

Loving Hands Preschool
November 2026

The staff at Loving Hands Preschool is thankful that we have such a wonderful group of children and parents in our program! We are blessed to have each one of you in our lives! We hope you and your family have a Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: This year, a new rule from DCY is that ALL individual drinks MUST be labeled with your child's name. The teachers have been trying to check daily, but remember, they have many children in their class, and that takes away from time with your children. If everyone can be responsible for theirs, it will save time during class. In the future, if a drink is not labeled, we will leave it in their backpack and not bring it in to the classroom. We have Dixie cups and will continue to offer water to any child who does not have a drink. This will allow us to remain in compliance with our licensing rules. Thank you for your help!

It is almost time for the **Halloween Party**, Wednesday, October 28 (Green & Orange MW) & Thursday, October 29 (Orange TTH, Yellow, Pink, Blue and Purple). The parade will begin as soon as all children have arrived to school. All families are welcome to stay for the parade. You may also pass out treats to the students if you would like! Just a reminder: all treats should be nut-free! Since we have children in our program with other dietary restrictions as well, small toys are also a great idea!! It is always so fun to see the kids dressed in their costumes (please remember, no weapons or "scary" costumes)! ***If you are not planning to stay for the parade/party,, please note that classes end ½ hour early on your child's party day.***
Please note the number of students in the parade:
Wednesday AM: 26
Wednesday PM: 26
Thursday AM: 52
Thursday PM: 60
There will be NO ENRICHMENT for the Green Room on Wednesday, as it is an early dismissal day for them. There will be NO ENRICHMENT for ALL students on Thursday. FOR OUR FULL DAY CHILDREN: please pack your child's costume (or bring it with you at 12:15 if you plan to help your child get dressed before the parade). Please let Miss Jessica and Miss Renee know if you are planning to help your child, so they will know who will still need assistance!

It is almost time for Daylight Savings Time to end. Don't forget to **turn your clocks back** one hour on Sunday, November 1.

Our T-K and Pre-K classes had a great time on their field trips! Thank you to all the family members who participated in the field trip! The kids (and teachers) had so much fun!

The **Thanksgiving Feasts** will be on Wednesday, November 18 for the Green Room, Purple Room and Orange Room MW3 classes, and on Thursday, November 19 for the Yellow, Pink, Orange TTH and Blue Rooms. Children should pack snack as they normally would. On the day of the feast, we will all come together in the Fellowship Hall for Chapel time with Miss Shannon and eat snack as a group. It is a great way to thank God for all that he has given us!! This month for chapel time, we will be learning about when Jesus fed 5000 men! To help Miss Shannon tell the story, we are requesting that everyone bring at least one non-perishable food item to donate to Green Good Neighbors. We will show how when everyone gives a little, we can help a lot!!

We will also be working on a Christmas donation project for Green Good Neighbors (to help local kids in need for Christmas). In the month of **November**, we will have our giving trees in the gathering area. Each class will have ornaments in their class color with items for each child in their adopted family needed for purchase/donation. If you or anyone you know would be interested in adopting a family on your own, as well, please see Miss Shannon and I can get you in touch with GGN. Donated items will be due back to school by

November 20. We will be looking for volunteers to help with wrapping on Monday, November 23 & Tuesday, November 24.

Mark your calendars: Our **Christmas Programs** are just around the corner! Family members are invited to these performances. Doors will open 10 minutes before the performance. Here is the tentative schedule:

Wednesday, December 9			**Thursday, December 10**
Orange Room MWam	10:30	<-----(early dismissal)---------->	Orange Room TTHam 10:30
Orange Room MWpm	2:00	<-----(early dismissal)---------->	Orange Room TTHpm/Pink Room PM 2:00
Green Room AM	4:30		Yellow Room AM 4:30
Green Room PM	5:30		Yellow Room PM 5:30
Purple Room AM/PM	6:30		Blue Room/Pink Room AM 6:30

Thank you to everyone who has been turning in Acme Receipts! Loving Hands will earn 5% of the community cashback amount on the bottom of the receipt. The program has been extended to February 15, 2027 for this school year. It will start back up again in August 2027. Please be sure to turn in all receipts to the bucket at the Information Station, outside of the PRESCHOOL OFFICE. Our last day to turn in receipts will be on Friday, February 19.

