



HAPPENINGS

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What is Smart Love?

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A Child is a Child

Learn to see world through your child's eyes. Give up the illusion that your child is a miniature adult. You promote a child's growth better by embracing immaturity than by fighting it.

Foster Optimism

A child brings loads of hope and good cheer into this world. Teach your child to look life's obstacles squarely in the eye, but never, ever scare your child into becoming a pessimist.

Cultivate Inner Happiness

The greatest gift you can give your child is a sturdy fortress of inner happiness. Outward happiness always will be fleeting and uncertain without this inward foundation.

You Are Your Child's Ideal

If you come across as perpetually unhappy with your child, always acting tough and talking negatively, then your child will expect and want that unhappiness—and will do whatever it takes to get more of it. Do not teach your child to seek unhappiness.

Happy Children Behave

Parenting is not "behavior modification." Cultivating your child's inner happiness is what really leads to

good behavior. Chances are your child will behave better if you spend less time trying to change his or her behavior.

Provide Quantity Time

On one side are all the reasons you do not have any to give. On the other are the great rewards you and your child will reap when you manage to do so. Make the effort. Quality time does not make up for a lack of Quantity time.

Attention Breeds Independence

Lots of loving attention will make your child independent. Let go of those worries that you will spoil your child, or make your child needy and dependent, by providing too much attention.

How Preschool Songs Help Your Child Learn

Repetition (Parent Magazine) Many preschool songs like Wheels on the Bus and Itsy Bitsy Spider help your child learn simple concepts through repetition. Singing along in a melody doesn't seem too hard and familiar tunes make them learn new words unknowingly. Many of the students have heard preschool songs even before they started preschool; either in some television program, Gymboree kind of class or from their older brothers and sisters. In a preschool song like Wheels on the Bus, children know that they have to repeat most of the same words time and time again usually with one differentiation at end. They learn sounds that animals make, their numbers, parts of the body, days of the week and colors without really having to 'learn'.

Unity

Preschool songs can also make some kids feel less shy as they come together and sing as opposed to being asked a question at circle time and being put on the spot. Songs bring on a casual atmosphere and children do not feel they are put in a hot seat and pressured to answer in any way. They just go with the flow, follow funny gestures and actions and are happy to be part of a group.

When your preschooler returns home, you often ask him what he did in class that day. The answer usually is the same; nothing. However, a little while later when you hear them humming This Old Man ... or There are Seven Days while playing in his room, it makes you feel better that he did pick up something in class today.

Confidence

Preschool songs also make your child more confident especially when they sing in a group in front of parents or other classes. Children, especially the shyer ones or who hail from a different background feel more part of the group when they are singing in unison. Even if they make a mistake in some of the words to a preschool song, it is not a major slip up and they feel on top of the world when their moms and dads take pictures, make videos and clap after their star performance.

Happenings in the Classrooms

Pre-Primary class: This month our primary classrooms had a fantastic journey into the delightful world of China. They made a Chinese New Year banner; Gung Hay Fat Choy which means "Best wishes and Congratulations. Have a prosperous, and a good year. They also learned about planets and made space shuttles.

Toddler's Classes: Our Toddlers learnt about cowboys and cowgirls and in **Language:** Rodeo, Cow, Horse, Bandana, Cowboy Hat, Cowboy boots, Saddle, Vest, Rope, Lasso, etc..



Valentine exchange went superb! Cate Douglas in our Toddler I class putting her valentine bag in line.

Our Kinder groups made African Masks from recycled milk cartons.



Recycle...Recycle....Recycle

School Recycles many things, and we will gladly take unwanted items from spring cleaning. Here's a few items that the school recycles: Wallpaper, Wrapping paper, Tissue paper, Writing papers of all kinds, Yarn, Ribbon, Old towels, Craft-Supplies, Cardboard paper tubes for projects, CDs, and last but not least junk mail envelopes used to store their precious cuttings.

School will be closed on Friday, March 21st for Good Friday.