



# Loving Hands Preschool

## October 2023

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!

Just a reminder, if you are a new student and haven't turned in your **medical statement**, they will be due NO LATER than October 11/12 (one month from their first day of school). Anyone who has not turned in their form by that date will not be able to attend until it has been turned in. These are ODJFS rules, so we must get these forms on file for your child. If you need a new form, stop in to the Information Station, outside of the Preschool office and pick up a new one! If you would like to have your physician fax it to us, our fax number is 330-899-9880. There is an updated list hanging on the door where we meet the teachers for drop off/pick up to show if we are still in need of your medical statement or a part of it. Please double check to see if you are compliant. Please be sure that their immunization record is also attached.

**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, medical statements, fundraiser items.** 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 Wednesday, September 20, we welcomed Miss Brandie, 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. She will return on the following dates this year:

Wed. Sept 20 @10:00am: Orange MWam, Green AM, Purple AM, Blue Rooms  
Wed. October 4 @1:00pm: Orange MWpm, Green PM, Purple PM, Blue Rooms  
Thursday, November 9 @10:00am: Orange TTham, Yellow AM, Purple AM, Blue  
Thursday, December 7 @ 1:00pm: Orange TTH pm, Yellow PM, Purple PM, Blue  
Wednesday, January 10 @ 10:00am: Orange MWam, Green AM, Purple AM, Blue Rooms  
Monday, February 5 @ 1:00pm: Orange MWpm, Green PM, Purple PM, Blue Rooms  
Tuesday, March 5 @10:00am: Orange TTham, Yellow AM, Purple AM, Blue  
Thursday, April 18 @1:00pm: Orange TTH pm, Yellow PM, Purple PM, Blue

**Fall Picture Day** will be on Wednesday, October 11 (Blue Room, Green Room, M/W 3's) & Thursday, October 12 (Purple Room, Yellow Room, TTH3's). Buckeye Photography of Canal Fulton will take the portraits. This will be our third year using them and we are so excited to continue this new 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 information is attached to this newsletter. More info will be sent home 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 back Miss Terri Nettleton 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 will join our staff as an enrichment assistant on MW this year, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each preceding month to sign up. Spots fill fast, so check it out today!!!

There will be **no school on Friday, October 13**. 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 18 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, TTam 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 and Purple Rooms (AM classes 5:00-5:45 and PM classes 5:45-6:30)

We will be welcoming Stephanie Troyer, from Usborne Books to our Open House. She will be set up in our Gathering Area. Parents can stop and shop during the open house, as well. There is information attached to 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 **Green Room Pre-K** classes will be meeting at **Kingsway Farm** on Friday, October 20 for their first **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 Wednesday, October 11.

Our **Yellow Room Pre-K** classes will be meeting at **Kingsway Farm** on Friday, October 20 for their first **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 12.

Kingsway Farm is located at 1555 Andrews St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632. The cost of the field trip is \$8 per child (siblings are welcome, non-walking age are free) and \$5 per adult (for the wagon ride only). Permission form/money (cash only) should be returned to your child's teacher.

Our **Blue/Purple** Transitional-K classes will be meeting at **Maize Valley** on Thursday, October 19 for their first **field trip**. Please arrive promptly by 9:30 to give us time to check in. Please send in form/money (cash only) by Thursday, October 12. Cash only

Maize Valley is located at 6193 Edison St. Hartville, OH 44632. The cost of the field trip is \$10 per person (infants age 2 and under are free).

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 26 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 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 before we go home, 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 Monday 10/30 (Green & Orange MW) and Tuesday 10/31 (Orange TH, Yellow, Purple and Blue). This year, we are 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).

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:

Monday AM: 26  
Monday PM: 26  
Tuesday AM: 40  
Tuesday PM: 53



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 on EITHER of the party days. 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)



- 2: First day of Enrichment (openings still available for this month)
- 4: Storytime with Miss Brandie from the Green Library 1:00
- 8: Happy Birthday Landon D
- 11: Picture Day for Orange MW, Green, Blue Rooms
- 12: Picture Day for Orange TTH, Yellow, Purple Rooms
- 13: NEOAEA Day-Green Schools closed- NO PRESCHOOL
- 15: Happy Birthday Cailin A
- 16: November Tuition Due
- 18: Happy Birthday Caleb K & Marley S
- 18: Fall Open House 5:00-6:30 (recommended times: 5:00-5:45, AM classes; 5:45-6:30 PM classes)  
(for Orange Room-recommended times are 5-5:20: MWam, 5:20-5:40:TTHam, 5:40-6:00: MWpm, 6-6:20: TTHpm)
- 19: DAY TRIP to MAIZE VALLEY for Blue and Purple Rooms 9:30am
- 20: DAY TRIP to KINGSWAY FARMS for Green Room and Yellow Room 9:30am
- 23: Happy Birthday Rory C
- 25/26: Chapel Time with Pastor Harlen
- 26: Happy Birthday Reese B
- 26: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00
- 27: Fall Assessment/Individual Learning Plans sent home
- 29: Happy Birthday Theo H & Miss Jess (Green Room)
- 30: Halloween Parties for Orange MW & Green Rooms, (dismiss ½ hour early, **NO ENRICHMENT**)
- 31: Halloween Parties for Orange TTH, Yellow Rooms, Blue and Purple (dismiss ½ hour early, **NO ENRICHMENT**)

