



November Angelic News 2013

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE. TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.

Helen Keller

This month at Littlest Angels we're planting "seeds of cooperation" in the garden of life. A quote I like a lot is "**Getting' good players is easy. Getting' em to play together is the hard part.**" (Casey Stengel) And so it is at preschool. Just think for a moment what's involved in learning how to cooperate. Cooperation requires compromise, listening, sharing, encouraging, taking turns, being patient, and doing your part. That's a big list of requirements in order to be successful!

Cooperation is a new concept for most preschoolers. We spend months teaching babies and toddlers that they can do things by themselves; they've just discovered that are capable and they are so proud that they don't need any help. Then, along comes learning to cooperate. Building cooperation skills begins in the family where kids learn how good it feels when everyone works together. As children mature their world gets bigger and bigger and we begin to teach them that they can work with others to get the job done.

Here are some ways that can greatly boost the chances that children will cooperate:

Don't make demands. Refrain from saying things like; "Because I said so!" or "You have to do it this way." Lay a foundation of trust and teamwork and ask nicely! The goal is to have cooperation be internally motivated. We don't want children to cooperate just because we make it a demand. The goal is that the cooperation be sincere and genuine.

Children's work is play so make cooperating fun! It isn't just a way to gain cooperation but it's a way to enjoy time spent together. Sing a silly song. Have a race. Hop like a bunny. Whistle-or at least try to! Just have FUN!

Stop repeating yourself! If you repeat, repeat, repeat you are training a child to stop listening. They will tend to just wait until you are totally frustrated and then they will cooperate. Children can be skilled manipulators don't we know!

Cooperate with them. If they come to a bump in the road offer some help...we get by with a little help from our friends.

Let them be in charge once in a while! Ask questions like; "Can you tell me more about your idea?" "What would you do differently?" "Let's try this again." "Can you show me your way?" Let them know they are capable!

Participate in a worthy cause as a family. This can teach a child that other people need help and with the cooperation of many, much can be done. Our Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program would be a great way to do this!

Our Father in heaven knows how important cooperation is too! He knows that we need Him and we need each other. Can't you just see Him smiling knowing that if all His children work together, His work will get done on this earth!

Several parents asked for this reading I shared at Back-to-School Night:

ABC's OF WHAT CHILDREN NEED

- A**ppreciation, for all they bring into our lives.
- B**alance, somewhere between too little and too much.
- C**ommitment, it's the little things we do each day that matters.
- D**reams, to touch the future.
- E**mpathy, remember what it was like to be a child.
- F**amily and **F**riends, everyone needs someone to love.
- G**uidance, actions speak louder than words.
- H**ealthy Habits, to nurture body, mind and spirit.
- I**nspiration, to explore beauty, wonder and mystery.
- J**oy, sprinkle laughter and happiness daily.
- K**indness, to learn to care for others as they are cared for.
- L**imits, set boundaries and consequences together.
- M**entors, to give wings to their aspirations.
- N**ature, to delight in rainbow butterflies and shooting stars.
- O**pportunities, to discover what truly makes their heart sing.
- P**lay, the "work" of childhood.
- Q**uiet Time, to recharge their batteries.
- R**esponsibilities, to build self-esteem and self-confidence.
- S**ecurity, feeling safe is essential for growth.
- T**raditions, keep the family tree alive and sprout new branches.
- U**nconditional Love, for who they are, not for what they do.
- V**alues, live yours and encourage them to find theirs.
- W**ords of Encouragement, You can do it, I believe in you.
- X**oxoxo's, hug and kiss them each and every day.
- Y**ou, your presence more than your presents.
- Z**, zzzzzzzz's, a good night's sleep.

God bless us all with a month full of gratitude and love!

...and cooperation!

Kathy Stinson, Director



DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sunday November 3 Fall back your clocks and remember that...
all Littlest Angels are invited to come and sing, sing, sing! Please join us at 9:30 a.m. at Bethany.

Monday November 4 Christmas Adopt-a-Family
 Kick Off Day!



Monday November 4 - November 9 Dine – to – Donate at Lutticken
 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday November 5 Election Day



Monday November 11 NO SCHOOL Veteran’s Day Holiday

Wednesday November 13 Portrait Days
 Thursday November 14
 Friday November 15



Monday November 25 Christmas Adopt-a-Family Gifts Due today!



Tuesday November 26 NO AFTER CARE TODAY

Wednesday November 27 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
 Thursday November 28
 Friday November 29



Wednesday December 4 Portrait Viewing Days
 Thursday December 5 Family Center
 Friday December 6 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.



Friday December 6 Christmas Adopt-a-Family Gift Send-Off





Little Bunnies News

Fall is in the air, the paint, the stories, and the play dough too! We'll have tons of fun creating colorful fall projects this month. We will be learning about fall harvest through songs and stories. We'll be talking about all the healthy food we can eat.

Brown Bear will be our special story character this month. Brown will be our color of the month and our shape is the square. We will end our colorful month with lots of silly turkey fun!

We are so thankful for our parents that have donated books from our book tree and classroom items from our wish fish!

We are **thankful** for each and every one of our precious Little Bunnies!
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita, and Teacher Jessica



Busy Bee News

The Giving Farm

By Vickie Witcher

Hens give eggs. Pigs give ham.
Cows give milk. Strawberries give jam.
Bees give honey. Goats give cheese.
Farms give food. I'd like some please.



