



## Angelic News

December 2017

**MAKING A LIST AND  
CHECKING IT TWICE!**

December 4

Helping Saint Nicholas Donations Due

December 9

Parent's Night Out

December 12

Young Child's Christmas Service

**6:00 p.m.**

December 14 & 15

Our Littlest Angels will use their **generous "helping hands"** to help assemble the gift bags for our Helping Saint Nicholas Christmas campaign.

December 15

Santa Books Due

December 20, 21

Classroom Christmas Celebrations

And a visit from Santa!

December 21

**No After Care Today**

December 22

Christmas Break begins!

January 8

Welcome back! School resumes

### **Say "Cheese!" for Christmas!**

You don't want to miss this very special Christmas Service! This joy-filled Christmas musical gives every child attending Littlest Angels the opportunity to share the Christmas Story. It will be a memory-making event in your 2017 Christmas celebrations. **We will have a professional videographer recording the service and then producing a DVD that every family will have the opportunity to purchase. Information and an order form will be in your child's folder soon.**

**Helping Saint Nicholas**...Thank you so much for your generosity during this campaign. If you haven't had the chance to participate it's not too late! What a wonderful "hands-on" way to teach our little ones about being **generous (our virtue of the month)**, kind and giving! The children have had fun learning about the compassionate and **generous** Saint Nicholas during the past few weeks and they can follow his example too!

**BOOKS FROM SANTA? Yes! Read All About It...** Santa is coming to Littlest Angels on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. He will pass out books to each child he visits. Parents, Santa needs you to be his helpers. **Please follow the following directions:**

**Parents will:**

- 1. Purchase a book for your child. (Please bring two books if your child attends both days.)**
- 2. Gift wrap the book.**
- 3. Label it clearly with your child's name on it.**
- 4. Send it to school by Friday, December 15th. Please discretely give it to your child's teacher.**  
**Perhaps hiding it in a bag would be helpful. Just a hint...children have been known to recognize wrapping paper that comes from their homes. Imagine that!**
- 5. Santa will pass out the books when he comes to visit each classroom.**

Thanks for your "elf" help! By the way, if your child is not fond of dear "ole" Santa please let his/her teacher know in advance-we want this to be a happy occasion! 😊

**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH! GENEROUS!** "Generous means offering some of our cookies to others. Please take one. You too. Anyone else want a cookie?" This month we will get lots of opportunities to practice being generous with our time, talents, and gift giving!

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### **A Bunch of Gifts**

I wonder... if God had a Christmas tree, what gifts would we find under it? God is in the gift giving business! He has wonderful gifts waiting for us to be unwrapped and applied to our lives.

Most of us spend a great deal of time and thought in choosing just the right gift for the special people in our lives. We think about their needs, their wants, and what might make them happy. We make the purchase, gift wrap it and anxiously wait for the moment when our loved one opens their gift. We anticipate that the gift will be received with joy and delight. But, what if that doesn't happen? We'll be disappointed and dejected. You see, in receiving our gift they are receiving us. If they reject the gift they are rejecting us. Or it sure feels that way.

You know, I think God tolerantly sits and waits to see what we'll do with His Christmas gifts too. If we accept His gifts, then we receive Him and He is delighted! Think of what that means! God was not only giving us the gift of a baby at Christmas...that baby brought **LOVE, FORGIVENESS, SALVATION, HELP, HOPE, JOY and PEACE.** These are gifts that no amount of money can buy.

Perhaps if we take our eyes off the PRESENTS under the tree and instead put our eyes on God's PRESENCE in our lives we will experience a Christmas like no other! John H. Rice said, "**You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift.**" The life-changing gifts that God tenderly gives can only belong to those who are in a relationship with Him; a **LOVE** that lasts forever, **HOPE** for the future, **JOY** that is bubbling over, and a **PEACE** of mind, heart and soul that the world cannot give.

Think for a moment about the gifts under your Christmas tree; will they change your life? Will they last forever? When you receive the gifts wrapped up in the Baby Jesus your life will never be the same again. This Christmas thank God by sharing His gifts with those who haven't received them yet.

