



2013

December Angelic News

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy...Where?

"I bring you good news of GREAT joy!" "Joy to the world the Lord is come."

"Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant." "Repeat the sounding joy!" and "Tis the season to be joyful!" You hear a lot about joy this time of year. In fact, you are even under a little pressure to feel exuberant joy this time of year. But what if you are feeling stressed out, worn out, burnt out and joyed out? Once again, we can find out about this from the youngest among us.

Just spend a few hours with a young child...especially at Christmas time and you'll catch the joy...it's contagious!! They have the joy deep down in their little hearts! They live for every moment, taking in every detail. They stop and watch with wide-eyed wonder. They don't compare themselves with others. They do what they do because they have a longing to do so.

Little ones live to laugh. Giggles are always waiting and most things are funny. Children get excited about little things; a fuzzy caterpillar, a rain drop on their nose, tying a shoe, Santa's jingle bells and Christmas lights! They live it up! They are real!

They love unconditionally. They are truthful (oh boy, are they truthfull!). And most of all they are forgiving. But here comes the best part, children are real joy givers! (That's why I love my job!) I enjoy the saying, "I want to be a child when I grow up." Jesus tells us to be like children too. He knows how children think. He knows how humble they are. He knows how strong their faith is. May God help us all to deliberately be childlike during this Christmas season and during the New Year.

When I was young I learned an acronym for joy. Think first about Jesus, then Others, and then Yourself!

Christmas is not about us; it's about Jesus! "A Christmas visitor once asked a little five year old girl, "Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?" After a few moment's hesitation, she said, "No, but then it's not **my** birthday!" There you have it... the plain and the simple truth right from a child's mouth!

Joy comes from giving all we can give to others. If you want the **joy, joy, joy** this Christmas (and all year long) find someone in need and give them your time and treasures.

Joy comes to us when we take care of ourselves! Our attitudes determine whether or not we experience true **JOY!** We can choose to be full of **joy** or we can choose to be full of gloom. Make a conscious effort to think about your thoughts, listen to your words, and watch your actions and then ask yourself; "Am I full of **joy?**" No one knows the answer better than you.

God has a gift for you this Christmas-it's the **JOY** that you unwrap by focusing on Jesus, Others, and then Yourself. Unwrap His special gift-open it right now and **enjoy** every minute of it!



COMING SOON...the Young Child's Christmas Service "SAY CHEESE FOR CHRISTMAS!" It will be presented on Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:00 p.m. The children are busy practicing their songs and you can just feel the excitement growing. I can guarantee you that this blissful service will be a special highlight to your celebration of Jesus' birthday. You can enjoy every minute of the performance because you won't have to take pictures. We will again have a professional videographer recording the service and then produce a DVD that every family will have the opportunity to purchase. Information will be in your child's folder soon.

READ ALL ABOUT IT...BOOKS FROM SANTA! Santa is coming to Littlest Angels! Santa will visit each classroom on Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, December 19th. Santa will pass out books to each child when he visits.

PARENTS PLEASE BE SANTA'S HELPER:

1. Purchase a book for your child.
2. Please bring 2 books if your child attends both days.
3. Gift wrap the book.
4. Label it with your child's name.
5. Bring it to your child's classroom and give it to the teacher by Monday, December 16th



Joy to the world...and merry, merry Christmas from my heart to yours.
Kathy Stinson, Director



**Making a list and checkin' it twice?
Here are some dates you don't want to miss!**

December 4 th , 5 th , and 6 th Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Portrait Viewing	11:30 -1:00 Family Center
December 10 th Tuesday	Young Child's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.
December 16 th Monday	Santa books Due!	
December 18 th & 19 th Wed., Thurs.	Classroom Christmas Celebrations and a visit from Santa!	
December 20 th	NO After-Care today!	
December 23	Christmas break begins!	
January 6 th	Welcome back! School resumes!	



Little Bunnies News

May love, laughter and joy fill your holidays this year! It's a busy time but make sure to slow down and make it a special time for you and for your child too! Your two year old will really be seeing and experiencing Christmas for their first time. The lights, trees, sparkle, glow and warmth will excite all their senses!

We will be busy little elves in our classroom creating a magical Christmas through stories, glitter paint and music. We also have special events this month that you won't want to miss such as the Young Child's Christmas Program, Christmas classroom parties and a special visit from Santa. Please let us know ahead of time if your child is not very fond of the jolly ole elf.