If you haven't "liked" our **Facebook page** yet, you may want to check us out! We post event reminders and pictures of happenings at school! We would also love if you would consider telling others what you think of us by writing a review on our page, or writing a review for our testimonial page on our website. A form is attached to this month's newsletter, or can be found in the folder labeled "Testimonial Forms" outside of the preschool office, if interested. Most of our families hear about us through word of mouth, so your opinion matters to us!! Thank you to all who have already done this!!

We are looking to add new members to our Preschool Board. The meetings take place one Wednesday/month at 9:00am. If you would like to apply to join our board, please reach out to Miss Shannon at Preschooldirector@loving-hands.org or stop in the office to see me anytime!

November Dates
1: Daylight Savings Time ends- move clocks ahead one hour
3: Election Day- NO SCHOOL
6: Happy Birthday Nico E
11: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
11: Storytime with Miss Kayla from the Green Library 1:00
15: Happy Birthday Anthony D
16: Happy Birthday Libby S/Kennedy A/Camila A
16: December Tuition Due
17: Happy Birthday Harlee D/Charlie S
18: Thanksgiving Feast/Chapel Time with Miss Shannon for Green, MW3, and Purple Rooms
18: Happy Birthday Palmer M
19: Thanksgiving Feast/Chapel Time with Miss Shannon for Yellow, TTH3, Pink and Blue Rooms
19: Happy Birthday Donovan V
22: Happy Birthday Bodhi B
23: Happy Birthday Lainey M
25-November 30: Thanksgiving Break- NO SCHOOL (classes resume Tuesday, December 1)
26: Happy Birthday Sunni F
28: Happy Birthday Weston S
29: Happy Birthday: Gigi D

Preschool 3's- Orange Room
Miss Tara & Miss Shannon
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It is amazing how quickly the 3's classes are learning our classroom routines! We are very proud of all their accomplishments during the past few months! At the beginning of October, we began our daily routine of recognizing and writing the first letter in our name. In the beginning, we practice H.O.H (Hand Over Hand) to form the letters correctly and then they try it independently with verbal cues. We are really working on developing fine motor skills - having your child color, make lines and use stickers, play with play-doh at home are several great ways to do this. We also introduced glue sticks and how to use them! We practice a saying when applying glue "1, 2, 3 is enough for me". Pushing and moving the glue stick around is tricky — this is another fun way they can develop their fine motor skills.

Some classroom reminders: Please be sure to have your child use the restroom right before coming to school. Also, thank you for continuing to label & pack your child's water bottles inside their snack bag (if it will fit) - this is helpful for them practicing independence when getting their snack and cleaning up.

During the month of November we will be introducing
Letters: H, A, K Numbers: 5, 6 and 7
Color: Brown Shape: Square

November's Nursery Rhyme is Hickety Pickety Bumblebee - this is another fun way to learn our friends names!

As the end of October is near, we wrap up our Halloween celebrations and move into talking about apples, pumpkins, fall and our families! At the end of the month, we will have our Thanksgiving Feast and Chapel time this month celebrating with all our other Loving Hands friends!
May you and your family find many blessings to celebrate this November. Happy Thanksgiving!

Preschool 3's W/TH- Pink Room
Miss Lisa & Miss Leanne
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What a wonderful start to our school year! Our 3's students are growing more comfortable with their daily routines, and it has been so exciting to watch their confidence and independence grow. We are proud of all the progress they have made so far!
One of our daily activities is practicing how to recognize and write the first letter of our names. We began this routine in early October and will continue working on it throughout the year. As we practice, we are also learning how to hold our crayons and other writing tools correctly.
Building strong fine motor skills is an important part of preschool. Encourage these skills at home through simple activities such as coloring, drawing lines, placing stickers, and playing with Play-Doh. We have also been learning to use glue sticks! To help us remember how much glue to use, learning to press down and move the glue stick takes practice, and these little activities help strengthen the muscles in our hands and fingers.

