shapes and beginning to focus on the first few letter of the alphabet, as well as recognizing numbers 0, 1 and 2.

As we head into October our classroom will be all about apples, fall and pumpkins! Look for more detailed information regarding our Field Trip coming up on Thursday October 16 to Kingsway Pumpkin Farm coming soon. The children will get to enjoy a new dramatic play center where they will pretend to work and enjoy being at an apple orchard for the first half of the month and then we will switch it up to a spooky potions lab where the kiddos can whip up some delightful Halloween concoctions. Our sensory table will be filled with all things fall-corn, leaves, apples and pumpkins. We will do some fun fall crafts as well as some science experiments using apples and pumpkins! We will also continue name recognition and writing, introducing a few more colors and shapes as well as learning numbers 3-6 and letters D, E, F and G.

Pre-Kindergarten W-F- Pink Room

Miss Leanne & Miss Lisa

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Can you believe we are already in our second month of school?! The time is flying by, and I am so impressed with how well our little friends are picking up our classroom routines and expectations. They are becoming more comfortable and confident each day, learning how to be a classroom family, making new friends, sharing, taking turns, and having so much fun together. It has been wonderful watching everyone settle in and seeing their little personalities shine!

October is going to be such a fun month in our classroom! We will be learning all about **apples, pumpkins, and fall**, with lots of fun stories, songs, crafts, games, and hands-on activities planned. We will also be learning about the letters **O, A, and D** and practicing our numbers **2, 3, and 4**. Of course, we will continue working on our everyday skills, including name writing, fine-motor activities, following directions, and becoming more independent in our classroom routines.

We also have some very exciting things to look forward to this month! We will be taking a **field trip to the pumpkin patch**, and more information about the trip will be coming soon. We will also be having our **Halloween party**, which is always such a fun and exciting time for our little ones! I am so excited for everything October has in store for us! Watching these children learn, grow, make friendships, and become more independent is truly one of the best parts of being their teacher. We have lots of fun planned, and I can't wait to make some wonderful October memories together!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Terri & Miss Sarah

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HAPPY OCTOBER PURPLE ROOM FAMILIES!

October is going to be a fun-filled month of **fall learning, exploring, and growing!** We will be enjoying lots of seasonal activities while continuing to build important preschool skills. Each week, our classroom themes will be **fall-related**. We'll explore the changing season through stories, songs, crafts, sensory activities, science, and hands-on learning. Some of the fun topics we may explore include:

- 🍂 Leaves & Fall Colors
- 🎃 Pumpkins
- 👻 Halloween
- 🐿️ Fall Animals & Nature



What We Are Learning

We will continue working hard on important early literacy skills, including:

Letters & Literacy

- Writing our names
- Recognizing letters
- Practicing letter writing
- Learning letter sounds
- Beginning to introduce **sight words**

Numbers & Math

- Recognizing numbers
- Practicing number writing
- Counting and identifying quantities

We encourage you to practice these skills at home in fun and simple ways. Have your child look for letters and numbers, practice writing their name, count objects around the house, and read together every day. Thank you for partnering with us as we help your child learn, grow, and become more confident each day. We are looking forward to a wonderful October filled with **fall fun and lots of learning!**

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 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 start having a star student of the 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 15th. we will NOT have class. We will meet at 10:00am.

Please let me know if there is anything you need! I am always here!

Enrichment Class

Miss Olivia(MW) & Miss Libby (TTH)

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MW: I'm so excited to begin my new role as the Monday and Wednesday Enrichment Teacher! This month, we'll be getting to know one another while learning, creating, and having lots of fun together. Our October activities will include hands-on crafts, creative projects, music and movement, seasonal activities, and plenty of opportunities for the children to explore and use their imaginations. I'm looking forward to making our enrichment time a fun and special part of their week!

TTH: We can't wait for enrichment to begin! We will have so much fun extending our learning day with lunch and many more exciting activities. The kids always have fun meeting new friends from other classes as we blend together for a little bit. We will begin the month exploring ocean animals, like sharks, pufferfish, jellyfish and even an angler fish! We are so excited to get started!