



Angelic News
October 2018



Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 2

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

7:00 P.M.

Please join us for Parent's Back-to-School Night! This is a special evening when all the grown-ups get to come and visit preschool. The evening is designed to share important information about the school year. This event is for adults only.

We will gather in the church first and then dismiss to classrooms. Please remember this evening is not for parent-teacher conferences. If you desire to talk to the teacher about your child specifically please kindly make an appointment to do so. The teachers want to give you their full attention and that is not possible during this meeting. Thanks for your cooperation! We sure hope to see you there.

OCTOBER 3, 4

EYE CARE TESTING

I CARE's trained and certified volunteers will be providing free vision screening at Littlest Angels. Screening is fast and FUN! This event is sponsored by the Live Oak Lions Club of Menlo Park. Make sure you take time to read the information that was in your child's file near the end of September.



OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN PARADE

9:20 A.M.

The parade will begin promptly at 9:20 a.m. Please see the Halloween flyer at the end of this newsletter for all the details. The Little Bunnies and the Busy Bees will not be participating in the large parade in the Family Center. They will have their own age-appropriate celebration in their classroom. The large parade can be a bit overwhelming for them.

NOVEMBER 7, 8

PICTURE DAYS



I wanted to give you advance notice that Photographer Jim will be returning this year to take school pictures on these dates. Be watching for more information.

Who Are We?

We are the Little Bunnies, Busy Bees, Little Bears, Little Lions and Little Tigers! We have class names because a unifying title stresses the fact that it is not the teacher's class. It is the _____ class! It gives the children a sense of ownership and helps create a cooperative classroom. Preschool is the first community to which your children belong other than your family. We teach them to care for each other. Social skills are learned skills. We end each day on a positive note and remember that each day is a new beginning! Each class ends their day by saying:

We are the _____ class!

We work together.

We play together.

We learn together.

We pray together.

I'll see you again for another great day!

"Be a Bucket Filler"

This year all the Littlest Angels are learning how to be Bucket Fillers! The idea of being a bucket filler comes from the book; Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids, by Carol McCloud and David Messing. The basic idea is that we all carry an invisible bucket around with us each day that contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel happy; when it is empty, we feel sad or angry. A Bucket Filler is someone who says or does something nice for other people. Each month we will be learning a new way we can help fill other's buckets. In October we will learn how listening can fill someone's bucket. Listening is easy to do and often it is the simple things we do that fill someone's bucket the most. Do you remember a time when someone sat with you and just listened when you were upset? They didn't try to give you a solution or tell you about how they handled a similar situation, they simply listened. But while they were listening they were also providing comfort, sympathy and love. They were filling your bucket without saying a word. Another great reason to listen is the more we do it with children the more they want to talk! When children feel heard and are allowed time to share their thoughts and feelings they will open up and share more. I want to encourage all of us to practice listening this month.

Wishing you all a blessed and beautiful Autumn!

Katie O'Malley, Director



Little Bunnies

Welcome to the Little Bunnies class! We had a great start to the new school year. The children enjoyed exploring the farm through art, music and stories each day.

Each month we will focus on a different character, and its color from the book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You Hear?" by Eric Carle. We will also be compiling a special book for the end of the school year. In September our character was Red Bird and in October it will be Black Sheep.

October

Theme: All About Me/ Halloween

Color: Black Sheep/ Orange

Science: 5 Senses and pumpkin

Virtue: Listen

Special Projects: Ghost Shirt

Special Snack: Halloween Parties

Finger Play and Songs:

Itsy Bitsy Spider

5 Little Pumpkins

Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Books:

I Like Myself

Here Are My Hands

The Very Busy Spider

Halloween Books

Wishing you a fun-filled October,
Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita and Teacher Bettina

Busy Bees



The Busy Bees are off to a great start! We are all settling in and making new friends. This month our theme is Fall and Halloween. We will be learning about apples, leaves, pumpkins and much more. We will of course have some Halloween fun too.

This month we will start learning a new letter each week. October's letters will be A, B, C and D. Our color this month is orange and the shape is a circle. Our Bucket Filler virtue is Listen.