A Few Friendly Reminders

Please help your child get ready for a successful school day by visiting the restroom just before arriving at school. Also, since our snack period is only 15 minutes long, sending a couple of snack items is plenty of food for this time.

What We're Learning in November

This month, we will explore the following early learning concepts:

- **Letter of the Month:** C
- **Numbers:** 3 and 4
- **Color:** Brown
- **Shape:** Square

We had fun using October's nursery rhyme, *Hickety Pickety Bumblebee*, to learn and say the names of our classmates. For November, we will be singing and enjoying Hickory Dickory Dock!
With Halloween behind us, we are ready to discover more about the changes happening around us during the fall season. Our classroom discussions and activities will include autumn, nocturnal animals, and families. We are also looking forward to sharing special time with our Loving Hands friends during our Thanksgiving Feast and Chapel celebration!

We hope this month brings your family plenty of happiness, gratitude, and special moments together. Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Jess

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The green room had so much fun learning all about farms last month! We especially loved reading many different versions of The Three Little Pigs. Our learning centers included different activities in which the kids could recreate the story using figures, and try building a house of sticks, straw and bricks! We also discovered facts about bats and were a little surprised to learn that bats aren't birds, rather they are mammals like us! The end of October was a little "spooky," as we made "witches brew" in the sensory table, and the centers transformed into Halloween themed stations, including tracing letters using a witch finger in green sand, counting skeletons and Frankensteins, and making letters using pretend spiders!! A giant thank you to EVERYONE who helped plan and donate for our class party!

November will bring the story of the first Thanksgiving. We will talk about the Pilgrims on the Mayflower meeting the Native Americans and how they shared a meal together. We will celebrate this special day with our very own feast during snack time! Our friends will talk about being thankful and what friendship means. We will also share in a special day making Stone soup and reading this teachable story in which we learn that when everyone contributes just a little, we can accomplish a whole lot!

We will continue our weekly letter focus, as well as number recognition and counting practice. Thank you for sharing your sweet children with us!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Stacey & Miss Tina

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Time is flying by in the Yellow Room and here we are heading into November already! October was a very busy and fun month full of exciting fall activities, cute fall crafts and lots of learning! We have been really focusing on our first names, both recognizing the letters and writing our names. We will be continuing to practice first names while slowly introducing our last names towards the end of November. We are rolling right along with the letters of the alphabet, both upper and lowercase, learning to recognize letters up to H as well as the sound each letter makes. We have some fun activities planned for November to help us practice those more. We've also been working hard at recognizing numbers up to 7 and also doing some counting activities to help with one to one correspondence while counting. November will bring more of these activities, such as clipping certain numbers of feathers on turkeys. The children have also enjoyed some fun games to help us with shapes and colors and we will be forging ahead with more practice.

We will start the month of November learning all about nocturnal animals and will be creating some adorable crafts! As we approach mid November we will switch our attention to all things Thanksgiving. We will read several stories about thankfulness and gratitude as well as making Pilgrim bracelets which help explain the story of the first Thanksgiving. We will be participating in a Thanksgiving "feast" towards to end of November with a special chapel time with Miss Shannon where we will also be enjoying snack time with our other classrooms! We will be creating some silly hats and special Thanksgiving placemats that your child will bring home to hopefully be a part of your families' holiday. Unbelievably, we will also begin practicing for our Christmas programs and beginning to work on a special Christmas gift. Lastly, we will be spending a significant portion of our center time doing individual assessments which will be sent home before Christmas break to give you a better idea of where your child is academically and developmentally. Don't blink because November will be over in a flash!

Pre-Kindergarten W-F- Pink Room

Miss Leanne & Miss Lisa

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November is a wonderful time to slow down, reflect, and remember all the things we are thankful for, and I have so much to be thankful for this year! I am especially thankful for our wonderful parents and families who trust us with their sweet little ones each day, and for our precious students who fill our classroom with smiles, laughter, hugs, and so much joy. Watching these little ones learn, grow, make friends, and discover new things is such a blessing, and I feel so lucky to be part of their preschool journey!

