



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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From the Director . . .

Have you seen the Easter Bunny? Some of the children here have been keeping an eye out! We are so very excited to welcome parents for this event once again. I want to thank everyone in advance for being willing to donate who eggs for our Egg Hunt on April 13th. Without the help of the parents, we would not be able to do these extra activities for the children. We do like to have a few parent volunteers to arrive early and help with hiding the eggs before the hunt, so a sign-up sheet is available outside the infant room. As we have a few families with kiddos in different rooms, the Young Toddler class has opted to observe the older kids do their hunt before then do theirs. We hope this allows some of you to get to watch both of your children participate.

We have sourced a photographer for our Spring Picture Day! We look forward to working with Miss Gillian of Lil Angels Photography. Our picture day will be Wednesday, April 27th and we like to start early in the morning with our infant room. Miss Gillian will photograph the children individually and any siblings will also be photographed together. She will be stopping by next week with handouts and information regarding her proof/order process. We have selected the
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"Sweet Shop" background for the photo session
<https://www.lilangelscentralpa.com/>



Statements for the month of March were sent home on April 6th. Please remember to adhere to our policies when it comes to your tuition payments. As a reminder, payments are due on Fridays at 5:30pm for the upcoming week. We require our families to keep their accounts in good standing in order for us to continue to be able to offer quality care. Additionally, if you have school-age children who will be joining us for S.U.M.mer Camp, your account MUST be in good standing in order for them to attend camp.

MANNERS MATTER

04/04/22 - When you receive something, do not insult the gift or the giver.

04/11/22 - Do not slurp.

04/18/22 - Do not ask for a reward.

04/25/22 - Do not play with your food.

THEMES:

- Space
- Easter
- Earth Day/Recycling/Creation
- Zoo Animals

Staff Birthday

Miss Shelli - 4/27

Special Events: Mark your calendars!!

April 13th - Egg Hunt at 3pm

April 15th - **CLOSED** for Good Friday

April 27th - Spring Picture Day

May 30th - **CLOSED** for Memorial Day

June 13th - First Day of S.U.M.mer Camp

MISS KAREN AND MISS JILL'S INFANTS



We are all growing and learning so much here in the infant room. Most of the class waves and blows kisses. Cooper loves to dance when he hears music. Georgia is doing great with picking up food to feed herself. Kayleigh can stack blocks to make a tower 3-4 high. Lacey can now roll both directions(belly to back, and back to belly). Levi is doing great with walking. Mahina is crawling, and pushing to sit up. Peyton has started clapping.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be on Wednesday, April 13 at 3 p.m. Hopefully, you can join us for this fun event! We have been busy practicing picking up the plastic eggs, and putting them into buckets.

If your child is walking, in addition to them wearing hard soled shoes, now is the time to have them hold your hand while walking. It's important to teach them young that they need to stay close to you for safety.

With the weather getting warmer, we will be trying to get outside for walks. It's still cool in the mornings, so please make sure that you have a light jacket here for your child to wear.

MISS KELLY AND MISS AMY'S YOUNG TODDLERS



I hope everyone had a fantastic March! We were very fortunate with the weather we had this month and we were able to get back out on the playground again. Hopefully the April showers won't keep us off the playground too much this month!

April is also the month of Easter this year which is always an exciting time for the kiddos! Every year we get to do an Easter Egg Hunt and this year the parents will be able to watch again. The hunt will be on Wednesday, April 13th at 3pm. We will send out more info closer to the date.

Other themes this month include: Space, Earth Day/Creation, and Zoo Animals. We have a lot of fun activities planned for those weeks as well!

Our Star of the Month this month is Emmett! Emmett has an older sister in our After-School program and an older brother in Miss Shelli's class. Mom and Dad must keep busy with three kids, but we know it is also an adventure with three such amazing kids! Emmett brings so much energy to our class and he's always the first one to give someone a hug and make sure they are ok. He is also one to snuggle up with any teacher. Emmett loves to hear the choo-choo and will let his teachers know any time it makes a sound. Emmett is a joy to have in class and can always get his teachers to smile.

Lastly, now that you are allowed back in the rooms to sign your child in and out, we are asking parents to drop off anything you have for us (diapers, wipes, etc) on the counter when you sign-in. It makes our jobs a little easier when we don't have to leave the classroom of our lovable (but rambunctious) kiddos to go look through backpacks for different items. Nap stuff can still be dropped off under their hooks on Mondays. Thanks again! As always, feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions!

Happy April!

MISS DEBBIE AND MISS JENNIE'S OLDER TODDLERS

Focuses

Purple

Name eight pictures correctly

Walks upstairs holding rail

Using words to express needs

Plays with one activity by themselves

Easter



We hope everyone has had some time to get outside and enjoy the warm sunny day's that we have had. Our kiddos anxiously wait to see what the weather is so we can plan our outside morning playtime! It's exciting to see them get so happy when we can get to the playground for much needed play time.

