

Angelic News April 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	April 7	Summer Camp Applications DUE
Monday – Thursday	April 14 – 17	“Quarters for Mosquito Nets” DUE this week
Thursday	April 17	No After Care
Friday	April 18	NO SCHOOL Easter Break Begins
Monday	April 28	SCHOOL RESUMES
Wednesday & Thursday	April 30 & May 1	St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Be watching for details!
Thursday & Friday	May 8 & 9	Mother’s Day Teas Mom, plan ahead and save the date!



Happy Easter!



Think About That

“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable –
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – **THINK about such things.**”
Philippians 4:8

Self-control is what we will be growing this month at preschool! What do you think of when the word self-control is mentioned? Regrets? Words said out of anger? A raging temper? Time not spent wisely? Behaviors that were less than smart? Lack of patience? We all know that God tells us to use self-control. We also know that, at times, we all have issues with self-control.

Self-control is a skill that children have to learn. Young children are by nature impulsive...they interrupt, they don't follow directions, they are wild, they can't control their hands or mouths, they have temper tantrums, and they don't always make good judgments or choices. All that is normal! Teaching self-control is one of the most important things that parents and teachers can do for kids because these are some of the most important skills for success later in life. By learning self-control, children can learn to make appropriate decisions and respond to stressful situations in positive ways. They learn right from wrong and they know that they have power to control their own actions. Self-control happens through discovery and repetition and it happens s-l-o-w-l-y! Young children need to practice how to think before acting over and over and over again.

How can we help teach young children self-control? Some helpful ideas are:

1. Always let them know what your expectations for them are.
2. Give them helpful words to use.
3. Encourage them to take a breather! It helps children to know that there is a safe haven for them to go to so that they can pull themselves together when their self-control is “out of order”.
4. Praise them! When you catch them using self-control let them know! Positive support will let them know that they can successfully control their actions and reactions!
5. Play with them! Young children learn best through play. So play games that teach children to stop and think before they act.
6. Be firm and matter of fact. Keep your directions short!
7. Stay calm! Resist the urge to yell.
8. Remind them that their actions have consequences.

As for me, I constantly work on my self-control. It doesn't come easy for adults either. When my self-control is lacking I try to remember to think like God thinks. Philippians 4:8 gives us perfect instructions on how to think like God. Self-control comes from a daily choice to follow Jesus and try to imitate Him in our body, mind, and spirit. Our thoughts do form the basis for our behavior. Right thinking is a choice we make for ourselves!

“Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, for it becomes your destiny!” (Reader’s Digest)

True. Noble. Right. Pure. Lovely. Admirable. Excellent. Praiseworthy.

Think about that!

Kathy Stinson, Director

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD ...was thrilling!!!!!!!!!!

We had a great time celebrating the young children at Littlest Angels! Children are indeed gifts from God, given to us to love, respect, treasure and celebrate. I am reminded of the lyrics to a song that is about young children. It goes like this:

**“Let them be little ‘cause they’re only that way for a while.
Give them hope, give them praise, and give them love every day,
Let them cry, let them giggle, let them sleep in the middle,
Oh, just let them be little!”**

Won’t you take some time with us and let the children in your life know how treasured they are! It is my prayer that all the children of the world never doubt their worth, and always know, without a doubt, that they are truly valued and dearly loved by an incredible God!



LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS

Spring has sprung and it’s going to be lots of fun! We will be learning all about our creepy crawly friends this month and we will also celebrate Easter. We will swat pesky flies, march like ants, hop like bunnies and dance like butterflies – what a fun way to learn! We will also read lots of lovely books this month. Some of them are: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Lonely Firefly, The Very Grouchy Lady Bug, The Very Quiet Cricket and Click Beetle-all written by Eric Carle.

Theme: Spring

Color: Yellow

Shape: Oval

Science: Insects, pond

Math: Matching

Virtue: Self-control

Special Projects: Easter

**Special Snacks: Ladybugs, Caterpillars and
Easter Party Treats**

Finger Plays and Songs:

5 Little Speckled Frogs

I Had a Little Turtle

5 Little Ducks

Baby Bumble Bee

Do the Butterfly

Little Bunny Foo Foo

The Ants Go Marching

Our Easter parties will be April 16th and 17th.

Easter joy!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita, Teacher Ruth



BUSY BEE NEWS



Community Helpers Month was so exciting! Our visit from the firefighters was certainly a highlight of the month. We did lots of pretending and using of our imaginations.



