



MAY ANGELIC NEWS

2017



MAY MATTERS!

May	1, 2	St. Jude Trike-A-Thon
May	11, 12	Mother's Day Teas
May	12	St. Jude Trike-A-Thon donations are due today!
May	15 – 19	Teacher Appreciation Week "Our Teachers and Staff are Out of this World!"
May	29	Memorial Day/No School
June	1	Last Day of School/ No After-Care
June	2	Graduation for Pre-K 10:00 A.M.
June	12	Summer Session 1 Begins! WAY OUT WEST!

ST.JUDE TRIKE-A-THON: Little Bears, Little Lambs, Little Lions, and Little Tigers will be participating in this special event. Permission slips and Sponsor sheets have been sent home. How special it is to see children caring for friends they've never met! Kids have the biggest hearts in the whole world. What a super way to practice all the virtues we've worked on this year!

MOTHER'S DAY TEAS: Moms you won't want to miss this very special memory making time with your little one. Be watching for details. Please remember that this event is for your Littlest Angel and you! Please make alternate plans for younger siblings.

GRADUATION: Can you believe there are only 28 days left in 2016-17 school year? Graduation for all of our children headed off to Kindergarten will be on Friday, June 2. Parents, please be watching for details and important information about this event.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: "Our Teachers and Staff are Out of this World!" is the theme for this very extraordinary week that the committee plans for us! Be watching for details!

PROUD or ARROGANT?

Some synonyms for **PROUD**: pleased, satisfied, gratified, delighted, and fulfilled.

Synonyms for **ARROGANT**: egotistical, big-headed, superior, and conceited.

This month at Littlest Angels our virtue of the month is **PROUD**. You might be thinking... "That's not a good quality to teach children." But, yes it is! We want all children to feel satisfied, delighted, fulfilled and **proud** of all their accomplishments.

From the time children are tiny infants, they look to others for reactions to their accomplishments. I can still remember all the firsts of our four children; first smile, the first step, patty cake, and waving bye-bye. They waited for our smiles, giggles and rounds of applause. And then they would do it again, and again and again! This is a child's first step toward developing a sense of pride, self-esteem and achievement.

They need to know that they have talents and special God-given gifts. It's important for them to realize at an early age that not everyone has the same strengths and skills. We do encourage them to do the best they can in everything, but by focusing specifically on a child's particular skills and talents they will be motivated to work harder on those activities. Kids need to learn to **proud** of themselves for what **they** do, don't do and for the decisions **they** make on their own. This is one of the best gifts we can give them, the gift of self-confidence and independence!

I have shared this story before but it is worth repeating. "A little boy had a baseball bat and ball. He said to himself, "I'm the best hitter in all the world!" He threw the ball up and swung but missed. Without wasting any time, he picked that ball up and said again, "I'm the best hitter in the whole world!" He threw the ball up and swung. Strike two. He picked the ball up again, even more determined this time, he said, "I am the best hitter in the whole world!" He threw his ball up and swung away. Strike 3. He simply laid down his bat, smiled real big and said: "What do you know, I am the best pitcher in the entire world!"

This little guy saw possibilities when others might have seen roadblocks! He had no problem with his "can-do" attitude. Children grow more confident in their abilities as they become aware of their many achievements, no matter how small. This month we hope you join us and find ways to inspire the little children in your lives to do the best they can, nurture their God-given talents, and know that the decisions they make on their own really do matter!

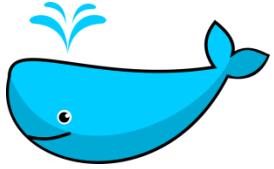
I didn't want to end my article without sharing this enlightening moment with you all. In chapel last week I asked the children, "Why did Jesus die on the cross for us?" One little guy raised his hand and said, with all the confidence in the world, "**BECAUSE WE WERE TRAPPED AND NOW WE ARE SET FREE!**" ...and once again Teacher Kathy was reminded that little guys are great teachers too...and thank you Jesus, we are free indeed!

Kathy Stinson,
Director



LITTLE BUNNIES NEWS

This month in the Bunny's Class we'll be going on an under the sea adventure! Our color of the month is **orange** to go along with gold fish from our Brown Bear story.



