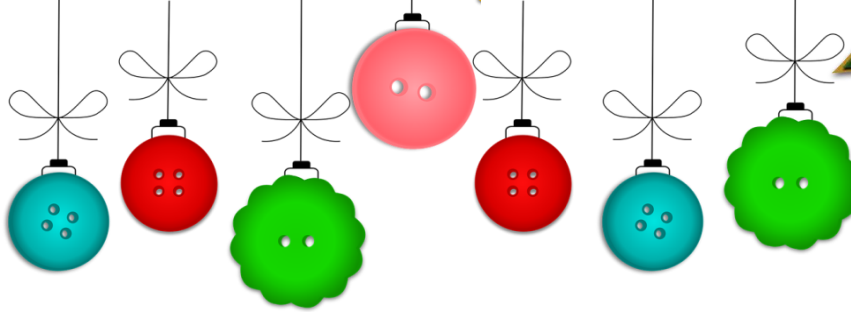




December Dates to Remember



Thursday	December 1	School Picture Orders Due
Tuesday	December 6	Saint Nicholas Day
Tuesday	December 13	Young Child's Christmas Service Lets Dress Up for Christmas 6:00 p.m.
Friday	December 16	Santa Books Due (see below) Young Child's Christmas Service DVD order Due
Wednesday	December 21	Classroom Christmas Party/Visit from Santa
Thursday	December 22	Classroom Christmas Party/Visit from Santa
Thursday	December 22	No After-Care today
Friday	December 23 – January 7	Christmas Break
Monday	January 9	Welcome Back! School Resumes!

It's the best time of the year....at Littlest Angels Preschool! Preparations for Jesus' special birthday celebration are in progress! It's a real treat to peek into the classrooms and see the children busy making decorations, singing **Christmas** songs, and just radiating pure **joy!** It's contagious! They know the reason for all this celebrating...it's JESUS! It is my sincere prayer that hearts and homes everywhere will be filled with the abundance of God's **joy**, peace and love this **Christmas** and that the little baby in the manger will be the main reason for the celebrating!

We wish you the good things of the season to treasure and **enjoy**, lots of memory making moments, and time to spend with the people who mean the world to you.

From our hearts to yours,
Kathy Stinson and the entire Preschool Staff

LET'S DRESS UP FOR CHRISTMAS! That's the title of the Young Child's **Christmas** Service on Tuesday, December 13th @ 6:00 p.m. Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, animals, stars, shepherds, wise men...they will all be at the "manger scene" as our Littlest Angels dress up for **Christmas**. This **joy**-filled **Christmas** musical gives the children the opportunity to tell the **Christmas** story in their own special way! You won't want to miss this highlight to your celebration of Jesus' birthday!

YOUNG CHILD'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE DVD! You can **enjoy** every minute of the performance because you won't have to take the pictures! We will have a professional videographer taping the service and then produce a DVD that every family will have the opportunity to purchase. An order form will be in your child's file soon.

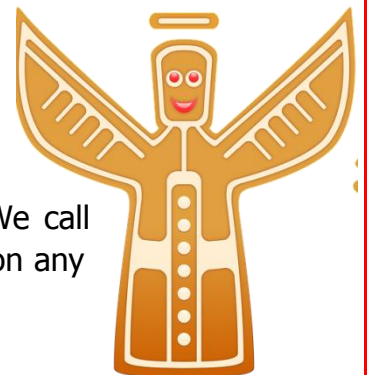


READ ALL ABOUT IT...BOOKS FROM SANTA! Santa is coming to Littlest Angels! He will visit each classroom on Wednesday, December 21st and Thursday, December 22nd. Santa will pass out books to each child when he visits.

PARENTS, PLEASE BE SANTA'S HELPERS:

1. Purchase a book for your child. (Please bring 2 if your child attends both days.)
2. Gift wrap the book(s).
3. Label it clearly with your child's name.
4. Send it to school by Friday, December 16th. Please give the book directly to your child's teacher.
5. Santa will deliver the books when he comes to visit.
6. Please let your child's teacher know if they are fearful of Santa.

