

**Angelic News
February 2014**

DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 13	CLASSROOM VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 14	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 14	NO AFTER CARE TODAY
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 17	PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 18	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 21	RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS AND PAYMENT DUE
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 24	OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS TODAY

RE-ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN!

Re-enrollment forms were sent to all current families via email on January 21st. Please be reminded that we offer all our current families priority enrollment before we offer space to our new wait list families. This priority enrollment is available until February 21st. In order to secure space for your child in the 2014-15 school year, we need the following forms and payment:

- 1. Application Form and \$100. 00 application fee**
- 2. 2014-15 Contract signed and dated and 10% of the total tuition based on the number of days your child will be attending:**

2 days =\$625.00

3 days = \$810.00

5 days = \$1,130.00

To guarantee your child's placement in our program please be certain that you return the four underlined items to us by February 21st. Thank you for your promptness! If you have any questions, needs, or concerns please contact the preschool office.



HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

B. Franklin



Honest hearts produce honest actions. Unknown

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. T. Jefferson

Being honest may not get you a lot of friends but it will always get you the right ones. Unknown

Speak the truth even if your voice shakes. Unknown

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything. Mark Twain

At Littlest Angels this month we will be cultivating HONESTY. This is no easy task when you work with young children! Preschool age children can come up with some whoppers of a story. That's because they are still learning what is reality and what is fantasy. Their stories are a result of their imagination working overtime. As children mature their tall tales are the result of something other than an overactive imagination. They are usually trying to avoid getting into trouble; they really want something to be real; or they desire to truly impress someone.

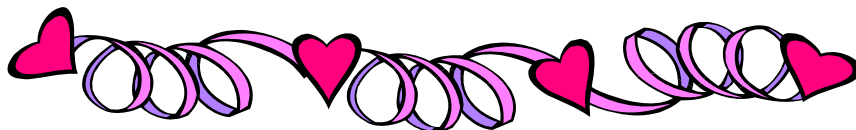
It is so easy to tell a lie. But, it takes lots of courage to tell the truth sometimes-for anyone- at any age. Truth telling doesn't come naturally so it's our responsibility to teach the children. We all want honesty in our homes and in our world-no cheating, lying, sneaking, stealing or cover-ups! Oh, what a wonderful world that would be! What's the best plan to teach honesty?

1. Talk often with your child about how much you value honesty. Honesty builds trust and lasting relationships.
2. Reward the truth: it's important to respond in a positive manner when a child tells the truth. If you respond only with anger and punishments your child will not want to tell the truth. Often lies are told out of fear of getting into trouble. Don't overact to their mistakes. Explain that you will always love them even if they do something wrong, but that you expect them to be honest and tell you the truth.
3. Always set a good example. Just be honest! Your word is precious to your child. Don't make a promise you cannot keep. You are the role-model for your children.
4. In your home try to create an open environment where there are no secrets and everyone feels comfortable telling the truth because there is no fear involved with doing so. Let it be a place where the truth can easily be told because compassion and fairness verses anger and threats thrive in your home.

If you want to be happy...simply tell the truth! It's in the Bible. "Lies will get any man into trouble, but honesty is its own defense. Telling the truth gives a man great satisfaction and hard work returns many blessings to him." Proverbs 12:13, 14 (TLB)

God bless our growing and our honest hearts!

Kathy Stinson, Director





LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS



**Love somebody? Yes I do! Love somebody? Yes I do!
Love somebody? Tell me who? Love somebody, but I won't tell who!**

It's February! The month of "love"ly things! Love will be in our paint, stories, projects, and play dough too! We'll have tons of fun creating special valentine projects this month. Each child is encouraged to bring valentine cards to school on our party days to share and pass out to their classmates. Please look for the sign-up sheet to bring special snacks for our parties.

Our rhyme is Five Little Monkeys. Our shape is the heart and our color is purple. Our special stories are; Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do you Hear?, Panda Bear Panda Bear What Do You See?, My Heart is Like a Zoo, Put Me in the Zoo, and 1,2,3 to the Zoo.

We would like to welcome Teacher Ruth to the Little Bunnies Class. She has replaced Teacher Jessica. We all wish Teacher Jessica well as she continues her education. She will miss all of her Little Bunny friends!

Our class will be a real zoo this month! We will have a wonderful time learning about amazing animals that we find at the zoo! Look out...we will even be dancing like animals this month!

**Lots of love,
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita, and Teacher Ruth**



BUSY BEE NEWS



This month we will be taking an imaginary trip to the CIRCUS! This fun theme gives us plenty of opportunities to learn all about circus animals and all the shapes and colors that we see at the circus.

**"Will you be my valentine, valentine, valentine? Will you be my valentine? I love you!!!"
Of course, during this month of love we will be making some special art for Valentine's Day and decorating our room. We will be celebrating this special day of friendship on Thursday, February 13 and Friday, February 14. Details about our party and sharing valentine cards will be coming your way soon.**

We will be having lots of happy birthdays soon in the Busy Bee room. You are welcome to bring a small treat to share with your child's friends at snack time. Please remember that we are a nut free school. Just e-mail or speak to Teacher Lisa if you have any questions or need any ideas concerning your child's very special day!

**We hope your month of February is lovely!
Teacher Lisa, Teacher Angelina, Teacher Holly and Teacher Elizabeth**



LITTLE TURTLES NEWS



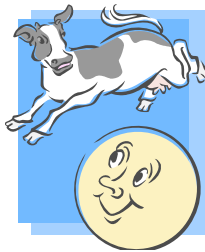
Happy February! We were very busy in January learning about the season of winter and winter animals. We finished our month with a cool transportation theme. We started cutting with scissors and did some cooking. We discovered that our Little Turtles are amazing little chefs!

