

# Angelic News

October 2017

## Dates to Remember

**OCTOBER 3**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT**

**7:00 P.M.**



Be a Smart Cookie and 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. We sure hope to see YOU there. This event is for adults only.

**OCTOBER 4, 5**

**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 frightening for them.

**NOVEMBER 7, 8**

**PICTURE DAYS**



I just 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.

## **PATIENCE ...IS A VIRTUE!**

### **PATIENT MEANS...waiting and waiting for the cookies to be done.**

This month our cookie virtue is **PATIENT**. Lots and lots of learning happens at Littlest Angels each day and having **patience** is a necessity when one is learning or teaching. Babies crawl before they walk. They walk before they run. They babble before they talk. They eat applesauce before they bite into a nice juicy apple. They learn colors and shapes before they can read a book. It's natural and it takes a mixing bowl full of **patience**! We cannot do the difficult tasks before we learn to do the easy ones. Learning to be **patient** means having the ability to put up with pain, troubles, delays, difficulties and hardships without complaint or bad attitudes. It takes time for the yummy cookies to bake and it takes time for **patience** to grow too!

Little ones are **impatient** by nature so how can we help them to be more **patient**? Here are some ideas that might help:

- Children are great imitators! We've got to model **patience** over and over and over again to them! And sometimes, they need to see us when we are **impatient**. They need to know it happens- we are human! It's what we do with our **impatience** that matters. They can learn positive coping skills from us. Lack of **patience** and self-control can be contagious! Children's **impatience** makes adults **impatient**, which then makes the children more **impatient** until yikes! ...it's out of control!
- Don't reward and feed those temper tantrums, meltdowns and outbursts that are a result of a child's **impatience**! Be firm and calm (that's not always easy!) and let the child know that they cannot always have instant gratification.
- SLOW DOWN! Children and adults need quiet calming down time to remain **patient** and kind in our fast paced world. **Patience** is easy to lose when we s-t-r-e-t-c-h ourselves or our children to thin.
- Play games and do projects together that take a good amount of **patience**. Explain to them that not everything happens at the push of a button. Try puzzles, games, art projects, and quiet activities that don't plug in, have flashing lights, or loud noises.
- Take time to reward **patience**. For instance, when children are waiting quietly in line, let them know that you noticed. Reinforced "good behavior" empowers a child to know that they are capable of being **patient**. Your words of praise are powerful and long-lasting.
- Remember what a friend we have in Jesus! He can help us with our **patience**...follow His example; be an imitator of the One who knows best!

"Be always humble, gentle, and **PATIENT**. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.  
Eph. 4:2

Kathy Stinson,  
Director



## LITTLE BUNNIES

We had a wonderful start to the new school year in the Little Bunnies class. During the month of September we learned about apples through many fun stories, songs and activities. Our color of the month was red and our shape was a circle.



In October our theme will be "Our World" and "All About Me!" We will also have fun with Halloween and pumpkins this month too!

The weather is warm right now but it can change daily. It's a good idea to have a light jacket to keep in your child's cubby because we go out to the playground early in the morning and it can be chilly.

Please do not dress your child in croc shoes at school. They slip off easily and they are not safe for the two year olds; especially on the stairs and on the playground. Their safety is our top concern! Hope to see you at Back-to-School Night!

Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita and Teacher Ruth

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## BUSY BEES



What a great start to our new year! The Busy Bees are rolling right along and enjoying school! Our Transportation theme in September really got our engines started!

Fall is in the air! We love watching the changing seasons and we love watching your children grow and change too! This month we will be learning about fall and harvest time. Pumpkins, apples and scarecrows, oh my! These are just a few of the things we'll find out about and, of course, we'll be having some Halloween fun too! Be looking for some "BOO"-tiful art projects!



The Busy Bees will be learning this song this month:

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

We are so excited to spend this school year with all of you!

Happy fall!

Teacher Lisa and Teacher Lori

## LITTLE BEARS



Pumpkin, pumpkin, I've been thinking,  
You're the finest one I've seen.  
Soon you'll be a Jack-O-Lantern,  
All lit up for Halloween!

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 circus 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 of the changes that it brings. We'll also learn about the delightful time of dress-up and pretend play as we celebrate Halloween. We will be decorating our classroom with cats, bats, spiders and pumpkins!

Our letters are D, E, F, and G. Our virtue is **PATIENT**.

Enjoy this beautiful season of fall!

