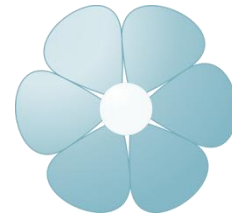


ANGELIC NEWS
APRIL 2017
DATES to REMEMBER



Wednesday &
Thursday April 5, 6

VISION SCREENING
BEARS, LAMBS, LIONS, TIGERS

Thursday April 13

NO AFTER CARE

Friday April 14

EASTER BREAK BEGINS

Friday April 14

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE

Monday April 24

SCHOOL RESUMES

Monday &
Tuesday April 24, 25

ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON
Be watching for details!

Thursday &
Friday May 11, 12

MOTHER'S DAY TEAS
Moms, plan ahead and save the date!

VISION SCREENING! Trained and certified volunteers from Live Oak Lions Club of Menlo Park will be providing free vision screening at Littlest Angels Preschool. Screening is fast and fun! All Little Bears, Little Lambs, Little Lions, and Little Tigers will be screened. If you do not want your child to be screened please return the yellow form that was sent home with your child on March 20th.

ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON! Little Bears, Little Lambs, Little Lions, and Little Tigers will be "triking" on April 24 and 25 to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Please be watching for more details and the sponsor sheets. Parents, your support and encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

COME CELEBRATE EASTER AT BETHANY! All families are invited to join us at Bethany on Easter Sunday, April 16. Church begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and an Easter Brunch. We'd love to have your family visit!

LIFE REQUIRES COURAGE

This month at Littlest Angels we'll be talking about being **COURAGEOUS**! This is a virtue young children get to practice daily! I'd like to share a little story. "5 year old Johnny was in the kitchen as his mother made supper. She asked him to go to the pantry and get her a can of tomato soup, but he didn't want to go alone. "It's dark in there and I'm scared." She asked him again, and he persisted. Finally she said, "It's OK...Jesus will be there with you." Johnny hesitantly walked to the door and opened it. He peeked inside, saw it was dark, and started to leave when all at once an idea came, and he said: "Jesus if you are in there, would you please hand me that can of tomato soup?"

Everybody is afraid of something! It's programmed into all of us. That's a good thing because fear is there to protect us. We are born with a sense of fear so that we can react to something that could be dangerous. Most fearful tendencies are about things we can't control or understand. We know that as a child becomes more conscious of the world around him/her they outgrow most fears. Each fear that is overcome builds more **courage**. I still remember when I was young I was afraid there were bears outside my window and there were monsters in the closet. The window had to be shut and locked and the closet door shut tight before I would settle down and close my eyes. Yes, I have outgrown those two fears but I must confess, I still cannot go to sleep unless the closet door is shut!!

I was curious to find out what the greatest fears of children were so I did some investigating. Some researchers from John Hopkins University reported that 30 years ago, the greatest fears of grade school children were: animals, being in a dark room, high places, strangers, and loud noises. Today, kids are afraid of the following: divorce, nuclear war, cancer, pollution, and personal danger. It seems to me that the fears of today's children seem to be far more noteworthy than they were 30 years ago.

We adults need to take time to sincerely listen to the children God places in our lives. Often the fears children experience are hard for them to verbalize so it may take some "cultivating conversation" to get to the root of the problem. Their private thoughts are serious business to them so we need to take them seriously. It's important to remember that little things to us are big things to them! Laughing at them or telling them that their fears are silly will have a negative impact. You will lose their trust and they will feel humiliated.

Jesus was a great **encourager** for those who were fearful and we can learn from Him! He did not tell His disciples that they would not be afraid when He sent them out to all the nations. What He did say was, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world." We can go forward with strength and with **courage** (even if we are anxious) because we know that God is with us; He is our refuge and strength, and He is always there in times of trouble. **Courage** grows as we trust God. A child's bravery will grow as we teach them, and remind them over and over and over again, that there is no need to fear because we can lean on our all-powerful and awesome God who is always with us and... "Yes, Little Johnny...He's even in the pantry!"

Kathy Stinson,
Director

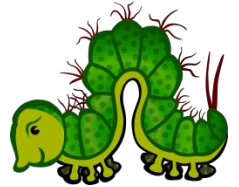
Little Bunnies News



Spring has sprung and it's going to be lots of fun! We will be learning all about our creepy crawly friends that live around the pond. We will also celebrate Easter, which, of course, is the Little Bunnies favorite holiday.

We will swat pesky flies, march like ants, hop like bunnies, and dance like butterflies—what an enjoyable way to learn!

We'll also read some amazing books this month by Eric Carle, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Lonely Firefly, The Very Grouchy Lady Bug, The Very Quiet Cricket and so many more lovely **spring** books.



Happy **spring**!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Ruth, and Teacher Teresita

Busy Bees News



ZOO, ZOO, ZOO, WE'RE GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO!

