

BE CAREFUL of germs! The cold and flu season is upon us! Please keep your child home if they show any sign of a contagious illness. Symptoms of influenza-like illness are fever of 100 degrees F with cough and/or sore throat. Their "off" disposition can often be a good indicator of not feeling well and they just don't have the words to tell you.

Please remember that:

- Children can only return to school 24 hours after symptoms resolve without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before they can return to school.

Your cooperation will help us all stay happy and healthy!

THANK YOU, PARENTS! The entire Littlest Angels Preschool Staff would like to thank each of you for your kind generosity during this special time of the year. The Christmas love and joy you and your children shared with us made us feel appreciated and loved.

~Show them respect~

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

In January our Bucket Filler virtue is Respect. Respect is a difficult concept to learn. Children do not learn respect from adults simply telling them to "respect their elders" or "respect other's belongings". Children learn respect by watching and learning from the adults in their lives! If we want our children to be respectful we must show them how by modeling respectful behaviors. We must lead by example. If we speak harshly to our children, they learn to speak harshly to us. If they hear us speaking rudely to another person (spouse, neighbor, waitstaff, etc.) that is how they will speak to others. But, when they hear us saying thank you, please, and excuse me they learn to speak to others with respect. When we throw our trash in the garbage or pick up other's garbage we are showing our children to respect the Earth, and all of God's creation. When we take turns while playing a game and listen attentively when others are speaking we are showing our children how to be respectful as well. Being our children's models is the best way to teach them this virtue every day.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful 2019! Katie O'Malley, Director

Little Bunnies

We have a wonderful month of activities planned to start our new year! We will be busy this month learning about our five senses and the weather through special activities and at circle time. Our nursery rhyme for January is Hickory, Dickory Dock. Our shapes of the month are the circle and oval and the color is blue.

This month we will be reading several special stories. Our first story is Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See? By Eric Carle. We will be recreating the animals in the book through art ... furry polar bears, easel paint giant elephants, decorate peacocks with feathers and put spots on leopards. Our second story will be Three Snow Bears by Jan Brett. This story is a polar bear version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will continue to learn about polar bears and other arctic animals as out classroom turns into a winter wonderland. The third special story will be The Mitten by Jan Brett. This is a sweet story about a little boy who loses his mitten in the snow. Lots of forest animal friends find it and climb in to keep warm. We will make mittens, fun snow projects and learn the names of the forest animals that climbed in the mitten. To finish up our snowy month we will read Snow by Dr. Seuss.

Theme: Winter Color: Blue Shapes: Circle and Oval Nursery Rhyme: Hickory, Dickory Dock.

Books

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? Three Snow Bears Goldilocks and the 3 Bears The Mitten Snow by Dr. Seuss It Looked Like Spilt Milk Where's Walrus Over in the Arctic Little Cloud by Eric Carle

Busy Bees

Happy New Year Busy Bee families! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break.

This month will be about Winter, making snowmen, learning about animals that live in the snow, and much more.

The color of the month is white, **shape** is the rectangle and the **letters** are M, N, O and P.



Winter, Winter Cold and ice A mug of hot chocolate Would be nice.

Winter, Winter Long dark nights Kids bundle up For snowball fights.



Happy Winter! Teacher Lisa, Teacher Lori and Teacher Mercedes

Little Bears

In January the Little Bears will be learning about Winter! We will be learning about what different animals do during the winter months (hibernate, migrate and camouflage). We will also be learning about animals that live where it is cold all year long.

Our **color** for the month is white, **shape** is the diamond and the virtue is Respectful. Our **letters** are N, O, P and Q.

Wishing you all a very happy new year, Teacher Ana and Teacher Aida

Little Lions



This month the Little Lions class will be learning about Winter and Ice. There will be a lot of "Icy" science fun happening too! Look for some new things coming in the new year. More information will be going home soon.

Our **color** for January is Blue and the **shape** is the Diamond. We will be working on the **letters** S, J, D and P. The virtue is Respectful.

We hope you all had a wonderful start to 2019! Teacher Amanda and Teacher Ruth

Little Tigers

Happy New Year! A new year means new beginnings, starting all over again, a clean slate. I believe each new day is a new beginning and we make the most of each day.

Our theme for January will be winter. Our poem will be:

A Chubby Little Snowman

A chubby little snowman, had a carrot nose. Along came a bunny, and what do you suppose? That hungry little bunny, looking for his lunch, Ate the snowman's carrot nose, CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!!!



Our **letters** in January will be P, B, R, and K. We will be working on our numbers 1 through 10 and continuing our count down to 100 days of school.

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas and thank you again for donating all the gifts to help families in our community.

Blessings-

Teacher Robin and Teacher Lindsay