Teacher Ana and Teacher Amanda



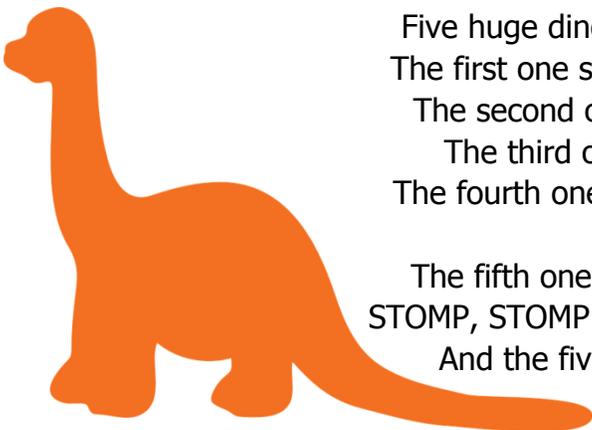
## LITTLE LAMBS

Our school year has gotten off to a super start as we learned about dinosaurs in September. The Little Lambs have also been busy making friends and learning classroom routines and rules. The Lambs worked on letters S, D, E. They also discovered that blue and yellow make GREEN! We learned what made a carnivore dinosaur different from an herbivore dinosaur. Ask your child and see if they can tell you.

A fun poem we learned in September was:

Five huge dinosaurs, looking fierce and mean;  
The first one said, "I eat things that are green."  
The second one said, "I hatch from an egg."  
The third one said, "I have strong legs."  
The fourth one said, "I can fly through the air."

The fifth one said, "I give everyone a scare."  
STOMP, STOMP went Tyrannosaurus Rex that day,  
And the five little dinosaurs all ran away!



In October our theme will be "AT NIGHT!" We will be learning about nocturnal animals. At the end of the month we will have a wonderful time creating decorations and getting ready for Halloween!

Our virtue this month is **PATIENT**. Our color is black and our shape is the circle. Our letters will be N, O, R and H.

Blessings,  
Teacher Katie and Teacher Aida

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## LITTLE LIONS



As you have hopefully seen, we have been very busy in the Little Lions class; practicing our names with lower case letters, cutting, gluing and tracing things!

October promises to be quite something too...celebrating autumn's arrival and the excitement as Halloween draws near. What a great time to be outside and make observations with your child. It's truly my favorite time of year.

This month our Lions will explore "Life on the Farm"! We will discover animals, scarecrows, farm tools and machinery, and harvesting fun with some of our favorite foods—apples and pumpkins!

Later in the month we will enjoy some "Halloween Fun". We will continue to work with "Big Line, Small Line", letters F, T, and I. Our color is ORANGE and our shape is a circle.



All of the children seem to be adjusting well and are familiarizing themselves with routines and classroom/school rules. I hope that your child is feeling comfortable and happy about being in the Lions class by now. Please let me know if I can help out in any way if they are having any problems.

Have you tried to find out what's happening at school? Good questions you can ask your child at the end of the school day are:

- What did you choose to do during "free choice" time today?
- What is the letter of the week? What words do you think start with the letter of the week?
- What happened in the story your teacher read today?

Here's to the start of a great year!

Teacher Staci and Teacher Lindsay



## LITTLE TIGERS

Hello Little Tiger families – we are off to a grrreat year! The class loves to recite our September poem, love singing “It’s PreK!” they look forward to adding another cookie to our 100 Days of School and they work hard at earning links for our virtue chain.

Thank you all for coming to our Open House Days in early September—every one of our families attended! That shows your children how important their classroom is.

We have already begun our Handwriting Without Tears program. We have worked on the letters L and F. This month we will work on E, H, T, and I. Our colors will be yellow and purple. Our shape will be a rectangle. The virtue for October is **PATIENT**- something we’re practicing multiple times a day!

Our OCTOBER poem will be: **AUTUMN CHEER**

I love all the seasons,  
But autumn is the best!  
Let’s put on our sweaters,  
Now we are all dressed.  
In the leaves we love to play,  
And this is what we hear;  
Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch!  
That’s this season’s cheer!



We hope to see you all at Back-to-School Night!

Blessings-

Teacher Robin and Teacher Bettina

**TEACHER ELIZABETH**...who is she? She is our very special “float”! You will see her in multiple places each day spreading her angel dust all around! She helps out in more ways than you could imagine...and she has an infectious smile the children (and grown-ups) LOVE!

# It's a Halloween Parade!

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday 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 celebration in the classroom. Please watch for more details. The large parade is a bit overwhelming and can be a bit frightening for the little ones.

Thanks for your cooperation in these matters!

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Littlest Angels Preschool Staff