This month we will bring the ocean right into our classroom as we learn about all the amazing creatures we find there...sharks, jellyfish, octopuses and oh so many more of God's wonderful creations that are found in the ocean! Get ready for Easter eggs and bunnies too this month! We'll be hopping down the bunny trail to have lots of Easter fun and create some beautiful Easter art!

Please keep your little Busy Bee home if they are showing signs of a bad cold. Serious coughs and green discharge from the nose are signs that your child is still contagious. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Hooray for the Busy Bees! They are becoming such good friends and helpers. It's a joy to see them take care of each other and show empathy.



Enjoy this wonderful season of the year with your child...Happy Spring!
Teacher Lisa, Teacher Angelina, Teacher Holly and Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE TURTLES NEWS

I can't believe we are already beginning our month of April! This month, we will be learning about the beautiful season of spring and all of its little crawly friends. BUGS! We will also be learning about the wonderful blessings that Easter brings.

Our Easter celebration parties and Easter egg hunts will be on April 16th and 17th. If your child does not attend on one of those days, please feel free to come for our party and egg hunt.

Our letters for this month will be X, Y, U and Z. This will finish our ABC Book, hooray! Our color will be **pink** and our shape a diamond. Our nursery rhyme for April will be...

**"Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells, and pretty maids all in a row."**

Thank you for your continued support in the classroom, as well as for at home projects. It is very much appreciated.

Enjoy this month with all of God's beauty as flowers and trees begin to bloom.
Teacher Bettina and Teacher Alicia



LITTLE BEARS NEWS



Welcome April! This month we will be learning about colors and shapes. We will also learn about the wonderful season of Easter and decorate our classroom with beautiful Easter projects. We will be reading all about “God’s Amazing Plan”!

Many, many thanks to the parents who came and shared their careers with us! The children really enjoyed your visits. It was a very exciting month of March.

Our April letters are W, X, Y and Z.
Our virtue is “self-control”.



Have a super spring!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Cecilia



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS

March was a very thrilling month! The Little Lambs had a wonderful time learning about Community Helpers. We loved learning about many different occupations and seeing some tools used for those jobs. We had a blast celebrating the Week of the Young Child...from making bubble snakes to creating rain clouds in a jar; the Little Lambs loved each new experiment. I think we have some budding scientists in our class!

In April, we will be learning about what happens on the farm. We will learn about the different animals and jobs on a farm. The Little Lambs will also be learning about different crops that grow on a farm.



Our class will also be preparing for and celebrating Easter.

We will finish the alphabet with the letter Q and begin working on writing numbers. Our color for the month is blue. Our shape is the square and our virtue is self-control.

Happy spring!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

LITTLE TIGERS NEWS



Our class loved the Community Helpers theme AND Week of the Young Child! Stop in and see all the new photos displayed in the classroom. We have some wonderful memories.



Our April theme will be Easter and spring. We will talk about the life of Jesus and His resurrection. We will learn about new life around us – from plants to animals and insects.

We will finish our uppercase alphabet with X, Y and Z. Our next step will be focusing on the lowercase alphabet. Our virtue is self-control. Our poem will be:

One, Two, Three
One, two three, ice cream just for me!
Four, five, six, I'll take a couple licks!
Seven, eight, nine, it really tastes divine!
Ten, ten, ten, time to count again!

Happy spring! He is risen!
Teacher Robin, Teacher Cynthia and Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE LIONS NEWS

April is such a busy time! Our month will begin with a literature unit on the Tale of Peter Rabbit; the classic story that tells the tale of Peter Rabbit who sneaks into Mr. McGregor's garden despite his mother's warning to stay away. Hmm...I wonder if there will be a few lessons that the growing Lion's will also learn from this.

As we go into the second week of April, I am so excited to share the Easter story with the children! This will have us very busy creating and celebrating all that Jesus has done for us!

When we return from Easter/spring break we will bring the spotlight on the incredible EGG with a selection of "egg-citing" ideas; things that hatch from eggs, building nests for eggs, learning about the inside of an egg and maybe even eat some green eggs and ham!



April also brings the Lions to the end of our alphabet! (Sneak preview for May...Review, review, review!) You can also encourage your Little Lion to love learning and literacy by reading to and with them (or have them read to you); and by looking for letters and familiar words in your everyday life.

Happy Easter!
Teacher Staci and Teacher Riitta