

## November Angelic News 2017

### Dates to Remember!

Sunday	November 5	Fall Back Your Clocks!
Tuesday	November 7	Picture Day
Wednesday	November 8	Picture Day
Friday	November 10	Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
<b>Monday</b>	November 13	"Helping St. Nicholas" KICK OFF
Tuesday	November 21	No After Care today!
Wednesday -	November 22 - 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday		NO SCHOOL!
<b>Monday</b>	December 4	"Helping St. Nicholas" Donations Due
Tuesday	December 12	Young Child's Christmas Service "Say Cheese for Christmas" 6:00 p.m.

### PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Our beloved "Photographer Jim" will be back to take some fantastic photos of each child. Take some time to talk to your child about picture day ahead of time so that they are prepared for their own "picture moment". Your child will be assigned a picture day so that you can have them all dressed and ready for that perfect photo shoot. Please make sure you note the day on your calendar.

### SAY CHEESE FOR CHRISTMAS!

That's the title of our Young Child's Christmas Service to be presented on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. This joy-filled Christmas musical gives every child at Littlest Angels the opportunity to tell the Christmas story in their own special way. You won't want to miss this very moving Christmas service so be sure to save the date!

### I CARE CAT RULE #2: HANDS ARE FOR HELPING, NOT HURTING.

We are learning that our hands can be used to help each other work together to get the job done. That's cooperation! When we work and play together, it's more fun and we get the job completed. We also talked about how hands can hurt people (pushing, hitting, taking things, and knocking things down). But we know that Helping Hands make the world a better place!

## HELPING ST. NICHOLAS

Saint Nicholas was a kind and caring bishop. He spent his life secretly giving to the poor and needy. He gave gifts on Christmas Eve to remind people of the greatest Gift of all, JESUS! We want to be His helpers and be joyful givers too. Be watching for a special envelope in your child's file explaining this hands-on opportunity for all of our Littlest Angels to give to others...just like St. Nicholas did!

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### It's Not Fair!

Our "Cookie" virtue this month at preschool is FAIR. "It's not fair!" is a holler most parents hear quite often. Somehow, it seems kids have a built in fairness sensor. I can remember our children used fairness to argue for their rights to countless things; who gets the biggest cookie, who gets to shower first, whose turn to empty the dishwasher, who gets to be in charge of the TV remote, who gets to sit in the front seat of the car, who gets to go to the movie alone with their friends and no grown-up...and on and on and on it went. Everything had to be fair. Every time I thought I had the "fairness" thing worked amicably someone would end up crying or shouting, "M O M, that's just not fair!" Then I began to realize that perhaps I wasn't helping the situation much by trying so hard to keep things perfectly fair-it's just not possible! And there is yet another lesson to learn. The world just isn't fair. And sometimes good things happen to you and sometimes they happen to others.

How does one determine what is fair? Fairness is often presumed to go hand-in-hand with keeping things equal. Here's a quote I like that helps answer the question. "FAIRNESS DOES NOT MEAN EVERYONE GETS THE SAME. FAIRNESS MEANS EVERYONE GETS WHAT THEY NEED." Rick Riordan There you have it. Fairness is about making sure all are treated with the kindness and respect they deserve in their own specific circumstances.

Here are some ways we can help children understand fairness...

- ❖ Play games that involve fairness. Model good choices and sportsmanship.
- ❖ Chat about "house" rules and "school" rules. Are they the same for everyone? Should they be?
- ❖ Read children's books and detect fair and unfair behavior and find some solutions together.
- ❖ Be consistent in making decisions in a fair way.
- ❖ "Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you." Jackson Brown. I can never seem to say this enough. Our actions are the only way we truly teach honorable character traits to our children. Grown-ups have to practice what they preach!

And always remember... you have a Friend and Helper who is always thinking about you! "God is always fair. He will remember how you helped the people in the past and how you are still helping them. You belong to God, and He won't forget the love you have shown His people." Hebrews 6:10 (CEV)

During this "thanks giving" season, the entire Littlest Angels Preschool Staff and I would like to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving. We consider your children to be very special blessings in our lives ...thanks for sharing them with us.

Kathy Stinson,

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