

Dates to Remember

Friday - December 7	Family Giving Tree last day!
Tuesday - December 11	Young Child's Christmas Service "Christmas in the Kitchen" at 6pm
Friday - December 14	Santa books due!
Wednesday & Thursday – December 19 th & 20 th	Classroom Christmas Celebrations
Friday - December 21	No After Care Today
Monday - December 24	No School – Christmas Break begins!
Monday - January 7	Welcome Back! School resumes

Christmas in the Kitchen... That is the title of our Young Child's Christmas Service this year! Please make sure to save the date! Tuesday, December 11th at 6pm in the Church. This joy-filled Christmas musical gives every Littlest Angels' student the opportunity to tell the Christmas story in a very fun way! We will have a professional videographer who will record the service and then produce a DVD that every family will have the opportunity to purchase. Information and an order form will be in your child's folder soon.

With Heartfelt Gratitude! We want to thank all our wonderful Littlest Angels' families for supporting/donating to the Family Giving Tree event! Thanks to all of you we were able to bless several families this Christmas and help teach our students that Christmas is about giving. An extra special Thank you to our classroom coordinators- Kelly, Allison, Tina, Holly and Kristin.

Books from Santa? Yes! Read All About It... Santa is coming to Littlest Angels on Wednesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 20th. He will pass out a book to each child he visits.

PARENTS, SANTA NEEDS YOU TO BE HIS HELPER! PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Purchase a book for your child (Please buy two books if your child attends both days- one for each day).
- 2. Gift wrap the book.
- 3. Label the giftwrapped book clearly with your child's name.
- 4. Send it to the school by Friday, December 14th. Please discreetly give it to your child's teacher in a bag.

Santa will pass out the books when he comes to visit!

Thank you for your help!

(If your child is not fond of Santa please let his/her teacher know in advance. We want this to be a happy experience.)

Your Presence is the best gift you can give!

In December our Bucket Filler virtue will be "Giving"!

During this time of year we focus on what we can give to others. But I have realized I sometimes mistake what I can give with what I can <u>buy</u> for others. When I think about when I was little I can only name a handful of the presents I received. But I can easily remember how I felt decorating the Christmas tree with my family and then sitting in the dark room with the only light coming from the tree as Christmas music played. I remember making Christmas cookies with my mom and watching "A Christmas Story" with my family as my dad cried with laughter. My parents are no longer here, but the memories they gave me will always make Christmas merry and bright!

In the hustle and bustle that comes this time of year please remember that the very best thing you can give your loved ones is your time. I can say with certainty they will forget most of the presents you bought them at some point. But, they will never forget your presence and the time they spent and the memories they made with you.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year! Katie O'Malley, Director

Little Bunnies

Let the magic begin! Christmas is such an exciting time of the year for little children. What fun it is to see Christmas through the eyes of a two-year-old!

We will start the month of December with the color green and **triangle** for our shape of the month. This month will also be filled with so many fun Christmas projects with gingerbread friends, Christmas trees, Santa, reindeer and so much more!



We will be having class parties (special snacks), so please watch for the sign-up sheet.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas, Teacher Mindy, Teacher Teresita and Teacher Bettina

Busy Bee's

Tis the season to be jolly!

This month the Busy Bee classroom will be full of the Christmas spirit. We will be making decorations, gifts for our families and much more.

Our color of the month is green, the shape is the **square** and our letters are I, J and K.

We have also been working really hard on our songs for the Christmas program coming up on December 11th. We hope to see you all there.

Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas star, Way up high is where you are. Shining there for all to see. On the tip, top of our tree. Twinkle, twinkle star so bright. Shine up there till morning light.

Merry Christmas, Teacher Lisa, Teacher Lori and Teacher Mercedes

Little Bears

Dear Jesus,

I'm sorry no one had room when you were born.

If you come to my house, I'll give my bed and share my toys.

Because you and I are good friends!

Happy Birthday Jesus!

We hope all our families and their love ones enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving! Now December has arrived, and it promises to be a month filled with Christmas joy and fun in our classroom. Our monthly theme is "Christmas"! We will learn all about Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We will be busy creating decorations and special art for our classroom and our homes. We'll also be practicing our songs for the Young Child's Christmas Service.

In the month of December we will be working on:

Letters L, M and N Color Green Shape **Star** Virtue Giving

We wish you a wonderful and blessed Christmas! Teacher Ana and Teacher Aida

Little Lion's

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and it is here! Christmas has arrived, and we are so very, very excited. While the requests for "Jingle Bells" started about three weeks ago, we have stuck to practicing for our big show "Christmas in the Kitchen". Hopefully you have heard some of these catchy tunes being sung at home. We look forward to performing them for all of you at our school show on December 11th at 6pm!

During the busy month of December, we will continue with the letters G and S. All the Lions continue to enjoy their coloring books and even try to jump ahead of me! We will be focusing a little more on our names this month. I will be sending home another copy of our Capital Letter page along with strips to practice at home. Please take some time to work with your child, making sure the crayon/pencil grip is correct. You will be amazed at their skills! Our color this month is green, and our shape is a **triangle**. (I think we will be making a few Christmas trees!)



Our classroom will be full of Christmas joy this month as we make ornaments, read books and make gifts for some special grown-ups. Our hearts will be filled with the peace, hope and love that the True Christmas story fills us with. Celebrating Je sus' birthday with a party will "wrap" up our month. Be on the lookout for ways you can help our special days sparkle.

We are really looking forward to this coming month. There is nothing like experiencing the joy of Christmas through the eyes of a child. I encourage all of you to take the time to slow things down and enjoy a moment of peace with your sweet children.

Praying that you all have a Christmas full of wonder and love like that first Christmas night when God sent his only Son as a sweet babe.

Gods Blessings, Teacher Amanda and Teacher Ruth

Little Tigers

November was a very busy month for us. We began working on our Christmas Program songs - we know it'll be a great evening on December 11 so mark your calendars. We talked a lot about being thankful – for our families, our friends, our homes. The kids have been praying for all the fire victims and our first responders.

Our theme for December will be celebrating Christmas and Jesus's birth. We will be cutting, gluing and creating all month long!



Our poem will be: **Peppermint Stick**

Oh I took a lick of my peppermint stick, And I thought it tasted yummy! Oh it used to hang on my Christmas tree, But I like it better in my tummy!!!

Our letters will be S, J, and D. Our virtue will be Giving.

Thank you all for taking stockings off the tree in our class and teaching your children about the act of giving. It warms our hearts to see them thinking of others.

Happy December! Teacher Robin and Teacher Lindsay