The end of the year is very near and we will be sad to see our Little Bunnies move to another classroom. They have been an amazing class this year. Hopefully, we'll see some of our friends at Summer Camp.

We have a very special event on May 11th and 12th. The children have been working very hard to prepare for this special day for their mommies. The children are really looking forward to Mother's Day Teas. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet and let us know that you will be attending with your child. If you cannot attend it is fine to send a grandparent, nanny, or special friend to take your place.

Thank you very much for your special support this year in our classroom. The classroom donations, special snacks, and thoughtfulness to the teachers during the holidays and throughout the school year have been greatly appreciated!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Ruth, and Teacher Teresita

BUSY BEE NEWS



SPRING, SPRING, IS IN THE AIR!
WE CAN SEE IT EVERYWHERE!

This month we will be exploring all the marvelous things about SPRING! Flowers, bugs, and so much more! We will also be celebrating our Mommies! We'll be extra busy getting all prepared for our special **Mother's Day Teas**. Our teas will take place **on Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12**.



Spring is Here!
(Tune: Are You Sleeping)

Spring is here. Spring is here.
Goodbye snow. Flowers grow.

Birds and bees, leaves on trees.
Hello, spring. Hello, spring!

It has been a fantastic adventure watching each Busy Bee grow in their own special way this year! We love each and every one of them!

Happy Mother's Day to all you wonderful MOMS!

All our best,
Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lindsay

LITTLE BEARS NEWS



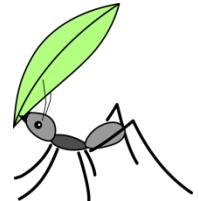
We hope you all had a joyous Easter and a wonderful Easter break!

Hugs and kisses, hugs and kisses,
Just for you, just for you!
Just to tell you mother, just to tell you mother,
I love you, I love you!

This month we will be busy creating Mother's Day projects and preparing for our **annual Mother's Day Tea**. Please make sure to reserve **May 11th** and **12th** to come and celebrate with your child.

Later in the month, we will be exploring all sorts of bugs, bugs, bugs! This theme will be a fun way to bring our year to an end!

Our virtue of the month is **PROUD**!



Happy Mother's Day!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda



LITTLE LAMBS NEWS

Get ready! May is going to be a total BLAST!

First, we will be finishing up our OCEAN unit. Then we will be celebrating our amazing moms at our **Mother's Day Tea, May 11th and 12th**. Please be sure to check the date on your invitation, mark your calendar, and RSVP to Teacher Katie.



To finish off the month we will have a stellar time learning about space. We will learn about planets in our solar system, the sun and our moon. We will finish working on numbers as well.



Our color will be **purple**, our shape is a diamond and our virtue is **PROUD**.

It has been a pleasure to watch each Little Lamb grow and learn this year.

Happy Mother's Day!
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

LIONS NEWS



"I'm glad I was your teacher; I've come to love you so. I can't believe the end is here. I hate to see you go! Remember all the fun we had in all the things we did. But most of all remember...you are one special kid!"

It seems like just yesterday when you were dropping the children off for the first time. This year has been an incredible year of growth and development in the Little Lions Class. Your children have brought such joy and happiness to our classroom! They have touched our lives in so many positive and rewarding ways.

Our theme for May will be all about having FUN, "A to Z – Come Play with Me!" Each day will bring a new letter to review with lots of exciting activities, as well as continuing to practice all the skills we've been working on all year!

From the bottom of our hearts, a big "Thank You" for all your support, warmth, love and prayers this year. We are truly blessed to have gotten to know you and your family.

Much love,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori



LITTLE TIGERS NEWS

Our theme this month will focus on our MOMMIES and CLIFFORD the Big **Red** Dog!

Our poem is:

CLIFFORD

Clifford, Clifford,
He's the dog for me!
He's BIG and he's **RED**
And he EATS a lot!
He's the best friend
That I have got!!!

We will be finishing our Handwriting Without Tears book and focusing on our lower case letters. We continue to work on our numbers; adding/subtracting; 3 and 4 letter words and of course Science!

We can't wait to pamper our MOMMIES on May 11th and 12th!

Blessings,
Teacher Robin and Teacher Bettina