

Angelic News

May 2014

Dates to Remember

Thursday & Friday
(Wednesday & Thursday
for the Bee's)

May 8 & 9

Mother's Day Tea

Mom's, you won't want to miss this very special time with your little one. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions. This is a "MOMMY and ME" event. Please make other arrangements for siblings. Thanks.

Monday – Friday

May 12 - 16

Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday

May 23

No After Care

Monday

May 26

NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

Thursday

May 29

Last day of School

Friday

May 30

Pre-K Graduation

10:00 a.m.

Watch for more information
about this special event!



MARVELOUS MAY IS HERE!
IT WILL BE AN EXCITING MONTH AT LITTLEST ANGELS.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO THAT YOU
DON'T MISS ANY OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES



Let Patience Grow!

“Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off!” Unknown

**“You can learn many things from children.
How much patience you have, for instance.”** F.P. Jones

“Adapt the pace of Mother Nature; her secret is patience.” R.W. Emerson

“Patience is also a form of action.” A. Rodin

“Patience is the ability to put up with pain, troubles, delays, difficulties, hardship, etc. without complaint or ill temper. It is the good-natured tolerance of difficulty or delay.”

This month at preschool we will be cultivating patience! Lots and lots of learning happens at Littlest Angels each day and having patience is a necessity when one is learning or teaching. Babies crawl before they walk. They walk before they run. They jabber before they talk. They eat applesauce before they bite into a nice juicy apple. They learn colors and shapes before they can read a book. It's natural. We cannot do the difficult tasks before we learn to do the easy ones. We can't expect a child to be patient, until they understand what that means.

We have been using a gardening theme for our virtues this year. Is there anything we can do to make a plant grow faster? How about if we talk to it and say; “Grow faster plant!” Or how about if we sing lovely songs to it? Will it speed up its growth? Every good farmer and gardener knows that once you plant the seed in the ground all you can do is wait, and wait, and wait. That's patience! As I mentioned in my article in September, planting seeds is a lot like raising children. There is so much potential packed inside every little bitty seed. Just as we watch them grow from seeds to seedlings to blossoming plants, maturing into fruit bearing plants, we watch our children grow through all these phases too! Taking care of a garden also means dealing with pesky bugs, weeds, and even disease. Along with the joy and surprises comes the toil of keeping it in a healthy growing situation, and that's hard work. So it is with raising children.

I think patience may be one of the most important virtues we've talked about this year. In my mind, patience glues all of our other virtues together; friendliness, responsibility, cooperation, joyfulness, obedience, honesty, gentleness, self-control—we need patience to be able to reveal all these other characteristics.

Living together and working together with both big and little people requires a huge amount of patience and endurance. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 14:29; “A patient man has great understanding, but a quick tempered man displays folly.” Patience grows with maturity. Mature people can tolerate all sorts of annoying or hurtful people and situations. Immature people not so much. Understanding is different than “head knowledge”. Understanding is “heart knowledge”. Understanding people are equipped to live and work with others successfully! They follow their heart and they take the actions necessary to let their love show. If our constant desire is to love others and discover how we can bless them, our patience will shine through! God consistently loves us and is as very patient towards us as He is developing us, stretching us, and growing us. He is the master teacher and we can learn from His enduring example of patience. Yes it is true...LOVE IS PATIENT!

God bless our growing!
Kathy Stinson, Director



LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS

Let's go explore the ocean floor! We will go on an underwater adventure this month and end our wonderful school year with a splash! It has been such a pleasure to work with your amazing children this year. Thank you for sharing them with us. They brought such joy to our classroom each and every day!

Theme: Under the Sea

Color: Orange

Brown Bear Character: Goldfish

Shape: Review of all shapes

Science: Sea Life

Math: Sorting

Virtue: Patience

Special Activity: Mother's Day Tea

Thursday, May 8 and Friday May 9.



Finger Play and Songs:

Down by the Bay

Slippery Fish

The Fish in the Sea

Baby Beluga

Have a marvelous May,
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita and Teacher Ruth

BUSY BEE NEWS



Spring, spring is in the air...and in our classroom! The warmer weather has the Busy Bees all a-buzz with energy! This month we will be learning all about flowers and insects and we will be celebrating our mommies!