March was busy and April will be too with the activities that we have planned. During space week we will learn about what it's like to be an astronaut and try some freeze dried astronaut ice cream, yummy! We will learn about the story of Easter and prepare for our Easter egg hunt that will be on Wednesday April 13 at 3pm, more info will be sent home soon. The next theme we will learn about is God's creation and finish out the month learning about zoo animals.

Our friend of the month is Penelope. Penny told us her favorite color is pink and she likes to sing Twinkle little star at circle time. Her favorite animal is a horse and she told us that she likes to play with her Barbie cowboy and horse at home. Penny told us that her favorite movie is Encanto and she likes to watch Mickey Mouse Clubhouse at home. Penny likes chicken, hamburgers with BBQ sauce and chips [spicy chips]

Thank you for making sure all your child's items are labeled that you are sending in! We have noticed a few jackets are not labeled so please be sure to label them esp now that we are changing over to lighter jackets. As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to talk to either of us or leave a note in the blue folder.

Happy Easter to you and your families!

MISS SHELLI'S PRESCHOOL

Focuses

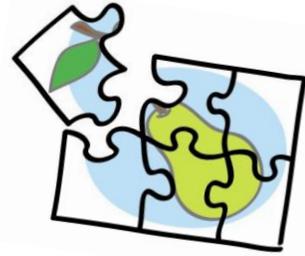
Mental – Letters S, T, and U / color purple/ number 8/
oval shape

Physical- Hopping on one foot / drawing shapes

Emotional- Forgiving others

Social- Learning to deal with our emotions

Spiritual- Palm Sunday / the Easter story / risen Jesus/ Jesus goes home



Happy Spring! I hope that everyone had a good St. Patrick's day, and that you are having fun preparing for Easter!

Are class will be preparing for the holiday by doing some fun activities including learning about rabbits and designing eggs. The children are very excited to also join in the annual center egg hunt! The children will be creating bags, during class, to collect their eggs in. If they would still like to bring in a basket for their eggs, that would also be fine!

During the week of Easter we will not be participating in show and tell. The week after Easter we will be having a special show and tell theme. That week show and tell will take place on Thursday. The children will be invited to bring in their favorite umbrella, to help us learn about words that begin with the letter Uu! We will be taking an umbrella walk on that day, rain or shine!

The following Friday is Earth Day! We will be reading a story about taking care of the earth. We will also be taking our class magnifying glasses outside, and taking an Earth Day walk. During the walk we will be using the magnifying glasses to help explore nature.

I would like to remind everyone that there are many days in the spring when the weather is cooler in the morning and warmer in the afternoon. The children may bring in two jackets on days where temperatures such as these are forecasted. Please continue to take the time to allow the children to fasten their own jackets and coats. If your child has one that they cannot fasten, please continue to work with them, so that they can learn to fasten it themselves.

Our April star of the month is Austin! Austin's favorite color is orange and he likes to eat Hot Dogs. Austin's favorite song is "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and his favorite book is "Harry and the Hot Lava". Austin's favorite activity is playing outside. He would like to say "I Love You" to his daddy!

Have a great month and a happy Easter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MISS CATHY'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN



Happy spring from the Prekindergarten room! We are so excited to be going outside to play almost every day now – sometimes without jackets! We began the season by making a list titled “Signs of Spring”; we check it from time to time and cross off items. So far, we’ve crossed off “robins return”, “flowers bloom”, and “buds appear on trees”, and a few others, too. The children have been fascinated with the large bush at the corner of the building, which seemed to change from bare branches to buds to lovely blossoms in just two days!

As the seasons change, don't forget that your child's extra clothes need to change, too. Plus, your child has grown! Feel free to ask me for your child's extra clothes bag, so that you may check its contents and make changes as needed.

For safety reasons, Miss Shelli and I are asking our families to not send mermaid-style sleeping bags for use at naptime. These items fit the child so tightly that it takes quite some time for a child to get out of it. If an emergency should occur, or even an emergency drill, your child may not be able to leave the building in time.

In our March newsletter I gave a few suggestions for using household chores to further math readiness. This approach can also be used to introduce the concepts of time and time management. For example, set your phone or a kitchen timer for “5 minutes until bedtime!” so your child can get a sense of how long five minutes is. Time how long it takes your child to do a simple task, such as putting toys away; your child might enjoy trying to beat his own time the next day! Have your child look at a clock as you say “when the big hand is on the 12, it's time to wash hands for dinner!” Referring to clocks, watches, and time reinforces that time-awareness is important in daily life.

Throughout Lent we have been continuing to learn about the life of Jesus. We will be reading about Holy Week, the crucifixion and resurrection. I always frame these lessons as “very sad, then very happy”. Your child may still have questions for you about this important season in the Church calendar. Easter is much harder than Christmas!

That being said, may your family have a lovely and blessed Easter. Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Until next time, Miss Cathy