



Angelic News

March 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	March 1	Open Enrollment begins
Friday	March 11	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Day
Sunday	March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
Monday – Friday	March 14-18	Week of the Young Child! “I’m a Can Do Kid, Yes I am”
Thursday	March 17	St. Patrick’s Day Don’t forget to wear your GREEN!
Thursday	March 24	No After-Care
Friday - Friday	March 25 – April 1	Easter Break

REMINDERS

HELP WANTED! It's **COMMUNITY HELPERS MONTH** at Littlest Angels. The children will become aware of a great number of occupations and of the ways that these workers help us each day. Special visitors will be joining us to talk about their jobs – we hope one of them is you! All talents, hobbies, and careers are important to us. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a time to come in. Thanks in advance for your help!

RE-ENROLLMENT is in full swing! Open enrollment begins March 1. If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in attending Littlest Angels in the fall, please tell them to give us a call. We would love to chat with them and give them a tour of our delightful preschool.

SUMMER APPLICATIONS are now being accepted. Applications are due on Friday, April 15. If you didn't receive the summer information, please come by the preschool office and pick it up. Children age 2 (by May 1) through those entering Kindergarten are able to attend. Registration is done on a first come-first served basis, so please don't delay in getting your responses to us.

IT'S NATIONAL POISON CONTROL MONTH! Take a few minutes out of your busy day and check to make sure that all dangerous chemicals and drugs are out of the reach of your precious little ones. The Poison Control Hotline number is 800-222-222!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD is coming March 14-18! Our theme is **"I'M A CAN DO KID, YES I AM!"** This week is all about making each child feel very special, unique, and capable! Be watching for more details about this exciting week!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is coming and your help and great ideas would be welcomed. Two moms have already volunteered but a few more helping hands would be appreciated! Contact Kathy Stinson if you are interested at kathys@bethany-mp.org.

Don't Be in Such a Hurry!

I believe it's probably harder than any other time in history for folks to be **patient**. We live in a world where most things are only a few clicks or a push of the button away. Fast food! One hour cleaners! Instant messages! Speed reading! FastTrack! Everything seems to have become so quick and easy! We are all tuned in to finding quick fixes for just about everything! The definition of **patience** is "the ability to put up with pain, troubles, delays, difficulties, and hardship without complaint or ill temper." I consider myself a patient person. But as I sit here writing this article and I think about the definition of **patience**, I have to ask myself; "Kathy, how do you respond to and tolerate the events that unfold in front of you? How do you react to situations that disturb you? How do you deal with hardship and suffering in your life? No complaining? No ill temper?" Oops – guess I'm not so **patient** after all. At preschool this month we are teaching the children "I can be **patient**."

Exactly how do we do that in this world of ours that shouts "Hurry!"?

Here are a few ideas:

- ❖ As I've said before, children are great imitators; we've got to model **patience** over and over and over again to them! And sometimes, they need to see us when we are impatient. They need to know that it happens – it's natural. It's what we do with our impatience that matters. They can learn positive coping skills by watching us.
- ❖ Take time to reward **patience**. For instance, when children are waiting quietly in line, let them know that you noticed. Reinforced "good behavior" empowers a child to know that they are capable of being **patient**.
- ❖ Don't reward and feed those temper tantrums, meltdowns, and outbursts that are a result of a child's impatience! Be firm and calm and let the child know that they cannot always have their way.
- ❖ Play games and do projects together that take a good amount of **patience**. Explain to them that not everything happens at the push of a button. Try puzzles, games, art projects, and quiet activities that don't plug in, have flashing lights, or loud noises!
- ❖ SLOW DOWN! We can be in charge of the number of activities children are involved in. Children (and adults) need quiet calming down time to remain patient and kind in our fast paced world! **Patience** is easy to lose when we stretch ourselves to thin!
- ❖ Remember what a friend we have in Jesus! He can help us with our **patience**...follow His example; be an imitator of the One who knows best!

In closing, I would like to share a quote about **patience**: "Years ago, Ruth Bell Graham, wife of evangelist Billy Graham, saw a sign by the road; "**End of construction – thank you for your patience.**" Smiling, she remarked that she wanted those words on her gravestone!" Our Daily Bread, September 14, 2008

Kathy Stinson
Director

LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS



Twinkle, twinkle traffic light
Shining on the corner bright.
When it's red, it's stop, stop, stop!
When it's yellow, it's slow, slow, slow.
When it's green, it's GO! GO! GO!



We are marching into March to learn all about the things that "GO." Transportation is always a favorite theme for the Little Bunnies Class!

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and learn about the color **green**. We will read a great book called GREEN by Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

This month we will also celebrate your special children with Week of the Young Child. We will end this month with the Little Bunnies favorite time of year...EASTER!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Ruth and Teacher Lupe



BUSY BEE NEWS

Exploring the circus was tons of fun! We enjoyed learning about colors and shapes, and of course, clowning around, too! The Valentine's Day parties were exciting! The Busy Bees really enjoyed delivering their special Valentines to their friends.

This month we will be learning about Community Helpers. The kids will discover all the different ways these helpers take care of us. We will also have Week of the Young Child coming up which will be filled with lots of fun activities for our special Busy Bees! And we will be talking about Easter and make some cute Easter art. This will be a busy and very exciting month for the Busy Bees!



Community Helpers

(tune: Are You Sleeping?)

Community helpers, community helpers,
In our town, in our town,
Teacher and librarians,
Fire fighter, doctors,
Help us learn, keep us safe.

Have a marvelous March!
Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lindsay

LITTLE TURTLE NEWS



Greetings to all of our Little Turtle families! We will be very busy this month. We will start off by learning all about all of our wonderful community helpers and St. Patrick's Day. During the first two weeks of March, parents are invited to come to our class and share about what their occupation is. Please let me know if you are interested and I will set up a time for you to come. Thanks!

I'm a 'lil shamrock, look at me.
Oh, what color can I be?
If you said that I was the color green,
Then stand right up and yell...
YIPPEE!

Then we will have lots of fun with all of our little angels as we celebrate the Week of the Young Child! We will also learn just how much Jesus loves each one of us with our celebration of Easter.

Our letters will be T, U, V, and W. Our color will be **green**, our shape the oval, and our nursery rhyme will be "Humpty Dumpty."

Have a wonderful month of March! God's blessings!
Teacher Bettina and Teacher Teresita



LITTLE BEARS NEWS

March will be a very busy month for the Little Bears. We will be exploring different jobs that help our community as we learn about "Community Workers." We will also have a great time celebrating Week of the Young Child and St. Patrick's Day!

The Little Bears will also learn about the wonderful season of Easter. We will be reading all about "God's Amazing Plan!"

Our letters for the month of March will be U, V, and W. Our virtue is "I can be patient."

Happy spring!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS



February was a sensational month in the Little Lambs class. We celebrated Valentine's Day and our 100 Days of School. We had a blast learning all about insects. We learned that insects have a head, thorax, abdomen, and six legs. Their antenna help insects feel, hear, and smell.

March is going to be a very fun and busy month! Our themes will be Community Helpers and Easter. There are many different types of helpers: police officers, doctors, construction workers and artists, just to name a few. If you would like to come and share your occupation with the class, please let Teacher Katie know. The children love learning about different types of occupations that help our community – we'd love for you to share your occupation with us, too!



We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Easter! Our letters are U, P, Y, and Z. Our color is yellow and our virtue is "I can be patient."

Have a blessed month!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



LITTLE TIGERS NEWS

Wow! What an exciting month February was!

March is upon us and we'll focus on Community Helpers and Easter. If you would like to share your occupation with our class/school please let us know.



Our letters will be W, X, Y, and Z! Our color is purple and our shape is an oval. Our virtue is "I can be patient."

Our poem is:

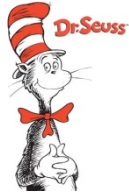
"Teachers teach the ABC's,
Mail carriers deliver a letter.
Hair stylists cut our hair,
Doctors help us feel better.
Librarians and Police,
We all need them too!
Contractors and Firefighters,
There's so many jobs for you!"

Happy Easter!
Teacher Robin and Teacher Anna

LITTLE LIONS NEWS



Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You."
Dr. Seuss



March has arrived and so has Dr. Seuss! Did you know Dr. Seuss would be 112 on March 2? His legacy lives on in the pages of his books and in our classroom. Look forward to some crazy fun weaved throughout our classroom, because "fun is good!"

March will also bring to life Community Helpers. The Lion's will be talking about all those wonderful helpers out there that take care of our communities: policemen, firemen, postman, doctors, librarians...and more. We will warmly welcome any parents who would enjoy coming and sharing their special occupation with us.

Our month will finish up with the love Jesus shared with all of us and the reason we celebrate Easter!

We are getting near the end of the alphabet letters. This month we will learn the letters K, A, V, and M.

Amidst all the fun we'll also have some wearing of the green and leprechaun tricks!

Blessings,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori

