

February 19, 2014



Things are Bright at Turrell!

By now many of you have seen our compliment hearts on the doors as you walk in to the building. It was devised as a way to celebrate Compliment Day. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to write a compliment to your favorite staff member! It is an excellent way of showing your child how saying nice things can not only brighten someone else's day, but can put an extra spring in your step as well. Keeping this in mind, there are different ways of teaching your child to always "look on the bright side." As Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Here are a few tips to help your child stay positive and appreciate the world around them:

- **Appreciate:** By now I am sure your child has definitely heard you say "I am so sick of this snow." Instead, say to your child, "Yes, I am ready for spring, but while we wait, let's make a list of things we DO like about snow."
- **Celebrate:** You and your child do not need a special occasion to celebrate. Children have this innate quality where they can be enthused or excited about anything. Take a page out of your child's book and have a treat for no reason – breakfast in bed, an extra book at bed time, or an exploration walk around your neighborhood. Whatever it is, you don't need a reason to do something special with your child.

- Compliment day at home: Have your own compliment day at home. Have your child list several people in their life and have them write something special to them. You can turn this into a mini-Social Studies lesson and teach them all about the post office and how it works!

Now stop reading this and go have some fun “looking on the bright side with your child!”

Important Notes from the Center:

- **Holiday and School Breaks...We've Got You Covered!** We are available year-round during school breaks and holidays to help with your childcare needs! Registration materials are available at the front desk.
- It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp! Camp Kaleidoscope is available to children ages 5-9 for the months of July and August. This year's theme is “A Cinematic Adventure.” See Sheryl if you or someone you know needs a camp application.
- There is still time to register your child for September 2014 Kindergarten. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before **Oct. 1st**. There are a limited number of spaces in our Kindergarten program. Please see Sheryl for further details or to pick up an application.
- Our thanks to the **Parent Advisory Council** for sending “Stretch the Silly Man” on January 9th to entertain the children
- **Save the Date!** School pictures will be taken on **Monday, April 28th and Tuesday, April 29th**.
- Be sure to tell your friends about the Turrell Center! If you refer a family to us, **you'll receive one weeks' free tuition** after they're enrolled for three months!
- The children participated in “Inspire Your Heart With Art” Day. Children experimented with different mediums, which included water colors, tempera paint, and textured stamps to create originals, as well as replicas of famous works of art by Pablo Picasso, Vincent van Gogh, Georgie O'Keefe, and Edvard Munch. The lobby of the Turrell Child Care & Early Learning Center was transformed into an Art Gallery complete with classical music. Parents and visitors alike were mesmerized by the children's natural talent and love for art.



Jessica from Pre-K



Melody, Nicolette, Ava, Santiago, Jaden and Noah from Pre-K.



Julian from Pre-K

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