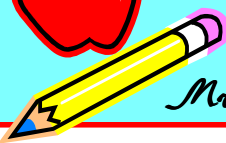




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# 4B News

Mr. Nguyen's Classroom Newsletter



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## The Little Girl in the Park

There was this little girl sitting by herself in the park. Everyone passed by her and never stopped to see why she looked so sad. Dressed in a worn pink dress, barefoot and dirty, the girl just sat and watched the people go by.

She never tried to speak, she never said a word. Many people passed but no one would stop. The next day I decided to go back to the park in curiosity to see if the little girl would still be there.

Yes, she was there, right in the very spot as she was yesterday, and still with the sad look in her eyes.



Today I was to make my own move and walk over to the little girl. For as we all know, a park full of strange people is not a place for young children to play alone. As I got closer I could see the back of the little girl's dress was obscenely shaped. I figured that was the reason people just passed by and made no effort to help.

Deformities are a low blow to our society and, heaven forbid if you make a step toward assisting someone who is different. As I got closer, the little girl lowered her eyes slightly to avoid my intent stare. As I approached her, I could see the obscene shape of her back more clearly. She was grotesquely shaped in a humped-over form. I smiled to let her know it was OK, I was there to help, to talk. I sat down beside her and opened with a simple Hello.

The little girl acted shocked, and stammered a "hi," after a long stare into my eyes. I smiled and she shyly smiled back. We talked until darkness fell and the park was completely empty. I asked the girl why she was so sad. The little girl looked at me and with a sad face said, "Because I'm different."

I immediately said, "That you are!" and smiled. The little girl acted even sadder and said, "I know."

"Little girl," I said, "you remind me of an angel, sweet and innocent. She looked at me and smiled. Slowly she got to her feet and said, "Really?"

"Yes, you're like a little Guardian Angel sent to watch over all those people walking by."

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

VENERABLE ANNA CATHARINA EMMERICK, A GERMAN AUGUSTINIAN NUN, MYSTIC, STIGMATIST, VISIONARY, PROPHET AND VICTIM SOUL DURING THE NAPOLEONIC TIMES, ONCE SAID THAT THERE ARE SO MANY FALLEN ANGELS EXILED HERE ON EARTH, THAT IF THEY WERE VISIBLE TO US, "THEY WOULD COMPLETELY OBSCURE THE LIGHT OF THE SUN!"



She nodded her head yes, and smiled. With that she spread her wings and said, "I am. I'm your Guardian Angel," with a twinkle in her eye. I was speechless, sure I was seeing things. She said, "For once you thought of someone other than yourself. My job here is done.

"I got to my feet and said, "Wait. So why did no one stop to help an angel?" She looked at me and smiled, "You're the only one that could see me," and then she was gone. And with that, my life was changed dramatically.

So, when you think you're all you have, remember, your angel is always watching over you.

- Contributed by Jodi Kalas

## Someone is Watching

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter, who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.



When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.' The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?' 'Yes' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.' When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.' Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test!

Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'



~Anonymous~

# Congratulations!

... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.



Spelling			
Jorge	Daphne	John	Cade
Megan	Matthew	Francine	
Vocabulary			
Jalen	Emily	Bryan	John
Cade	Alyssa	Megan	Cameron
Matthew	George	Francine	Liandra

## Weekly Giggle

Miss Jones had been giving her second-grade students a lesson on science. She had explained about magnets and showed how they would pick up nails and other bits of iron.

Now it was question time, and she asked, "My name begins with the letter 'M' and I pick up things. What am I?" A little boy on the front row proudly said, "You're a mother!"

## Upcoming Tests

Religion	Ch. 1	Mon. 9/13
Reading	Little House Ch. 1	Wed. 9/8
Spelling + Vocab		Friday 9/10
Math	Ch. 1A	Tue. 9/14
Language	Parts of a sentence	TBA
Science	Unit A, Ch. 1	Thu. 9/23
Social Studies		Check Planner
Spanish, Music, Computer		Check Planner

## Upcoming Events

- Mon. 9/13:** Spirit Attire Monday
- Wed. 9/15:** Back To School Night 6:30 PM
- Fri. 9/17:** Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 PM
- Mon. 9/20:** Hawaiian Day  
Sally Foster sales end
- Tue. 9/ 21:** Lunch Orders for Oct. Due
- Fri. 9/ 24:** Mercy Mass 10:00 AM