**“Let me not wrap, stack, box, bag, tie, tag, bundle, seal or keep Christmas.**

**CHRISTmas kept is liable to mold. Let me give CHRISTmas away, unwrapped by exuberant armfuls. Let me share, dance, live CHRISTmas unpretentiously, merrily, responsibly with overflowing hands, tireless steps and sparkling eyes. CHRISTmas given away will stay fresh-even until it comes again.”**

**Linda Felver**

This Christmas open your heart and be, oh so **generous**, with sharing your LOVE, HOPE, JOY, and PEACE and do take time to look up into the Father's face and tell Him you just love His gifts!

Christmas joy and love from my heart to yours!

Kathy Stinson

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### **FLOATING ANGELS???** YES! WE HAVE 2!

We have two wonderful teachers who are not assigned to a specific classroom. We call them our “float” teachers. They fly around spreading their angel dust everywhere! They are ready to go where they are needed on any given day...at any given moment. They interact with all the children at Littlest Angels at one time or another. They are indeed wonderful blessings...we love you **Teacher Elizabeth** and **Teacher Ruth!**

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### **LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS**

Christmas is in the air! The magic and excitement has arrived in the Little Bunnies room! Christmas is a special time of year for children.

We will start the month of December with the color **green** and gingerbread friends, Christmas trees, ornaments, reindeer, Santa, and of course, the Baby Jesus. Our shape will be the star.



The Little Bunnies will be singing in the Young Child's Christmas Service on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Our class parties will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have a visit from Santa at our parties so please let us know if your child is apprehensive of the jolly elf! We are also looking for parents to bring special treats for our parties. Be watching for the sign-up sheet if you would like to bring something. Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

Teacher Mindy and Teacher Teresita

## BUSY BEE NEWS



Tis' the season to be jolly! That is very evident in the Busy Bee room. It's the most wonderful time of the year for a two year old! It's Christmas time and the Busy Bees will be "all wrapped up" in making Christmas art and gifts for some V.I.P's in their lives!

We are also busy practicing our songs for the Young Child's Christmas Service on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will also be getting ready for a special Christmas visit from Santa Claus!

### Christmas Star

Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star,  
Way up high is where you are.  
Shining there for all to see,  
On the tip, top of our tree.  
Twinkle, twinkle star so bright.  
Shine up there till morning light.



We wish you all a Christmas filled with love and joy. Take some special moments to enjoy it through the eyes of your young child!

Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lori

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## LITTLE BEARS NEWS



Dear Jesus,  
I'm sorry no one had room when you were born.  
If you come to my house, I'll give you my bed  
And share my toys.  
Because you and I are good friends!  
Happy birthday Jesus!

We hope all of our families and their loved ones enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving!

As we celebrate Christmas in the Little Bears classroom we will enjoy all the joy and magic of the season by decorating our classroom and reading Christmas stories. We will learn all about Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We will be ringing our bells as we practice our song for the Young Child's Christmas Service.

Our letters are L and M and our virtue is "GENEROUS"!

Happy Christmas!

Teacher Ana, Teacher Amanda and Teacher Ruth (Tuesday, Thursday)





## LITTLE LAMBS NEWS

Good tidings of comfort and joy! The most wonderful time of the year will be a very exciting and busy time in the Little Lamb's 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 songs with you the night of the show!

The letters for the month are A and G. The color is red and the shape is the star. Our virtue this month is GENEROUS.

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

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## LITTLE LIONS NEWS

It's that delightful time of year! Christmas 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 fun that it brings. The children will be encouraged to make 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 will be O, Q, and G. Our color is GREEN. Watch for triangles and stars in all colors and sizes!

We wish a wonderful and magical Christmas!

From our hearts to yours.

Teacher Staci and Teacher Lindsay



## LITTLE TIGERS NEWS



December already?! Wow! We've already passed 50 days of school—halfway to our “Cookie Party”!!

December will be very busy with learning all about the real reason for Christmas-Jesus! We'll be cutting, gluing, decorating and making some special gifts.

Our letters for December will be G, S, and J. Our virtue is GENEROUS – a perfect one for December. We've already been talking about Saint Nicholas and all that he did for others- I hope the children have been sharing his story at home with you.

Our December poem is:

Oh, I took a lick of my peppermint stick  
And I thought it tasted yummy!  
Oh it used to hang on my Christmas Tree  
But I like it in my tummy!

Merry Christmas,  
Teacher Robin and Teacher Bettina

