



Angelic News May 2015



Dates to Remember

Thursday & Friday

April 30 & May 1

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon

Thursday & Friday

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

May 7 & 8

Mother's Day Tea

Mom's, you won't want to miss this very special time with your little one. Be watching for your special invitation!

Friday

May 8

Trike-A-Thon Pledges Due

Monday – Friday

May 11 - 15

Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday

May 15

Summer Session Payment Due

Monday

May 25

NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

Thursday

May 28

Last day of School

Friday

May 29

Pre-K Graduation
10:00 a.m.

Watch for more information
about this special event!

Trike-A-Thon Pledges are due May 8th! Parents, thanks so much for your support in this endeavor! It's such a joy to see the children putting our virtues to practice! Please be prompt in returning the pledges so that I can get the prizes returned to the children on time.

Mother's Day Tea – Moms, make sure you RSVP. You don't want to miss this special time with your child. Just a reminder – this event is for Mommy and her preschooler only.

Payment for all Summer Sessions will be due on May 15th, 2015. Withdrawal from a session with a full refund must be done in writing seven (7) days prior to the first day of the session.

"I BELIEVE I CAN DO THIS!"

"**Courage** is fear that holds on for one more minute."

Gen. George Patten

"**Courage** is doing what you are afraid to do. Where there is no fear, there is no courage."

Captain Rickenbacker

"**Courage** is fear that has said its prayers."

Unknown

"**Courage**: the ability to face and deal with a dangerous or difficult situation."

The Dictionary

"**Courage**: being brave; facing danger or doing something hard without running away."

Humble Heart Book of Virtues

What are you afraid of? Insects? Flying in airplanes? Water? Snakes? Dogs? Heights? Caverns? Crowds? Darkness? Thunderstorms? Monsters? Speaking in public? Loud noises? Clowns? Dentists? Making mistakes? New situations? Going to Kindergarten?

It's true, we are all afraid of something! This month at preschool, we will be talking about courage with our Little Angels. I feel that children are the bravest of the brave! Every day they are faced with new challenges as they grow up and try to fit into this big world. It takes courage when you take your first steps, hear a strange sound, miss your mom, learn to ride a bike, touch a worm, sleep without a night light, learn to swim, get a shot, trust a stranger...and on and on the list goes. When children experience these "child-sized" fears they gradually build strategies for coping with those fears and bigger fears to come. It's a normal part of child development.

How can we teach children to be courageous? Here are some suggestions.

1. **Set the example!** Allow your children to see you stepping out of your comfort zone. Face your fears with them; let them see you believing in yourself!
2. **Give encouragement and challenges!** We need to challenge children to try new things and even to do things that they might fear. It is essential that we build on their courageous attempts — no matter how small or unsuccessful those attempts are. Remind them that they can always "try again tomorrow". Confidence is a big part of courage, and confidence building in young children is our job as adults!
3. **Put your faith in God's promises!** It is our responsibility to teach children to rely on God's precious promises. If God's words are important to us they will be important to our children. God tells us to write His words on our hearts and to help write them on the little hearts of those we teach and love too! We teach children Scripture so that they can bring God's Word to mind for their own benefit or for the benefit of a friend or neighbor in need...at the very moment of need.

"I BELIEVE I CAN DO THIS!" cont.

One of my favorite promises is Isaiah 41:13, **"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you."**

That is a promise I hold on to when I need courage. I picture Jesus holding my right hand and helping me. Then I say to myself... "I believe I can do this because God is right here holding my hand and helping me!"

Here's one more quote and promise we can all depend on, go ahead and write it on your heart... **"Be strong and courageous; do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you, (insert name here), wherever you go."** God (Joshua 1:9)

Lastly, thanks for a wonderful year! Wasn't it just a few short months ago that we were picking apples and poking around the pumpkin patch? Each year, as this time of year rolls around, I'm always flabbergasted at how quickly the year breezes by! It has been pure joy, as it always is, to see the little ones develop a can-do spirit! They are taking the first steps to building the confidence they need to succeed in school and beyond... and it is amazing!

Thank you, parents, for entrusting your children to our care and nurturing as we partner with you in the magnificent experience of "training" a child! It's also very hard for me to believe that I am finishing my 15th year as Director here at Littlest Angels! I can say, without a doubt, that all the dear children who have attended Littlest Angels and this special place for "growing" children have indeed, stolen my heart!

Kathy Stinson, Director



LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS

Baby Beluga in the deep blue sea, you swim so wild, you swim so free! This month the Little Bunnies will be going on an under the sea adventure! Our color of the month is **orange**, to go along with the gold fish from our Brown Bear, Brown Bear book.