Now, as we begin our month of February we will be getting ready for Valentine's Day. Our parties will be on Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th. The children may make homemade valentines or pick out their favorite from the store. Please write only in the "from" portion of their cards as they will be "mailing" them all by themselves. We have 10 children on Thursday and 11 children on Friday.

We will end our month with the roar of dinosaurs. We will learn about all the different kinds of dinosaurs that lived long ago. Our letters for the month will be Q, R and S. Our color will be purple and our shape is a heart.

Thank you for your continued help in the classroom as well as doing home projects, it is very much appreciated!

**Have a wonderful month of February full of God's love!
Teacher Bettina and Teacher Alicia**



LITTLE BEARS NEWS



Last month we enjoyed learning about snow animals and winter. This month our themes are Valentine's Day and Nursery Rhymes. We will remember some of our favorite nursery rhymes and grow in our understanding of just what a rhyming word is! Our letters for the month are P, Q, and R. Our virtue is~ "Let's grow honesty."

We will be learning about the joy of sharing with others as we talk about friendship and love this month. Our parties will be on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th. Please have your child bring Valentine's Day cards to pass out to their friends. Make sure to bring at least 16 cards. If your child attends both days please have them bring 16 cards per day. Please only put your child's name in the "FROM" section on the card and don't put any names in the "TO" section. The children won't be frustrated trying to find names when they "mail" their special valentines.

**Happy Valentine's Day!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Cecilia**



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS



In January our room was full of wintertime fun. We learned the different ways animals prepare for and behave during winter. At the end of the month we had fun learning that there are different ways we can melt snow and ice. Ask your Little Lamb what happens when we put salt on frozen paint!

In February we will be busy worker bees learning about insects, preparing for Valentine's Day and celebrating 100 days of school! We will have lots of fun learning what makes insects similar and different. Our letters for the month are K, V and X. Our virtue is honesty.

The Little Lambs will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13th and 14th. Please send valentines for your child to share with their classmates. If your child attends only one of those days please send 16 valentines. If they attend two of the days please send 32. Your child just has to sign the card; leave the "TO" portion blank. Passing out valentines will go more easily that way.

On the 20th and 21st of the month our class will be celebrating 100 days of school!!! Our projects and snacks will be all about 100! To help create a special snack please help your child count out "100" items to go into a trail mix. (M&M's, goldfish, raisins, pretzels) Everything will be mixed together to share. (No peanut or nut items please.)

Happy Valentine's Day!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



LITTLE TIGERS NEWS



Our theme for February will be "SPECIAL HOLIDAYS". The month of February has a bunch...Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day and 100 Days of School! Our letters will be A, M, N and V. Our virtue is "honesty".

Valentine's Day parties will be on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th. Please send 17 valentines. If your child attends both days please have them bring 17 valentines for each day. Have your child sign their name but please don't fill in the "TO" section. It is easier for the children to just walk around and pass out valentines to each friend.

Our 100 Days of School occurs on February 13th. We will delay this party until February 18th and February 19th. We will celebrate with a pizza/ice cream party! Be watching for sign-up sheets to bring goodies.

Our poem is:

COLORS

From pencils and markers and crayons and chalk...
From paints in a tube or a jar or a box...
Come colors delicious, delectable, lush...
Applied by ten fingers, two hands or a brush!



Happy February!
Teacher Robin, Teacher Cynthia, Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE LIONS NEWS



Hearts and hugs, cards and candy, friends and family...Love is in the air!

This month we will continue to share the love of Jesus with others around us with many beautiful, one of a kind, artful notes and special projects.

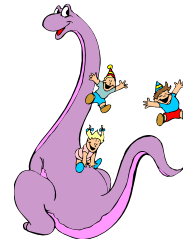
Valentines will be such a highlight this month! Each child is invited to bring a special valentine to share with their friends at our class parties. Please have your child sign only their name on the valentines. It is much easier for them to pass them out. Also, if your child attends both days please bring valentines for both days. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon for goodies for our parties. (Our party dates are Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th. Please bring 14 valentines on Thursday and 12 valentines on Friday.)

Later this month we will travel back to the age of DINOSAURS. A journey into the past to explore these mysterious and fascinating creatures is always "quite a trip!" The children will learn the names of several different types of dinosaurs, what they ate, and how they were born. We will dig in the dirt like a paleontologist, study rocks and build bones. We will also stomp like a dinosaur, stretch our necks like a brontosaurus, show sharp teeth like a T-Rex...and experiment with overflowing volcanoes! Prepare for a big month of learning and discovery with dinosaurs. The concepts the children will learn are: dinosaurs lived a very long time ago; dinosaurs are extinct; dinosaurs were all different sizes, colors and shapes; dinosaurs were plant-eaters/meat-eaters or both; dinosaurs hatched from eggs; and people that study dinosaurs are called paleontologists.

We will focus on the letters P, R, and B and take some time for review. We will continue counting our way to 100 (which is this month), create with many shades of PINK and be sending home many HEART shapes!

We make love grow when we follow Jesus!

**XO XO,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Riitta**



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is coming in May and YOUR help and creative ideas are needed! The dates are May 12 - 16. If you would like to be on this committee please contact Kathy Stinson at kathys@bethany-mp.org. If you decide to be on this committee you may use your co-op hours!