Merry Christmas!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita and Teacher Jessica



Busy Bee News



'Tis the season to be jolly and joy-filled and every Little Busy Bee is aware that this is a very special time of year.

This month will be all about celebrating CHRISTMAS! We will be making decorations for our classroom and gifts for our families. We have been practicing our special song for the Young Child's Christmas Service. We hope all of you can attend-it will bring lots of joy to your Christmas.

We will have a special visitor this month too! Santa will be coming on our Christmas celebration days. (Please don't forget to send your books!) Let Teacher Lisa know if your child is a little scared of Santa as we don't want anyone afraid.

Dale Evans once said, "Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas!" We pray that this is your most special Christmas ever...take some time to enjoy it through the eyes of your sweet little child!

Teacher Lisa, Teacher Angelina, Teacher Elizabeth and Teacher Holly

Little Turtles News



Oh my, I can't believe we are already beginning our month of December. Season's greetings! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your friends and family!

The Little Turtles will be learning all about the season of Christmas this month. We will be busy decorating our classroom with our beautiful artwork. Our letters for the month will be K, L and M. Our color of the month is red and our shape is a star. Our nursery rhyme will be Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. Our virtue of the month is JOYFUL! We have been busy practicing for the Young Child's Christmas Service that takes place on December 10th.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year! May God bless you and your families with His peace and love!

Teacher Bettina and Teacher Alicia



Little Bears News



Happy holidays to all!



As we celebrate Christmas in the Bears classroom we will enjoy all the joy and magic of the season by decorating our classroom and reading Christmas stories. We will learn all about the real meaning of Christmas...it's Jesus' birthday! We'll be ringing our bells as we practice our song for the Young Child's Christmas Service.

Our letters for the month are J and K. Our virtue is "JOYFUL"!

We wish you a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

Teacher Ana and Teacher Cecilia

Little Lambs News



Christmas time is here! Happiness and cheer will be filling the Little Lambs' classroom this month. We will be very busy elves, creating decorations for our classroom and homes. We are working hard on the songs we will be singing for the Young Child's Christmas Service. The children are very excited to share them with you.

The Little Lambs will also be learning about the reason for the Christmas season. Baby Jesus' birthday! Of course, Christmas time would not be complete without a special visit from Santa on our party days, December 18th and 19th.

Our letters for the month are J, A, and G. Our color is red and our shape is the star. Our virtue this month is JOYFUL!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

Little Tigers News



Our December theme will focus on the birth of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. Our poem will be Peppermint Stick.



Oh I took a lick of my peppermint stick,
And I thought it tasted yummy!
Oh it used to hang on my Christmas tree,
But I like it better in my tummy!



Our letters will be S, D, and J. Our shape will be a star and our color is red. We will review numbers 3, 4, and 5.

Our virtue for the month is JOYFUL. Have you noticed our "virtue chain" growing in our classroom? Your children work very hard to keep the patterns growing!

Thank you to all who participated in our 2013 Christmas Adopt-a-Family!
Christmas joy!
Teacher Robin, Teacher Cynthia and Teacher Elizabeth

Little Lions News



The Christmas Cookie



First we mix it, and stir it all around.
Then we roll and roll it, and cut it into shapes.
Bake it and bake it, that's how we make it.
Looky, looky, it's a Christmas cookie!

It's that delightful time of year! Christmastime is here...a time of giving, sharing, and celebrating our heavenly Father's greatest gift...JESUS! We will center our learning this month on Jesus' birthday and all the joy that it brings.

The children will be encouraged to make gifts and cards for whomever they wish. No matter how lumpy, sticky or imperfect-they are surely a gift from the heart!

Academically, we will have many activities that review and reinforce the recognition of letters and numbers. Our virtue for the month is JOYFUL!

In the midst of busy holiday schedules, here are some great ideas for the family time this month:

- Have a baking party with a friend or two
- Make family Christmas cards to share
- Deliver foods and gifts to charities and distribute to those in need
- Play soft Christmas music instead of watching TV
- Bundle up and take a brisk night walk to look at Christmas lights
- Read a special Christmas book each evening

Have a joy-filled Christmas season!
Teacher Staci and Teacher Riita

MERRY CHRISTMAS