This month we will be exploring all the amazing animals that live in the zoo! Lions, bears, monkeys and so much more.

One, Two, Zoo!

One, one: the zoo is lots of fun.

Two, two: see a kangaroo.

Three, three: see a chimpanzee.

Four, four: hear the lions roar.

Five, five: watch the seals dive.

Six, six: there's a monkey doing tricks.

Seven, seven: count the elephants-eleven.

Eight, eight: a tiger and his mate.

Nine, nine: penguins in a line.

Ten, ten: I want to come again!



We will also be celebrating Easter this month with lots of special projects and art. It is sure to be an "eggstra" - special month of April! We will all enjoy our **spring** break later in the month too!

Three cheers for the Busy Bees! They are all growing in so many ways! Our biggest joy is to see them be kind and loving friends. They love helping one another!

Easter blessings,

Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lindsay



Little Bears News

Spring, spring is in the air, I can feel it everywhere!



Welcome April, and spring, and the wonderful season of Easter. This month we will be reading and talking about God's Amazing Plan! We will also learn about the season of spring and all that it brings! Be watching for some beautiful art and special projects!

We will be finishing our alphabet book this month and then it's on to numbers! Our virtue for the month of April is COURAGEOUS.

We hope you are enjoying our magnificent art that we are displaying for you all to see in the hallway! We are budding artists!

Happy Easter!

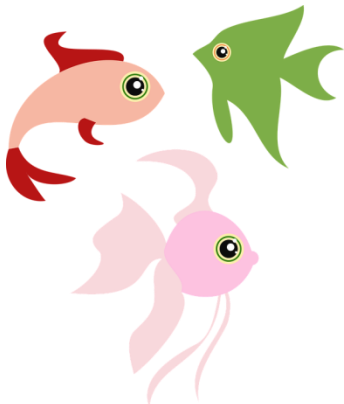
Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda

Little Lambs News



March was a busy and fun month! We learned about community helpers and what to do in an emergency. We also had a wonderful time celebrating Week of the Young Child. Our projects were colorful and musical! We also had a happy time at the Asheba Concert in the Family Center!

In April we will be learning about the ocean and Easter. The Lambs will learn about many amazing animals and plants that call the ocean home.



Five little fish swimming in a pool.
The first one said, "The pool is cool."
The second one said, "The pool is deep."
The third one said, "I want to sleep."
The fourth one said, "Let's take a dip."
The fifth one said, "I spy a ship."
Fisher boat come. Line goes kersplash.
Away the five little fish dash!

We will also have fun getting ready for Easter this month! We will have Easter Egg Hunts in our class before our spring break. If any parents would like to fill plastic Easter eggs at home for the egg hunt please let Teacher Katie know. Your help would be appreciated!

Our color of the month is blue, our shape is a cross, and our virtue is COURAGEOUS!

Happy Easter!

Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida



Little Lions News

Bunnies, eggs, and jellybeans,
That's not all that Easter means.
There is another message too...
Jesus died for me and you!

HAPPY **SPRING**! I am so excited to share the Easter story with our Little Lions class. We will be very busy creating and celebrating all that Jesus has done for us! We will learn about the life of Jesus and His resurrection.

This is the perfect time to learn about all the new "**SPRING**" life surrounding us—plants, trees, flowers, insects and so many adorable animals!

We will read several books by beloved children's author Eric Carle. Some of the titles are: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Quiet Cricket, and The Very Grouchy Ladybug.



This month we will really dive into counting and number recognition. Our April letters are M, N, V, and W.

Springtime Blessings,
Teacher Staci and Teacher Lori



"Growing" Tigers News

March was another fun-filled month! We hopped back and forth between Dr. Seuss, Community Helpers and Week of the Young Child. We were very, very busy Tigers!



Our theme in April will be BUGS and we will also celebrate EASTER. Our letters for this month will be W, X, Y, and Z. (We chose not to have a letter during the Week of the Young Child.) We are continuing to work on our numbers and shapes. Our virtue will be **COURAGEOUS**!

We are doing a lot of listening/group activities to prepare our Kindergarten skills. Please let us know if your child has been feeling apprehensive about Kindergarten. We want to make sure each child is excited, feeling capable and **courageous** for this big transition that will occur in just a few months.

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Our poem will be:

TELL ME DADDY

Tell me daddy, do you know,
What gives a lightening bug its glow?
Does it use a tiny battery,
Or fuel from a tank we can't see?
Does a fairy take black paint in jugs,
And sprinkle spots on ladybugs?
Does a handy elf put slow in snails?
And why don't spiders come with tails?

Admit it, Dad. I think it's so,
That these are things we'll never know.
This is stuff that God must do.
I believe this, Daddy. How about you?

Be sure all you Mommies save May 11 or May 12 for our Mother's Day tea that will begin at noon!

Blessings-

Teacher Robin and Teacher Bettina

HAPPY EASTER