Some of the books we read in September that your Busy Bees enjoyed are:

If you Take a Mouse to School

If you Give a Pig a Pancake

If you Give a Moose a Muffin

If you Give a Cat a Cupcake

If you Give a Mouse a Cookie

Here is a fun poem we will be learning this month.

The leaves are falling down,
The leaves are falling down,
Red, yellow, orange and brown,
The leaves are falling down.
(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)



We hope you all have a lovely October!
Teacher Lisa, Teacher Lori and Teacher Mercedes



Little Bears

I'm a Little Pumpkin
I'm little pumpkin short and round.
I grow on a vine and on the ground.
I start as a seed and grow and grow.
Soon I'm ready to be carved and glow!

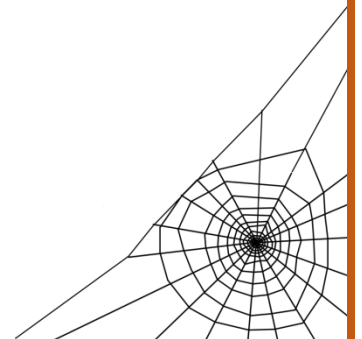


Autumn greetings to all our families! We had a very good beginning to our new school year. Adjustments are going well, and the children are learning our daily routine quickly. Our Ocean Life theme in September was a winner! The children really had a fun time.

This month we'll be discovering many things about the colorful season of fall and all the changes that it brings. We will also have a delightful time dressing up and playing pretend as we celebrate Halloween. We will be decorating our classroom with cats, bats, spiders and pumpkins!

Our letters are D, E, F, and G and our virtue is "Listen "

Fall Blessings!
Teacher Ana and Teacher Aida





Little Lions

Pumpkins, pumpkins, we love pumpkins! Fall is finally here! We had an amazing September. It has been such a joy getting to know all the Little Lions and seeing them settle in to our class. We had a great time learning all about Space with art, science and lots of great books! We began our Handwriting Without Tears last month with letters L and F.

In the month of October, we will be working on letters E, H, T and I. We will also focus on circles and the color orange. We will be exploring Fall, everything pumpkin and we will finish off with some Halloween fun. Be on the lookout for an opportunity to bring in some pumpkins and the Halloween party sign-up, later in the month.



Ask your child how to be a Bucket Filler! Last month we talked about how to be Friendly. This month we will talk about how to Listen and working on filling up our classroom bucket!

Please remember to label all belongings, including cups, lunch boxes, backpack and jackets. We really appreciate it!

Wishing you a fabulous Fall,
Teacher Amanda and Teacher Ruth



Growing Tigers

The Tigers are settling into their den quite comfortably. They're making new friends and learning to share their old friends. They love singing "It's Pre-K", "Where Do We Start Our Letters" and "Mat Man" - ask them about it!

In October, our theme will be "Our 5 Senses". Our letters will be H, T, I, U and C. Our shape will be a square and our Virtue will be "Listen".

We learn a new poem each month and our new one is:

MY FIVE SENSES

My eyes can see the big bright sun.
My nose can smell hot cinnamon buns.
My ears can hear the big loud drum.
My tongue can taste good things, yum, yum!
My hands can feel the sand, what fun!
I like my senses, everyone!!

We hope to see you all at Back to School Night!
Teacher Robin and Teacher Lindsay



It's a Halloween Parade!

Wednesday, October 31

Family Center

9:20 a.m.



Please read the following details carefully:

This is an important day to be on time because the parade starts promptly at 9:20 a.m.!

- Bring your child to their classroom in costume-- dressed and ready for the parade.
- The children will change out of their costumes after the parade so please send a bag for the costume to be stored in.
- Each classroom will have a little Halloween fun and goodies later in the day.
- If your child does not attend school on Wednesday, you are welcome to bring them to the Family Center and parade with them.
- No masks that cover the eyes or frightening costumes should be worn.
- The **Little Bunnies** and the **Busy Bees** will not be participating in the large parade in the Family Center. They will have their own age-appropriate celebrations. Please watch for more details. The large parade is a bit overwhelming and can be a bit frightening for our younger students.

Thanks for your cooperation in these matters!

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Littlest Angels Preschool Staff