This month we're taking a pretend trip to Old McDonald's Farm. Cows, horses, chickens, and pigs too! We'll be learning all about farm animals and the food they give us to eat.

We will also be talking about being thankful for all the good gifts God gives us every day!

The Busy Bees are adapting well to our daily routines. They are making new friends and having a great time at school. Drop-offs are going well now-it's so nice to see all those big smiles in the morning.

We are looking forward to a "FARM-tastic" month!

Thanksgiving blessings to you all,
Teacher Lisa, Teacher Angelina, Teacher Holly, and Teacher Elizabeth



Little Turtles News



The fall weather is in the air as we begin our month of November. The Turtles had a busy month of October on the farm and celebrating Halloween. We want to send a big thank you to our parents that helped with our classroom parties and to our co-op helpers in the classroom. We are so thankful for each of you.

We will begin our month by taking a pretend trip to the forest. We will go on a bear hunt and learn about God's critters that live in the forest. We will be talking about being "thankful" this month as well. We will learn about the pilgrims and the Native Americans and their first Thanksgiving meal together.

Our letters for this month will be H, I and J. Our colors will be brown and black. Our shape will be a triangle. Our nursery rhyme will be "This Old Man".

We are very thankful for each one of our little Turtles. We wish a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Blessings to all,
Teacher Bettina and Teacher Alicia

Little Bears News



Apples, apples, what a treat, sweet and tart and good to eat.
Apples green and apples red, hang from branches overhead,
And when they ripen, down they drop, so we can taste our apple crop!

November has arrived! This month our themes will be harvest and Thanksgiving. We will be discovering many interesting facts about the season of fall. We will learn all about apples and where they come from. Later in the month we will be discussing the first Thanksgiving and all of the many blessings God gives us each day.

The letters for the month are G, H, I and J.
Our virtue is "cooperate".

Just a friendly reminder...please leave toys at home or in the car. Children have an easier time sharing our classroom toys than they do their own. Security blankets and lovies are ok to bring. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

God bless and Happy Thanksgiving!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Cecilia



Little Lambs News



October had our room filled with spook-tacular artwork, books and poems. We enjoyed learning about nocturnal animals and all of the different sounds they make. We hope you are enjoying the Nocturnal Animals book your Little Lamb created.

In November we will be learning about all the wonderful changes the season of fall brings; the changing of leaves, weather and the different foods that are harvested. We will learn about the First Thanksgiving and we will take time to share with each other about the many things we are thankful for.

Our virtue of the month is cooperation. Our letters will be F, L and C.

It's been a joy to watch new friendships develop as the Little Lambs get to know one another better. Thank you to all our co-ops; we appreciate you volunteering and helping out in our classroom.

Have a blessed month!

Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

Little Tigers News



October was such an exciting time in our classroom. We made pumpkins, ghosts, spider webs, mummies and boo-ti-ful trees (just to name a few) and finished it off with our Halloween Parade – what a fun time we had.

November will remind us of all that we have to be thankful for. We'll learn about nocturnal animals and about the animals that hibernate in the winter.

Our letters will be C, O, Q and G. We'll work on numbers 9 and 10, and then we'll start over again practicing numbers 1 and 2.

Our November poem will be:

Brown bears do it,
Ladybugs too,
Bats and snakes,
And a frog or two.

Groundhogs, chipmunks,
In a sleepy state.
What do they do?
They hibernate!!!!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Teacher Robin, Teacher Cynthia and Teacher Elizabeth

Little Lions News



Oh my goodness...here we are in November! Does anyone know where October went??? Time flies when you're having fun...and keeping busy!

Fall is a magical time of the year... so many opportunities for learning! Take a walk with your little angels and discover the wonderful world God made for us! The crispness in the air will soon be here...exciting changes everywhere! Autumn activities are sure to enliven the children's senses as they explore the magic; changing weather, shorter daylight hours, colorful outdoor scenery, and celebrations with opportunities to express their thankfulness for all God has given.

Our theme for the month is "Life on the Farm". We will also talk about The First Thanksgiving and Autumn Harvesting Time. Children will be given opportunities to experiment and explore many treasures of the season as we read stories, write, sing, count, cut and paste and learn to work together!

Our letters for the month are Q, G, S and review. We will be working on numbers 0 -10 in our workbook.

We had lots of fun at our Halloween party! A BIG thank you to all of you who brought goodies for our Lions to enjoy. Your wonderful help and support is so appreciated.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Teacher Staci and Teacher Riitta



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RULE #2

HANDS ARE FOR HELPING NOT HURTING!

We are learning that our hands can be used to help each other work together to get the job done. That's called COOPERATION! When we work and play together, it's more fun, and we get the job done! That works for children and it works for adults too!





ALL LITTLEST ANGELS

ARE INVITED TO COME

AND SING IN CHURCH AT BETHANY ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 A.M.

We would love to have your whole family join us for church on this special Sunday when all of our Littlest Angels are invited to come and share their “joyful noises” and sing praises to Jesus!

Just come and find a seat in the church and we will call the children up to the front when it is time to sing. We hope to see you there!

