

Angelic News

February 2016

Dates to Remember

Thursday	February 11	Classroom Valentine's Day
Friday	February 12	Parties
Monday	February 15	President's Day Holiday
Tuesday	February 16	-- No School
Saturday	February 27	Parents' Night Out
Monday	February 29	Re-Enrollment Form and Payment Due
Tuesday	March 1	Open Enrollment Begins

RE-ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! Re-enrollment forms were sent to all current families via e-mail. If you did not receive re-enrollment paperwork electronically, please call the preschool office immediately. Be reminded that we offer all current families priority enrollment before we offer space to our new wait list families. This priority enrollment is available until Monday, February 29. In order to secure space for your child in the 2016 – 17 school year, we need the following forms and payment:

1. Application Form
2. \$100. Application Fee
3. 2016 -17 contract signed and dated
4. 10% of the total tuition based on the number of days your child will be attending:
 - 2 days = \$680.
 - 3 days = \$885.
 - 5 days = \$1230.

Thank you for your punctuality! Questions? Give the preschool office a call, we would be happy to help!

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY!

"Honesty is the best policy—but not the cheapest...If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." Mark Twain

This month at preschool our "can-do" virtue is "I can be honest." The dictionary defines honesty as; "The quality, condition or characteristic of being fair, truthful, and morally upright." Oh my goodness, it's not all that easy to be an honest person. It's not just about telling the truth, it includes being a good and admirable person. Honesty is a direct mirror image of our inner character, our integrity, and our sincerity. It's the stuff we're made of! Honesty is a standard that God expects Christians to meet. There are many verses throughout the Bible on honesty so we know striving to be honest can be life changing! If you want to be happy simply tell the truth. *"Lies will get any man into trouble, but honesty is its own defense. Telling the truth gives a man great satisfaction and hard work returns many blessings to him."* Proverbs 12:13-14

It is most often the things we fear the most that cause us to **s-t-r-e-t-c-h** the truth. It is difficult for us to fear being rejected, humiliated, disapproved of, or ashamed so we make up little white lies, exaggerate, or tell half-truths. I guess it comes down to having courage and confronting what we fear head on.

Teaching a child to be courageous is one of the best gifts we can give them. It's a grown-ups job to teach children to be brave enough to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, no matter what the circumstances. When fear is absent it is much easier for a child (or a grown-up) to be completely honest.

Tactics like making children feel guilty, or scaring them, or shaming them into being honest do not work. Those strategies just make them afraid to tell the truth. If you make it safe for them to be truth tellers, that's exactly what they will be! Be gentle, be kind, be compassionate, be tender but be consistent and clear about your family's values and the importance you place on honesty. If it is important to you it will be important to them!

February is here. It's the month of "love". We want all our V.I.P.'s – **Very Important Preschoolers**...to know they are loved!

"The world tells kids, you're special if...IF you have the brains, the looks, and the talent. God tells them, you're special just because. No qualifications necessary. Only one of those messages will find its place in their hearts. That's why every child (and adult) we know, needs to hear this one reassuring truth: "You are precious in His sight." Max Lucado

We all need to assure children of this message often.

From all of us at Littlest Angels Preschool,
You are precious...we love you and Jesus does too!

Kathy Stinson, Director

LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS



Love is in the air, the paint, the stories, and the play dough, too! We will have tons of fun creating special valentine projects this month. The Little Bunnies are encouraged to bring Valentine cards to school on our party day have to share and pass out to their classmates. Please look for the sign-up sheet if you would like to bring a special treat for our Valentine's Day Parties.

Our shape for the month is a heart and our color of the month is **purple**.



What do you see at the zoo? Animals! We will be learning all about animals this month, too! Some great books we will read are Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear; Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What do You See?; My Heart is Like a Zoo; Put me in the Zoo; and 1,2,3 to the Zoo! Do you have these favorite books at home? If not, pick them up at the library and read them at home too!

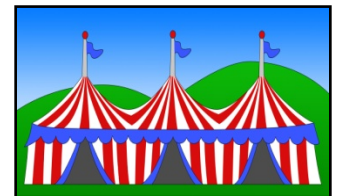
One little note, because we care about each little child's safety...rain boots are very tricky for little feet going up and down the stairs. So please no rain boots for the Little Bunnies.

Much Love,
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Ruth and Teacher Lupe



BUSY BEE NEWS

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages...we're off to the circus this month. February will be filled with colors, shapes, animals, and valentines too! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a **LOVELY** party and passing out valentines to our friends. Be watching for more details!



Here is a fun poem about colors to practice at home with your little ones:

I love colors,
Yes, I do!
Red, orange, green and blue.
I love colors,
Dark or bright,
Yellow, purple, black and white!

It's that time of year! We will be having lots of birthdays in the next few months. If you would like to bring a birthday treat for your child, please let Teacher Lisa know in advance. Thank you!

Love, love is in the air!
We can feel it everywhere!
Have a lovely month!

Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lindsay

LITTLE TURTLE NEWS



One little, two little, three little valentines;
Four little, five little, six little valentines;
Seven little, eight little, nine little valentines;
Lots of love for you!



Happy February! We had a terrific time in the Turtles class last month learning about winter and transportation. This month we will be celebrating LOVE and DINOSAURS in a big way!

Our letters will be Q, R, and S. Our color will be purple and our shape a heart.

Thank you parents for helping in our classroom and at home; we really appreciate it!

God bless,
Teacher Bettina and Teacher Teresita



LITTLE BEARS NEWS

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you!

Happy February to all! The Little Bears had a snowy time learning about winter last month.

This month our themes will be Valentine's Day and Nursery Rhymes. Little ones love the repetition and short stories that nursery rhymes tell! They can be enjoyed anytime and anywhere! You can share them at bath time, when getting ready for bed, and driving in the car! Ask your child about the nursery rhymes they are learning at school!

Our Valentine's Day parties will be on Thursday Feb. 11 and Friday, Feb. 12. Please have your child bring Valentine Day cards to pass out to their friends. Make sure to bring at least 16 cards and if your child comes both days, they need to bring 32 cards. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or Teacher Amanda.



Our letters are P, Q, R, and S. The virtue of the month is... "I can be honest."

Have a wonderful month full of love and blessings!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda

LITTLE LAMBS NEWS



In January, our classroom was a winter wonderland! We learned how different animals prepare for and behave in winter. We also learned about animals that live where it is cold most of the year. Did you know that polar bears live at the top of the world and penguins live at the bottom?



In February, we will be busy worker bees! We will be having fun celebrating Valentine's Day, 100 Days of School, and learning about insects. Our letters for the month are K, V, and X. Our color is **pink** and the shape is the heart. Our virtue is "I can be honest."

Five little hearts resting in a row,
The first one said, "I have a pink bow." The second one said, "I have ribbon and lace."
The third one said, "I have a silly face!" The fourth one said, "I'm as plain as can be."
The fifth one said, "Just wait and see." Then they dressed her up in a lovely way!
Five fancy hearts on Valentine's Day!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Feb. 11 and Feb. 12. Please send valentines for your child to share with their classmates. If they attend one day send 16 cards. If your child attends both days please send 32. Please have your child sign the card, but leave the TO section blank. This really helps "mailing" them easier.

Feb. 18 and 19 we will be celebrating 100 days of school! To help create a special snack, please help your child count out 100 items to go into a trail mix. (plain m&m's, goldfish crackers, raisins, mini marshmallows, etc.) No peanut or nut items. Everything will be mixed together to share.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



LITTLE TIGERS NEWS

February is here and it's full of holidays for us! Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, President's Day, 100 Days of School, AND Leap Day!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, Feb. 11 and Friday, February 12. Please send 18 valentines for each day that your child attends school. We ask that you only have your child write their name on the "from" section. Do not write their classmates name...this makes for easier delivery as they walk from "box to box." There will party sign-ups posted soon.

We will be celebrating our 100 days of school on Thursday, February 18 and Friday February 19. We will enjoy an ice cream treat after lunch to commemorate this milestone. If your child would like to bring a baggie of 100 items (i.e. pennies, marbles, toothpicks, etc.), we will hang them in our room.

Our letters will be A, M, N, and V – our diagonal letters. Our color is **pink** and our shape is a heart. Our virtue is "I can be honest."

February's poem is "Colors":

From pencils to markers and crayons and chalk, from paints in a tube or a jar or a box,
Come colors delicious, delectable, lush, applied by 10 fingers, 2 hands or a brush.



Happy Celebrating!
Teacher Robin and Teacher Anna



Hearts and hugs, cards and candy, friends and family...Love is in the air! This month we will continue to share the love of Jesus with others with many beautiful, one of a kind, artful notes and special projects to share with our friends and family. Valentines will be such a highlight this month. Each child is invited to bring a special valentine to share at our class parties. Please have your child sign only their own name on the valentines. It is much easier for them to pass them out that way. Also, if your child attends school both party days please bring valentines for both days. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon for goodies for our parties.



Later this month we will travel back to the age of DINOSAURS. A journey into the past to explore these mysterious and fascinating creatures is always "quite a trip!"

We will focus on the letters K, A, M, and N and take some time for review. We will continue counting our way to 100 (which is this month), create with many shades of **PINK**, and be sending home many HEART shapes!

We make love grow when we follow Jesus!

XOXOX,

Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is coming and your help and wonderful ideas are needed! The dates are May 16 – 20. If you would like to be on this committee please let me know as soon as possible. You can contact me at kathys@bethany-mp.org. Two months of your COOP hours may be exchanged for serving on this committee. Thanks in advance for your help.

THANK YOU! I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the parents who recommend Littlest Angels Preschool to their friends and neighbors! Happy children (and parents) are truly our best advertisement!

SUMMER REGISTRATION will be sent out in early February. Be watching for the e-mail notification.

The dates are:

Session 1	June 13 – July 1
Session 2	July 11 – 29
Session 3	August 1 - 19

