

Angelic News

April 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	April 2	No After Care
Friday	April 3	NO SCHOOL Easter Break Begins
Friday	April 10	Summer Camp Applications Due
Monday	April 13	SCHOOL RESUMES
Monday Thursday	April 27 April 30	St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Be watching for details!
Thursday & Friday	May 7 & 8	Mother's Day Teas Moms, plan ahead and save the date!



Happy Easter!



Faithful 100%

In preschool, one of our favorite books is, “Horton Hatches the Egg” by Dr. Seuss. It is sweet story about an elephant named Horton. The story begins with a lazy bird named Mayzie sitting on her egg in a tree. She felt sitting on the egg was wearisome and tedious and she really detested it! “I’d take a vacation, fly off for a rest if I could find someone to stay on my nest!” said Mayzie.

That’s when Horton walked by. Mayzie asked Horton if he would sit on her egg while she took a little rest. Horton objected at first, but Mayzie promised that she would not be gone long, so Horton finally agreed and soon he was sitting on the nest while Mayzie flew off to Florida for a vacation.

In Florida, Mayzie had such fun that she decided she would never return to her nest. Days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months, but Horton kept sitting there, day after day. Winter came and icicles hung from Horton’s trunk and his feet, but Horton still he remained faithful to his promise to his friend. “I’ll stay on this egg and I won’t let it freeze,” he said with a sneeze. “I meant what I said and I said what I meant. An elephant is faithful, 100%!

Well, I don’t know if elephants are actually 100% faithful or not. But Horton sure was in his situation. The boys and girls will understand what a faithful friend is when we read the story to them. This month at preschool our virtue is FAITHFULNESS – being worthy of trust or belief; reliable; loyal. Can we find a friend who we can count on to be 100% faithful? How many people do you know who no matter what the circumstances and no matter how they feel will always do exactly what they say every time? And they will do it with such diligence and perfection that you never have to worry about anything because you know that if they say it, they will do it?

We all know, in the end, the question is not about reliable and faithful people. It’s really not about people at all – no person could be 100% faithful 100% of the time! Only God is faithful 100% of the time. The Bible is full of the promises of God, and God is always faithful to keep His promises. We can count on God to do what He says because He will do it 100% of the time.

We do want the children to be faithful and loyal friends. We want them to be just like Jesus! We explain it in very simple terms. Faithfulness means sticking together. Times get hard; there are a lot of challenges to be faced. Faithfulness is being willing to stand by someone’s side during the good, the bad, the challenging, the fun, and the hard times...even when we don’t feel like it.

We can use the gift of faithfulness to help our family and friends. Best of all we can be faithful to God. If God is faithful to keep His promises to us, it is important for us to keep our promises to Him! Then maybe we could say like Horton...“I meant what I said and I said what I meant.” I’ll be faithful to God 100%!

**“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck,
write them down on the tablet of your heart. “ Proverbs 3:3**

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD was a colorful and super exiting week! Our rainbow theme and experiments were lots of fun! We wanted every child to know that they are a promise and a possibility!

I am a promise, I am a possibility
I am a promise with a capital "P"
I am a great big bundle of potentiality!
I am learning to hear God's voice
And I am trying to make the right choice
I am a promise to be anything God wants me to be!

ST. JUDE TRIKE – A –THON! Little Lambs, Little Bears, Little Leapers, and Little Lions will be "triking" on April 27th and 30th to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Please be watching for more details and the sponsor sheets. Parents, your support and encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

COME CELEBRATE EASTER AT BETHANY! All families are invited to join us on Easter Sunday, April 5. Church begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and an Easter Brunch! We'd love to have your family visit!

That's it for now! Let's pray that during this month of April the showers pour down on us! Have a blessed Easter! Jesus is alive! What a cause for celebration every day!

Kathy Stinson, Director



LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS

I saw a small brown bunny.
Do you think he saw me?
He wiggled his furry tail,
Then hopped behind a tree.

He peeked out from behind that tree
And twitched his little nose.
Then off he hopped into the field
On his little bunny toes!

What's all the buzz about? Our theme for the month of April will be spring and creepy crawly insects! We will learn all about these tiny creatures through art projects and books and music! We will march like ants, swat pesky flies, and dance like butterflies. Learning is so much fun!!!!



Some of the books we will read are The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Lonely Firefly, The Very Grouchy Lady Bug, and the Very Quiet Cricket –all written by Eric Carle. We will also enjoy some of the books written by Denise Fleming; Tall, Tall Grass, In the Small, Small Pond, and Beetle Bop.

Some of our special snacks will be Ladybugs and Caterpillars. Our color is yellow. Our Brown Bear character is Yellow Duck and our shape is oval.