The end of the year is near and we will be sad to see our Little Bunnies move up to a new classroom next year, but we are excited and happy for them, too! They have grown in so many wonderful ways this year.

Please don't miss our Mother's Day Tea. This is a very special time for your children to share with you. **Save the date — May 7 and 8!**

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita, Teacher Ruth, and Teacher Elizabeth

BUSY BEE NEWS



Spring, spring is in the air!
We can feel it everywhere!
Especially in our classroom-
The children are growing
by leaps and bounds, too!

This month we will be celebrating our lovely mommies. We hope you can join us for our Mother's Day Teas on **Wednesday**, May 6 and **Thursday**, May 7. This will be a very special memory making time with your Busy Bee.



We had a great time exploring the ocean last month. May will find us learning all about SPRING!

It is so hard to believe that the school year is almost over. It has been so wonderful getting to know all these sweet children. It's truly been a "bee-utiful" year with the Busy Bees! It has been a joy and a privilege watching them grow into big 3 year olds. Thanks parents, for sharing your precious little one with us!

All our love,
Teacher Lisa, Teacher Lupe, and Teacher Lisa Lynn



LITTLE TURTLES NEWS

Can you believe it? We are coming to our last month of the school year! We will be busy in May! The first couple of weeks we will be working hard getting all ready for our Mother's Day Tea Party/Lunch. **Please note the day you are invited to attend on your invitation.** It will either state Thursday, May 7 or Friday, May 8. If you are not able to attend, please send a special friend or family member. The children get really excited about this very special "mommy and me" event.

*"Slippery fish, slippery fish, swimming in the water,
Slippery fish, slippery fish, chomp, chomp, chomp..."*

Yes, we are going to finish the school year with all the wonderful animals and plant life of the ocean. We also will be reviewing our ABC's and shapes, recognizing our names and learning our numbers 1 – 10. Our color of the month is turquoise.



We will have a pizza party at the end of the month; more details will be available closer to the end of May.

The Turtle teachers want to send all of the wonderful Turtle families a big THANK YOU for all of your help this year and for allowing us to teach and get to know your precious little angels! It has been an absolute pleasure and blessed our days with tons of fun and laughter! Have a wonderful, safe and fun summer!

God Bless!
Teacher Bettina and Teacher Amanda

LITTLE BEARS NEWS



Best friends forever mom and me,
Picking flowers and climbing trees.
A shoulder to cry on, secrets to share,
Warm hearts and hands that really care.

In May, the Little Bears will be busy creating Mother's Day projects and decorating our classroom for our annual Mother's Day Tea. Please make sure to reserve May 7 or 8 to come and celebrate with your child.



Later in the month, we will be learning about bugs! We will enjoy lots of colorful art projects and we'll be reading all about creepy-crawlies at circle time. Our virtue for the month is "courage"!

This is our last month of the school year which is so hard to believe! We want to thank you, parents, for sharing your little angels with us! It has been a joy and a privilege to watch them grow in so many extraordinary ways.

Happy Mother's Day!

Teacher Ana, Teacher Holly, Teacher Teresita, and Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS

In April, our classroom was full of fishy fun! We learned about many of the amazing animals that live in the ocean. The Little Lambs especially enjoyed learning that whales and dolphins look like fish, but are mammals, just like you and me. Another interesting fact was that the daddy sea horses have a pouch on their tummies that the babies grow in.

We think 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 stellar moms at our Mother's Day Tea/Lunch on Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8. Invitations are being sent home. Please be sure to check the date on your invitation and mark your calendar!



After Mother's Day, we will be blasting off into space! Before we zoom off into summer, we will finish up with writing numbers and learning about stars and planets in our solar system.

This school year has gone by so quickly! It has been a joy to watch each Little Lamb learn and grow in so many ways this year.

Happy Mother's Day!

Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

LITTLE TIGERS NEWS



Dr. Seuss had us all tongue-tied! What fun we had talking in rhymes.

Our theme for May is Mother's Day and California! We cannot wait to spoil our Mommies at our Mother's Day Teas on May 7th and 8.

We are working hard on recognizing and writing our lower-case letters. Soon our "Handwriting Without Tears" book will come home! It might be a great resource for summer reviewing!

Our poem will be:



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!

Blessings,
Teacher Robin, Teacher Anna, and Teacher Elizabeth



LITTLE LIONS NEWS

"I am 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 your child 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 better.



God's blessings,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori