



ANGELIC NEWS

MARCH 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER



Wednesday	March 1	Open Enrollment Begins Re-enrollment forms are now past due. Please submit them if your child is returning to Littlest Angels for the 2017 – 2018 school year.
Friday	March 10	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Day
Sunday	March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Monday - Friday	March 13 – 17	Week of the Young Child Be watching for more details!
Friday	March 13	St. Patrick's Day Wear green today!

In March we celebrate **COMMUNITY HELPERS MONTH at Littlest Angels!** Many of our classrooms are exploring this theme. The children will become aware of a great number of occupations and of the ways that these workers help us each day in our neighborhoods and communities. **Special visitors will be joining us to talk about their occupations – we hope one of them is YOU!** All talents, hobbies, and careers are important to us! We are inviting you to come and share your area of expertise! Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a time to come and share. Thanks in advance for your time and for sharing! Of course, we'll have visits from the firemen and policemen too!

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY MARCH 10th! WHY? IT'S TEACHER- IN- SERVICE DAY. This is a day when teachers get to be students! We will have a guest speaker coming. The topic is **Social-Emotional Learning and Strong Emotions in Young Children.** "In this workshop participants will discuss their experiences with managing children's strong emotions in the classroom, learn about the six stages of social and emotional development, and develop specific strategies to support children's resiliency, coping skills, and self-regulation capabilities." It is sure to be a very helpful and informative workshop! Maybe we'll have some ideas to share with you!

MARCH IS NATIONAL POISON CONTROL MONTH! This is just a reminder to take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to check and make sure that all poisonous drugs, chemicals, and cleaners in your home are out of the reach of your precious and curious little ones.

The Poison Control Hotline Number is 1 – 800 – 222 – 1222

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS ON MARCH 1st. If you have friends or neighbors interested in Littlest Angels in the fall, please tell them to give us a call. We would love to chat with them! **Re-enrollment forms and fees are now past due.** Please hurry and get them in if you are planning on your child attending Littlest Angels in the 2017- 2018 school year.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS are now available on-line and in paper copy. If you didn't receive summer information please check the website or come by the Preschool Office and pick up a copy. Children age 2 through those entering Kindergarten are able to attend.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS COMING and your help and great ideas would be welcomed. Several moms have volunteered but more helping hands would be appreciated. You can use co-op hours if you are on this committee. Contact Kathy Stinson if you are interested at kathys@bethany-mp.or

I WON'T GIVE UP! I WON'T GIVE UP!

"GREAT PEOPLE ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF DETERMINATION. SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE DON'T QUIT!"

Determination is our virtue of the month. **Determination** could be defined like this: never giving up; working hard; and getting the job done, no matter what! Yikes! This is a tough one in a world in which we are used to having so many things instantly at the touch of our fingers. I think children of the 21st century may be becoming more unaware with the concept of waiting, working hard, and having deep **determination** because of what they are exposed to in this fast-paced world they live and learn in! Even as adults we are often impatient and want most everything in an instant. Yet we know **determination** is a great character quality to possess.

Each day at Littlest Angels we encourage the children to be the “best that they can be”, to believe in themselves, and to try and try again...just like that [determined](#) itzy, bitsy spider that climbed up the water spout or the Little Engine that Could! When we give children opportunities to try new things that might be a bit challenging they gain confidence and belief in themselves.

So how do we nurture [determination](#) in children and show them that hard work pays off? The real truth is we need to teach and preach to children that you can do almost anything, if you are willing to work really, really hard at it. Here are some ideas:

- Praise the child who is persevering and working hard to accomplish something that doesn't come naturally to him; a little challenge teaches them that hard work is important!
- Teach them to try, try, and try again! And teach them to take breaks and recharge before frustration begs them to just quit!
- Model, model, model! It is ok for children to see adults getting frustrated when they are trying to do something new (or old). Most importantly, let them see you succeed because you didn't give up! (I can guarantee you that your little kids will be your best cheerleaders!)
- Everyone needs a safe place where they can make mistakes without fear. That's how we all learn that we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and try all over again with confidence! Home is where this safe place should be!

No matter how old we are, 2 or 92, we all face roadblocks and tough hills to climb that require [determination](#). I am so thankful that we have a God who tells us “I will give you all the strength you need, trust me, relax and know that you can do great things with my help.”

Kathy Stinson,
Director



LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS



Planes, trains and automobiles! The Little Bunnies class will be zooming along this month with our TRANSPORTATION theme. Each week we will learn about a different form of transportation; cars and trucks, trains, boats, and airplanes. We will read lots of transportation books, including two favorites, Go Dog Go and The Wheels on the Race Car.



Our color for the month is green for St Patrick's Day! We will make several fun green projects with shimmering shamrocks and colorful rainbows! Our Brown Bear character for this month will be "blue horse". Each month we read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?" and focus on different characters. This will be a special end-of-the-year surprise!

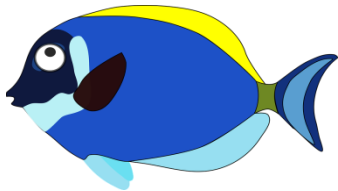
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Ruth and Teacher Teresita

BUSY BEE NEWS



I'm a Fish

(Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot")



I'm a little fishy, I can swim.
Here is my tail, here is my fin.
When I want to have fun with my friends,
I wiggle my tail and dive right in!

Under the sea we will go this month! We will be exploring many of the mysteries in the ocean and discovering the sea creatures that live in and near the ocean. We will create some beautiful ocean art work too!

We will also explore Community Helpers this month. Together we will discover all the important things that these helpers do for our communities and neighborhoods. Doctors, policemen, postmen and firemen are just a few of the important helpers we'll be discussing. We will even have some special visitors!

All the best,
Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lindsay



LITTLE BEARS NEWS

Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep!

March will be a very busy month for the Little Bears. Our themes will be TRANSPORTATION and COMMUNITY WORKERS. The children will learn that transportation means to travel from one place to another. We'll have fun discussing all the different forms of transportation we use...cars, trains, planes, trucks, and boats.

We'll also be exploring many of the different jobs that help our community; doctors, postal workers, police officers, dentists, firemen and so many others!

We will celebrate a very special week this month. Hooray... for the WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD and St. Patrick's Day!

Our letters for the month of March are U, V, W, and X. Our virtue is **determined**.

Have a blessed month!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS



March is going to be one fun and busy month! Our theme will be Community Helpers. We will also be discussing safety and what to do in an emergency. This is also a great time to discuss with your child what to do at home in an emergency and to review emergency phone numbers and your home address. 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 Week of the Young Child!

Our letters are U, P, Y, T, and Q. Our color is yellow and our shape is a square. Our virtue is **DETERMINED**!

Have a wonderful March!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



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 113 this March 2nd?! 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"! Included in all this fun, we will also have some wearing of the green and leprechaun tricks!

As the month winds down we will welcome Community Helpers. The Lion's will be talking about all those wonderful helpers out there that take care of our communities; policemen, firemen, teachers, postmen, doctors, librarians...and more. We will warmly welcome any parents who would enjoy coming and sharing their special occupations with us...so please ask me when you can come!

We are getting near to the end of our alphabet letters. This month we will learn the letters J, S, P, and B.



Blessings,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori



LITTLE TIGERS NEWS

February was fast paced! So many holidays and celebrations.

March will be busy as well! We will be working on Community Helpers and the famous Dr. Seuss. If you have an occupation you'd like to share with our class or our entire school, please let me know.

Our letters will be M, N, V, and X. We are continuing to work on our numbers.

Our poem will be:

**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!**

Blessings,
Teacher Robin and Teacher Bettina