FLOATING ANGELS??? WE'VE GOT SOME! Our angels have names! **Teacher Elizabeth, Teacher Teresita, and Teacher Holly** are our three wonderful teachers who are not assigned to a particular room. We call them our "float teachers". They are ready to go where they are needed on any given day...or moment! We are so very thankful for them!



JESUS TOOK A TRIP!

For some reason I had a difficult time coming up with an extraordinary idea for my article this month...until today that is. Once again, God sent me some shining inspiration from one of my little preschool buddies. He and I were having a conversation about Jesus. I opened the door to the church and the little boy softly said, "Is Jesus in there?" I said, "Yes, but we can't see Him- He is always with us. He is everywhere."(I was thinking, "Keep it simple Kathy-- he's only 4 years old.") Then the little guy said, "Well, you remember once Jesus took a trip and now He's back home." I agreed. I then asked him what Jesus was doing there. His reply was, "Well, He's taking care of His babies." I said, "You are so right! He did take a trip and He is taking care of His babies every day!"...and that was the end of the conversation. My buddy probably didn't think about it for another second. I, on the other hand, went back to my office and began to think about the exchange of words he and I had just shared. A trip?

Christmas is all about a trip Jesus lovingly took from heaven to earth. Yes, it's true, just as my little friend said; Jesus did take an incredible "rescue" journey. The trip had been planned centuries before He was born. It was a very long trip-the longest anyone else has ever taken. The mighty God humbled Himself into being a helpless baby, depending on the ones He created for His basic needs. He grew in wisdom and stature during His 33 year trip. He went through it all—infancy, childhood, teenage years and manhood. It was all part of the traveling plans. He proclaimed that He was the Savior and rescuer of the world. And He was. And when it was time, He told His people that He would be taking His trip back home to His Father in heaven. And he did. And now, as my little friend told me, "Jesus is taking care of His babies."

What a comforting thought that is! When we are infants we are helpless. We are totally dependent on those that take care of us. Babies are comforted, reassured, encouraged, consoled, nurtured, free of worry and loved to pieces! Their needs are met. They are never alone. My friend is right. Jesus is taking care of His babies...that's us...anyone who believes in Him and understands His incredible **Christmas** journey and all that it means for a sinful world.

Jesus says:

"For anyone who says yes to Jesus, for anyone who believes what Jesus said, for anyone who will just reach out to take it, then God will give them this wonderful gift: to be born into a whole New Life; to be who they really are, who God made them to be—their own true selves--God's dear Child!

Paraphrase of John 1:12 - 13 from the Jesus Storybook Bible

I can just hear Jesus softly and tenderly saying, "Kathy you are my child, my baby and I LOVE YOU!" How about you...do you hear Him too? Thanks to my little friend, I know **Christmas** for me will be just a little more special this year.

Merry **Christmas!**

Kathy Stinson

Little Bunnies News



JOY TO THE WORLD...the **Christmas** season is upon us! What an exciting time of year, especially through the eyes of a two year old!!



We will make **Christmas** come to life in our classroom through all our **Christmas** art, crafts, songs and oh so much more! Our theme for the month is **CHRISTMAS!** Our color for the month is **green** and our shape is the star. We will be singing some favorite **Christmas** songs like Jingle Bells, Frosty the Snowman, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, and Must Be Santa! Ask your child to sing "Mary Had a Baby Boy". That's the song we will be singing in the Young Child's **Christmas** Service.

Classroom **Christmas** Parties and a visit from Santa will take place on December 21st and 22nd. Please let the teacher know if your child is not fond of Santa. We will be prepared to help them with their fears.

Have a **joy**-filled **Christmas** season!
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Ruth and Teacher Teresita



Busy Bee News

"Have a holly, jolly **Christmas**;
It's the best time of the year!"

This month we will focus on **Christmas** and talk about Jesus' special birthday! There will be plenty of anticipation and exuberance in the Busy Bee room (and your home too!) during this amazing time of year! We will try to channel that energy as we make holiday crafts, special gifts, and practice for our Young Child's **Christmas** Service.

We will also have a special visit from Santa on our **Christmas** party days, December 21st and 22nd...it is so much fun to see the children light up when they see him! If your child is not very comfortable with Santa please let the teachers know ahead of time. Thanks!

During this very special time of year be sure to take time to **enjoy** your child and experience **Christmas** through their **joy** and excitement! This is a wonderful time to teach them about the **joy** of giving and the **joy** of being with one another!

We wish you all a very Merry **Christmas!**
Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lindsay



Little Bears News

Way up high on the **Christmas** tree
Two little candy canes winked at me!
So I shook that tree as hard as I could
And down came the candy canes,
YUM, YUM, GOOD!

December will be filled with **Christmas JOY** and FUN! We will focus on the **JOY** of **Christmas** and celebrate the birth of Jesus with our friends and families!

We will also be busy little elves this month making decorations and special art projects for our classroom. We will also be working very hard on our song **SLEEP LITTLE ONE** which we will be singing at the Young Child's **Christmas** Service.

Our letters are L, M, and N. Our virtue of the month is **JOYFUL**!

May God bless you with His peace and love!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda

Little Lambs News



Good tidings of comfort and **joy**! The most wonderful time of the year will be a very busy time in the Little Lambs' classroom. We will be creating decorations for our classroom and homes and learning about the reason for the season...the birthday of Jesus! We are practicing for the Young Child's **Christmas** Service and can't wait to share the Little Lamb's song with you the night of the show!

The letters for the month are J, A, and G. The color is **red** and the shape is the star. Our virtue this month is **JOYFUL**

Our **Christmas** poem is...

5 LITTLE ANGELS

5 little angels lovely and bright
The first one said, "It's a special night."
The second one said, "The shepherds saw a star!"
The third one said, "The wise men came from afar."
The fourth one said, "Praise the new born King!"
The fifth one said, "Now it's time to sing!"

We wish you a very Merry **Christmas** and a Happy New Year!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



Little Lions News

Five Little Reindeer

Five little reindeer playing in the snow,
The first one said, "Can you see my nose glow?"
The second one said, "Listen to me sing!"
The third one said, "I can hear bells ring."
The fourth one said, "Let's eat the pie."
The fifth one said, "I'm ready to fly!"



Then clomp went their hoofs and the snow fell white as the five little reindeer flew out of sight!

It's that delightful time of year! **Christmas**time is here...a time of giving, sharing and celebrating our heavenly Father's greatest gift...JESUS!

We will center our learning this month on **Christmas JOY** for the story of Jesus' birthday and all the excitement that it brings. The children will be encouraged to make gifts and cards for whomever they wish. No matter how lumpy, sticky or imperfect—they are surely a gift from the heart!

Our letters for the month are O, Q, and G. Our colors are **green** and **yellow**. Watch for triangles and stars in all colors and sizes too!

We wish a wonderful and magical **Christmas!**

From our hearts to yours,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori



Little Tigers News

We really **enjoyed** fall in our class—from hibernation, to scarecrows, to fall leaves and cool science projects! We were very busy Little Tigers.

Our poem for December will be:

WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM?

What can I give Him?
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring Him a Lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him?
I give Him my heart.

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We will focus on Baby Jesus and His birth this month. We will be cutting, gluing, painting and using lots of glitter I'm sure. Our letters will be S, J, and D. Our virtue is **JOYFUL!**

May we all find peace and happiness during this **joyful** season.

Christmas blessings,
Teacher Robin and Teacher Bettina

Merry
Christmas