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita, Teacher Ruth and Teacher Elizabeth

BUSY BEE NEWS



April showers bring May flowers...we hope! We sure need lots of those showers! April has arrived. Our Community Helpers month was very interesting! We loved our visit from the Menlo Park Fire Department-Station #4! We are so thankful we have helpers that protect us.



"Slippery fish, slippery fish,
Swimming in the water.
Slippery fish, a slippery fish,
Gulp, gulp!
Oh no! He's being eaten by ..."

There is commotion in the ocean! This month we will learn all about the creatures that stir up the ocean...sharks, jellyfish, octopuses, whales, dolphins and lots more!

The Busy Bees are becoming such good friends. It's a joy to watch them take care of each other and work as a TEAM! We are the Busy Bees!!!

Happy spring!

Teacher Lisa, Teacher Lupe, Teacher Lisa Lynn



LITTLE TURTLES NEWS

Happy Easter everyone! We hope you all have a wonderful Easter vacation!

It is spring-let's plant some seeds,
Plant some seeds, plant some seeds.

It is spring-let's plant some seeds.
What do they need?

Seeds need water, sun, and air,
Sun and air, sun and air.

And they need some gentle care.
That's what they need.

After our Easter break, the Little Turtles will be learning about our new season of spring and all of its creepy, crawly friends....BUGS! Our Nursery rhyme will be Mary, Mary Quite Contrary! We will learn how her garden grows! To children, it's pure magic to watch a seed sprout and a plant grow. We will discuss the life cycle of a flower and do a little planting of our own flowers. We will finish off the month preparing for our Mother's Day tea party luncheons. Be on the look-out for more information this month.



Have a beautiful month of April!

Teacher Bettina and Teacher Amanda

LITTLE BEARS NEWS



Little red caboose, little red caboose,
Little red caboose behind the train, train.
Smoke stack on his back, going down the track,
Little red caboose behind the train, train.

Trains, planes, boats and cars...you guessed it! Our theme for April is TRANSPORTATION. From songs to stories, projects to puzzles, we will discover all sorts of interesting facts about transportation!

During the later part of the month we will be busy creating Mother's Day projects and preparing for our annual Mother's Day Teas.

Our virtue is "FAITHFULNESS."



Happy spring!

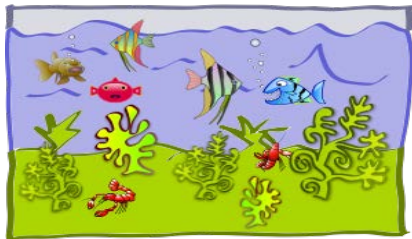
Teacher Ana, Teacher Holly, Teacher Elizabeth and Teacher Teresita



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 talking about what community helpers the Little Lambs might want to be when they grow up.

We had a blast celebrating the week of the Young Child...from playing with rainbow noodles to creating our own unique rainbows; the Little Lambs loved each project and experiment.



In April, we will be learning about the ocean. We will learn about many of the fascinating animals and plants that call the ocean their home. We will finish the alphabet and begin working on writing numbers. Our color for the month is blue. Our shape is square and our virtue is "FAITHFULNESS".

Happy spring!

Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

LITTLE TIGERS NEWS



It's sad to see March go...so much fun was had with Community Helpers and Week of the Young Child!

In April, we will focus on spring and Dr. Seuss. Our poem will be:



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 know
You are the guy (or gal) who'll
Decide where to go!

We will continue working on our lower case letters. Our virtue will be FAITHFULNESS. Take a look at our "Virtue Chain" the next time you're in our room!

Blessings,
Teacher Robin, Teacher Anna, Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE LIONS NEWS

Spring has sprung! One simply needs to take a quick peek outside to notice that the season of spring is upon us! Flowers are blooming, the bugs are slowly returning, days are getting longer and warmer, and the trees are getting their foliage for another growing season.

April brings us into our time of Spring Extravaganza! The Little Lions will be learning about plants and flowers by growing them, dissecting them, observing them in their outside environment, and reading books about them. We will also spend time observing, drawing, and reading stories about bugs, birds, baby animals and butterflies. This is a great time in your child's life as they are curious and eager to learn about the world around them. Take time to go outside and explore the world around us, encourage your child to ask questions and then find answers together!



Our letters for the month are V,W, X .The classroom will also be filled with many opportunities to review, refine, and master many concepts in these last months of school. Some of the concepts are: Name 4 basic shapes, show interest in learning letters and numbers, review upper case letters, review lower case letters, recognize the numerals 1 -20, counts by rote, identify many or all sounds the letters represent, hear likenesses and differences in sounds, see likenesses and differences in pictures, speaks clearly, copy specific printed shapes or designs, print first name without copying, use imagination and creativity in play, problem solve.

Happy spring!
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori