



Angelic News October 2015



PARENTS BACK – TO – SCHOOL NIGHT!

“Full-Esteem Ahead!”



Be on the right track on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.!

We are looking forward to this special evening when the grown-ups get to “come to school.” We will gather in the church first and then dismiss you to the classrooms. Come learn all about Littlest Angels Preschool, meet the staff, and visit the classroom. Lots of helpful information will be shared. This evening is for adults only.

This evening is not intended for parent-teacher conferences. If you desire to talk to the teacher about your child specifically, please kindly make an appointment to do so. Each teacher wants to give you their full attention and this is not possible during this meeting. Thanks for your cooperation! **We hope to see you on the 6!**

WHO ARE WE? We are the Little Bunnies, Busy Bees, Little Turtles, Little Bears, Little Lambs, Little Tigers, and Little Lions! Why do we have class names?

A unifying title stresses the fact that it is not the teacher’s class. It is the _____ Class! It gives the children a sense of ownership and helps create a cooperative classroom. Preschool is the first community to which your children belong to other than your family. We teach them to love and take care of each other. Social skills are learned. We teach them to love and to take care of each other. Social skills are learned skills. We end each day on a positive note and remember that each day is a day of fresh, new beginnings! And so each class ends the day by saying:

We are the _____ Class!

We work together.

We play together.

We learn together.

We pray together.

I'll see you again for another great day!

Friends, Friends, Friends!

“A FRIEND IS ONE WHO... follows through with what he or she says; understands and inspires; sacrifices for the other; invests in another; joyfully gives and serves; respects and honors; is courteous; builds character; challenges growth and maturity; tells the truth and restores dignity; keeps a promise; shares dreams; keeps in touch forever; is forgiving; loves at all times.” Glenda Hotton

Love at all times? Now that is a command that is hard to follow but it is a terrific goal. What a wonderful world it would be if we could **all** love at **all** times. We will be teaching the 140 children attending Littlest Angels this year how to become good friends.

Friendships can be developed within families, in neighborhoods, in schools, and even over the internet. But, being a good friend is not a skill little ones pick up from just playing at the park. Developing friendships takes a lot of work (both by children and adults), but can be one of the most rewarding things to happen in a child's life. We have to be purposeful in teaching and demonstrating healthy friendships! Young children are great imitators!

At Preschool, we have a friend called I CARE CAT. He teaches us to be happy, caring, loving, and responsible friends. We learn five rules for little kids (I think they work really well for grown-ups, too!). 1. We listen to each other. 2. Hands are for helping, not hurting. 3. We use I care language. 4. We care about each other's feelings. 5. We are responsible for what we say and do. These five rules help us learn how to be loving friends!

It's October already and our new school year is off to smooth start – our “Can-Do Express” is rolling down the track “full-esteem” ahead! The children are becoming more comfortable with their teachers, new friends, and the school environment. October brings fall leaves, changing weather, harvest time, and lots of excitement for little ones! And believe me, their excitement is infectious!

I almost forgot...you have a BEST FRIEND who does love you at all times. His name is JESUS and what a perfect role model He is!

Kathy Stinson
Director



Reminders:

- Please try to have your children at school on time. This helps us say our “see you later” and begin our scheduled day. Thanks for making your drop-offs quick. We promise if your child needs you, we will call!
- Please dress your child in clothes that are easily manipulated by the child (and the teachers). That way they can go potty independently and we will have fewer accidents.
- Clearly label all clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. What a time-saver for teachers this is!
- Make an effort to pick your child up on time. They get very anxious if they don't see their special grown-up at the scheduled pick-up time.
- Limit the choices in your child's lunch. A protein, fruit, vegetable and a small treat are plenty! The kids have a hard time deciding what to eat when they have too many choices.
- **Please park your car in the center of the parking lot when you co-op.** We need to shut the gates so that the children can ride bikes during outside time and cars parked in the entrance obstruct the gate from opening.
- Please park larger SUV's in the center of the parking lot at drop-off and pick-up times. The entrance is narrow and it is difficult to drive through if large vehicles are parked there. Also, remember to pull all the way into your parking spot, if you are parking in the entrance.

LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS



Welcome to the Little Bunnies Class! We had a great start to our new school year.

Right now our class size is small but each month through December, we will be adding children when they celebrate their 2nd birthday! We are learning to care of each other and be good friends. We explored the farm through so many fun songs, stories and, activities.



The month of October will bring great excitement to our classroom! Our themes for this month will be “All About Me and Halloween.” We will be learning about our wonderful five senses. Our color for the month will be **orange**. We will have a great time discovering things that are orange...especially pumpkins!

We will be learning these finger plays and songs: The Itsy Bitsy Spider, Five Little Pumpkins, and Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

We are sure enjoying getting acquainted with each new Little Bunny!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Lupe, and Teacher Ruth



BUSY BEE NEWS

Fall is here! We love watching the change of seasons and watching your children grow and change, too! This month we will learn about fall and harvest time. We will explore scarecrows, apples, pumpkins, and have lots of Halloween fun, too!

Our class is settling into a routine and creating new friendships. All the children are happy and seem to love their time at school!

We will be learning (and singing) this poem this month. You can have some fun at home singing it with your child too!

The leaves are falling down,
The leaves are falling down,
Red, yellow, orange and brown,
The leaves are falling down!
(Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)



We're excited for a great school year!

Happy fall!

Teacher Lisa, Teacher Lindsay and Teacher Lisa Lynn

LITTLE TURTLES NEWS



Horses, donkeys, cows that moo, chickens, kittens, piglets too!
Fish that swim down in the pond, ducklings quacking all day long.
All these animals you can see if you go to the farm with me!



Welcome to our 2015 -16 school year Little Turtle families! In this month of October, we will be pretending to visit Old McDonald's Farm. Later in the month we'll be celebrating Halloween and have our Halloween parties and parade.

Our letters this month are D, E, F and G. Our color will be **orange** and our shape is a square.

We are happy to see smiling faces replacing some tears at drop off time! The children are getting to know their classmates and are settling into routine very nicely. Teacher Teresita and I are getting to know each Little Turtle and we look forward to a super fun year!

God bless and Happy fall!

Teacher Bettina and Teacher Teresita



LITTLE BEARS NEWS

We had a great start to the new school year! The Little Bears seem to be adjusting very well to our daily routine. In September we had some amazing fun clowning around and learning all about shapes and colors during our circus theme.

Our theme during the first two weeks of October will be FARM LIFE! We will be learning all about farm animals. We will also talk about foods that grow on the farm and are harvested for us to enjoy! Our letters for October are D, E, F, and G. Our virtue is "I can be a good friend!"

The last two weeks of October we will explore the spectacular time of Halloween! We will have fun decorating our classroom with Jack-O-Lanterns, cats, and bats!

Pumpkin, pumpkin, I've been thinking,
You're the finest one I've seen.
Soon you'll be a Jack-O-Lantern,
All lit up for Halloween!



God's autumn blessings to each of you,
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda

LITTLE LAMB'S NEWS



Our school year has gotten off to a tremendous start as we learned about dinosaurs in September. We have also been busy making friends and learning classroom routines and rules. The Lambs worked on letters S, D, E, and learned that **blue** and **yellow** make **green**. We learned what made a carnivore dinosaur different from an herbivore dinosaur. Ask your child and see if they can tell you. A fun poem we learned last month was:

Five huge dinosaurs, looking fierce and mean;
The first one said, "I eat things that are green."
The second one said, "I hatch from an egg."
The third one said, "I have strong legs."
The fourth one said, "I can fly through the air."
The fifth one said, "I give everyone a scare."
STOMP, STOMP went Tyrannosaurus Rex that day,
And the five little dinosaurs all ran away!



In October our theme will be "AT NIGHT!" We will be learning about what happens at night and learning about nocturnal animals. At the end of the month we will have a wonderful time creating decorations and getting ready for some Halloween adventures!

Our virtue this month is "I can be friendly." Our color is black and our shape is the circle. Our letters will be N, O, R, and H.

Enjoy the changing of the season this month!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



LITTLE TIGERS NEWS

“It’s Pre-K!” Have your children been singing our song to you?! They sing their hearts out when I play it at school! How about “Mat Man?” They have learned how to make Mat Man out of using “big line, little line, big curve and little curve” – all the shapes we need to make our A, B, C’s!

Our theme for October will be Fall/Halloween. Our letters will be H, T, I, and U. Our color will be orange and our shape will be a square.

Our virtue of the month is “Friendly” – I can be a good friend. Take a look at our “virtue chain” the next time you’re in our room – the children work very hard to get new links added to the chain by modeling the virtue.

Our poem is:

I love all the seasons,
But autumn is the best!
Let’s put on our sweaters,
Now we are dressed.
In the leaves, we love to play
And this is what we hear:
Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch!
That’s the season’s cheer.



Please keep in mind that we do most of our academic work first thing in the morning -- introducing the letter, coloring in our workbooks, etc. It is very important that your child be there so that they don’t miss their small group table time.

Blessings!

Teacher Robin and Teacher Anna

LITTLE LIONS NEWS



In autumn when the trees are brown; the little leaves come tumbling down,
They do not make the slightest sound, but lie so quietly on the ground,
Until the wind comes puffing by, and blows them off-- towards the sky!



As you have hopefully seen, we have been very busy in the Little Lions class! October promises to be quite something too...celebrating “Autumn Treasures”...what a great time to be outside and making observations with your child. Our letters will be E, H, and T.

Later in the month we will enjoy some “Halloween Fun”!

All of the children seem to be adjusting well and are familiarizing themselves with the routines and classroom/school rules. I hope that your child is feeling comfortable and happy about being in the Lions class! Please let me know if I can help out in any way if they are having any problems.

Good questions you can ask your child at the end of the school day are:

- What did you choose to do during “free choice” time today?
- What is the letter of the week? What words do you think start with the letter of the week?
- How many days have you been in school? (We’re counting to 100!)

Here’s to a great start of the year!

Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori

It's a Halloween Parade!

Friday, October 30
Family Center
9:20 a.m.



Please read the following details carefully:

This is an important day to be on time because the parade starts promptly at 9:20 a.m.!

- Bring your child to their classroom in costume dressed and ready for the parade.
- The children will change out of their costumes after the parade so please send a bag for the costume to be stored in safely.
- Each classroom will have a little Halloween fun and goodies later in the day.
- If your child does not attend school on Friday you are welcome to bring them to the Family Center and parade with them.
- No masks that cover the eyes or frightening costumes should be worn.
- The **Little Bunnies and the Busy Bees** will not be participating in the large parade in the Family Center. They will have their own celebration in the classroom. Please watch for more details. The large parade is a bit overwhelming and can be a bit scary for the little ones.

Thanks for your cooperation in these matters!
Have a safe and happy Halloween!
Littlest Angels Preschool Staff