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

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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 have been focusing on our classroom routines and were introduced to our special classroom guest, Mr. Potato-head, who teaches us about our rug rules during Circle Time and how to walk in the hallway. We have also introduced all of the centers in our classroom and have been enjoying playtime with new friends. In our Sensory Center and during small groups we have been practicing our sorting skills using the book The Color Monster.

In October we will continue to learn about each other and practice our class routines while also incorporating two fall favorites: apples and pumpkins! We will begin to practice recognizing the

letters of our names — with the special focus on their beginning letter. This month we also begin writing/tracing our names. Our letters AND numbers will be F, E, H A and 3, 4, 5. Our color this month is ORANGE and the shape is the TRIANGLE. Our Nursery Rhyme: Star Light, Star Bright. Mid month when we are shifting our focus from apples to pumpkins, we will be having our Fall Fest! This event is held outside (as long as the weather cooperates) during our normal school day. We will be reaching out for volunteers and donations. Keep an eye out for information in your child's folder. We hope you have been enjoying all of the pictures on our classroom FACEBOOK pages — please be sure to sign up for our classroom account to get a glimpse into our day! We are off to a great beginning of the year - as always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out.

**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.

The kids have loved sorting pretend ocean animals in the science center and making patterns by their shape and kind. We made our own ocean window catcher using coffee filters and markers! We have also enjoyed reading many books about different underwater animals and stories. The green room loved learning about different kinds of sharks and whales. We couldn't believe that a baleen whale uses hair-like follicles to eat instead of sharp teeth!!

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! The morning journals have been a great way for us to get some extra practice on the letters at the start of each new day! 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 THF- Yellow Room**  
**Miss Kate & Miss Tina**  
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Hello Yellow Room families! What a fun September! It seemed like we waited forever for school to start and when it did, boy did it fly by! Miss Tina and I are so impressed with how well the children are adjusting to the school day! We are having so much fun with them playing games, discussing what makes each of us unique, what makes up a family, and how to be a good friend. As we move into this new month, we will talk about feelings. We will then transition to discussing all things Fall - leaves, pumpkins, apples, cooler days and Halloween! In the middle of all of this is our field trip to Kingsway

Farm. No matter the weather, it's guaranteed to be a good time! We will celebrate the color Orange on Oct. 27th, right before our Halloween celebration. Don't forget, we will dismiss 1/2 hour early on party day. We are so excited for all of the fun learning October brings. Letters for October are D, E, F, G. We will continue learning a new number each week and our shape for this month is the triangle.

**Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room**

**Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey**

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September has been a great month of learning about rules and expectations for school, as well as learning about our new friends. We have tons of things planned for October that will be a lot of fun! Our class Halloween party will be at the end of the month. An email will be sent out before the party to those who have signed up to help. I will send your child's Individual Learning Plan home this month, which needs to be signed and returned. This will discuss how your goals for your child will be implemented into our learning plan. Please keep an eye out for that. October will also bring our first STAR OF THE WEEK. I will send a brown paper bag home, along with the instructions on what to fill it with for their special week. We will start the month with our Fall theme and talk about apples, pumpkins, and all things Fall. The students will have fun picking apples in our classroom's own apple orchard, where they can weigh and sell at our market. The last couple of weeks of October will be all about Halloween. Our dramatic play area will be turned into a potion's lab and the students can create their own potions with some very interesting ingredients. We also have our first field trip planned to the pumpkin patch. If you have not returned the permission slip, please do so as soon as possible. This month, we will continue reviewing all capital and lower-case letters, letter sounds, and numbers, while also focusing on our writing skills. Practice makes progress, so please practice at home with your child. We are so excited to get October started!

**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. The children have been working on our classroom routine and classroom rules. This month we will start two letters a week along with a number, shape and a color. I am going to start sending home a paper every Thursday to show you what is going to be going on the following week of school! 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. We will continue working on letter recognition and letter sounds, along with number recognition. This month our themes will be Fire Safety, Fall, and Halloween. This month we will also start having a star student a 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.

We will have our fall field trip to Maize Valley on Thursday Oct.19 at 9:30. We will NOT have class that day. We will just meet at the pumpkin patch at 9:15am. If you have any questions please ask!!!! Can't wait for a fun filled month!!