We hope all our mommies will be able to attend our special tea party. Please sign-up to attend one of our teas, either on Wednesday, May 7 or Thursday, May 8. The time is 11:10 a.m. This is a "special" date for your little Busy Bee and you. Please arrange to leave siblings at home.

A big thank you to all the Busy Bee families for a "bee"-utiful school year! It has been such a joy to have had the opportunity to get to know and love your little ones! They will be missed!

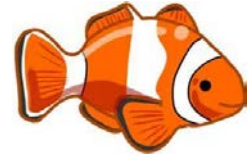
Lots of love,
Teacher Lisa, Teacher Angelina, Teacher Holly and Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE TURTLES NEWS

Oh my goodness! We are coming to our last month of the school year! The first couple of weeks we will be preparing for our Mother's Day Tea Party/luncheon. **Please note the day you are invited to attend on your invitation.** It will be either on Thursday, May 8 or Friday, May 9. If you are not able to attend, please send a special friend or family member.

Slippery fish, slippery fish, swimming in the water...we will finish our school year exploring all the wonderful animals and plant life in our oceans. We will be reviewing our ABC's and learning our numbers 1 -10. Be watching for some details about our special pizza party at the end of the month!



The Turtle teachers want to send a big **THANK YOU** to all of the Turtle families for all your help this year and for allowing us to teach and nurture your precious little angels! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all of our little turtles!

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

God bless!

Teacher Bettina and Teacher Alicia

LITTLE BEARS NEWS



May is upon us and brings warmer weather, blooming flowers, and of course, Mother's Day!



We will be busy creating Mother's Day projects and preparing for our annual Mother's Day Teas on Thursday May 8 and Friday May 9. Tea and a light lunch will be served. **We can't wait to share this special time with our special mommies!**

Later in the month, we will be exploring all sorts of bugs! We'll even be creating a color bug of our own! This theme will be a fun way to bring our school year to an end!

Our virtue of the month is "**PATIENCE**".

Happy Mother's Day!

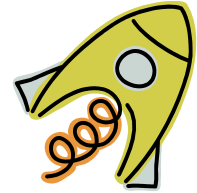
Teacher Ana and Teacher Cecilia



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS

The Little Lambs had a fun and very busy April! We learned about what happens on the farm, celebrated Easter, finished learning our letters and began learning to write numbers!

Our mommies are out of this world! So in May, our themes will be Mother's Day and Space! The Little Lambs are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful moms at our Mother's Day Tea/lunch on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9. Invitations have begun to be sent home. Please be sure to check the date on your invitation and mark your calendar.



After Mother's Day, we will be zooming off into space. We will be finishing writing numbers, learning about outer space and blasting off into summer.

This school year has gone by so quickly! It has been a joy getting to know and watch each Little Lamb learn and grow!

Happy Mother's Day!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

LITTLE TIGERS NEWS



April was filled with Spring and Easter! We heard the good news of Jesus' resurrection. What began as a sad story ended as a happy story! Thank you to all the kids who brought their quarter books to purchase mosquito nets for people in Africa!

Our theme for May will be Dr. Seuss and, of course, Mother's Day. We will be spoiling our Mommies on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9 at 12:00 noon. Your kids have been working hard!

Our virtue will be patience—not an easy thing to learn.



Our poem is:
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own and you know what you'll know.
You are the guy (or gal) who'll decide where to go!
By: Dr. Seuss

We will continue to review our ABC's and have begun introducing lower case letters.

Happy May!
Teacher Robin, Teacher Cynthia and Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE LIONS NEWS

**“I’m glad I was your teacher; I’ve come to love you so.
I can’t believe the end is here. I hate to see you go!
Remember all the fun we had in all the things we did.
But most of all remember...you are one special kid!”**

Parents, it seems like just yesterday when you were dropping the children off for the first time. This year has been an incredible year of growth and development in the Little Lions Class. Your children have brought such joy and happiness to our classroom! They have touched our lives in so many positive and rewarding ways.

Our theme for May will be all about having FUN, “A to Z - Come Play with Me!” Each day will bring a new letter to review with lots of exciting activities, as well as continuing to practice all the skills we’ve been working on all year! Why? Because in just a short time, these “growing” Lions will be off to new adventures!



From the bottom of our hearts, a big “Thank You” for all your support, warmth, love and prayers this year! We are truly blessed to have gotten to know you and your family.

**God’s blessings
Teacher Staci and Teacher Riitta**