This month, we have lots of fun learning and activities planned as we explore the themes of **being thankful and turkeys!**We will talk about what it means to be thankful and all the special things that make our lives wonderful. We will enjoy cute Thanksgiving crafts, hands-on activities, fun stories, and plenty of turkey-themed fun along the way! We will also continue working on our letters **M, L, and H** and our numbers **5, 6, and 7** through fun activities that help build our early learning skills. Our little learners are growing so much, and I love watching their excitement as they learn something new!

We will end the month with one of our special classroom traditions, our **Thanksgiving Feast!** This is always such a fun and meaningful way to celebrate together. During our feast, Miss Shannon will share one of my favorite Bible stories, the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000 people with just a little boy's lunch! With five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus performed an amazing miracle and showed us the power of sharing and trusting in Him. I love this story because it reminds us that even the smallest gifts can become something extraordinary when we share them with love. What a beautiful lesson for our little ones as we celebrate thankfulness, kindness, and the joy of giving!

I hope this November brings your family plenty of love, laughter, and special moments together. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our preschool family. I am so thankful for each of you and feel blessed to spend my days learning and growing alongside your amazing children. ❤

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room

Miss Terri & Miss Sarah

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November is here, and we are looking forward to a month filled with learning, fun, and thankfulness! We will explore the themes of Veterans Day, turkeys, thankfulness, and the First Thanksgiving through stories, crafts, classroom activities, and group discussion.

We will continue building our early literacy skills by learning letter sounds and connecting sounds to the letters we see in words. We will practice listening for beginning sounds and identifying words that start with different letters. We will continue working on number recognition and number writing from 1–10. Students will practice counting objects, matching numbers to quantities, and strengthening their one-to-one counting skills through fun, hands-on activities. We will explore patterns using colors, shapes, pictures, and classroom objects. Students will practice recognizing, copying, and creating simple patterns while learning to identify what comes next.

We will have a few themes to touch base on starting with Veterans Day. (Celebrating the members of the military and how they serve.) On to Thankfulness, showing what it is to be thankful and kind. Then turkeys, with fun crafts for our kiddos to get excited about. And finally, THANKSGIVING!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room

Miss Jessica & Miss Renee

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Can't believe it's November already!!! Thank you to the parents who helped plan our Halloween Party. We couldn't have done it without you! We have been working on recognizing and writing our first names and have mastered it. We are now going to work on last names. We have done letters A through N and are going to continue working on the rest of the alphabet. We have done numbers 0 to 5 and are going to keep doing a new number every week. The children have been working so hard and we are so proud of them!

This month we will focus on writing and recognizing last names. We are going to begin working on rhyming, opposites along with patterns and sorting. We will enjoy a Fairy Tale theme. We will talk about Thanksgiving and how it started and what it means to be thankful. We will enjoy listening to the children tell us what they are thankful for. We will then begin our hibernation unit as we head into winter.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and don't eat too much!! We are thankful for all of our friends and their families!!

Enrichment Class

Miss Olivia(MW) & Miss Libby (TTH)

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MW: Happy November! I can hardly believe I have been with our wonderful enrichment class for a full month now! Getting to know your children has been an absolute joy, and I am so proud of how quickly they have bonded, explored, and grown together. This month, we are diving into cozy autumn themes, focusing on

sharing, teamwork and fun seasonal games. Thank you for sharing your incredible little learners with me! I look forward to another month of laughs discovery, and growth!

TTH: Our enrichment friends loved learning all about bats last month! You may have seen our furry little mammals hanging from the ceiling in the hallway! We love discovering new topics and working together to explore the facts. In November, we will be creating a mini town and figuring out the different parts of a successful community. We will use maps and road signs to ensure our town runs smoothly! Then, the toy cars and trucks will come to drive on our roads so we can see if we designed a safe city!

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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!

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