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Teaching Children to be Grateful

Gratitude seems to be sadly lacking in our society. Too often its not just the children who are missing an attitude of gratitude. Sometimes adults get caught up in the fast pace of everyday life and forget to use even the simplest expressions of gratitude.



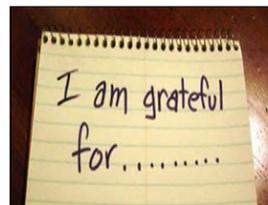
This season offers families countless opportunities to bond and share lessons in faith and kindness. It is important to let your children see you being thankful in everyday life in order to teach them gratitude. Children truly do "learn what they live." If your children see and hear you express gratitude as a natural habit of life, they'll pick up on that. Be sure to express your thanks to the

waitress, the store clerk or the bank teller. "Thank you" is an expression of only two words. Those two words can never be overused.

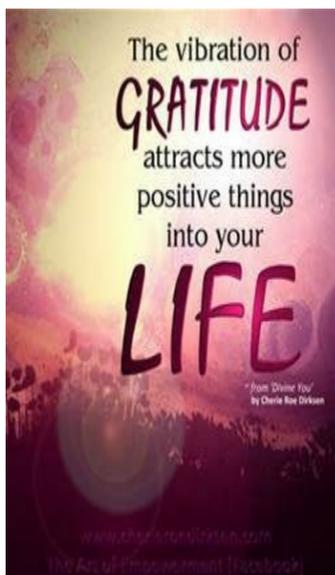
Teach your children that they do not need to always get everything their hearts desire. Children who are allowed to buy a toy every time they enter a store have a tendency to grow up without a grateful attitude. This is especially true if the child never has to earn any money to buy what he wants for himself. Too often, a child's room is stacked with more toys than they ever play with, yet parents continue to buy more each time they shop.

Point out things to be thankful for in everyday life in order to teach children gratitude. A home to live in, food to eat and a bed to sleep in are things that shouldn't be taken for granted. Take your children with you to visit the sick. Do a family ministry project for the homeless

during the holidays. Provide toys for needy children. Teach children gratitude by allowing them to see that there are people in need of help and teach your children to share what they have.



Require your children to write thank-you notes. This is a habit that never goes out of style. After a birthday or holiday, sit down with your children and teach them the art of expressing gratitude. The note doesn't have to be long. If your child can't write yet, you write the note and let her write her name. He can draw a little happy face or some other picture if he can't write his name yet.



We Are Closed for Thanksgiving
 12 Noon November 25 and All Day November 26 — 27



It is easier to build-up a child than it is to repair an adult.

Choose your words wisely.

Spend time with your children show them how much you love and appreciate them.

Attention Parents!!

* **Please Parents make sure your child is here on time! School begins at 9AM SHARP!**

* **Please sign your children in and out DAILY!!!! This is a DCF requirement**



We were please to have the Miami Dade Fire department do some safety instruction and demonstrations with our children. We learned so much .. Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape?



Did you know that if you catch on fire

you have to roll side to side not all the way around?



The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. 60 percent of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save

lives.

- If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL for help.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms once a month, if they're not working, change the batteries.

Talk with all household members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

Announcement

Mentoring for Success Reading Program

A 30 minute tutoring session 2 days each week for only \$5 per



week. This program guarantees an increase in your child's reading, comprehension and vocabulary.

Birthdays

Dexter Garcia 11/18
Zahir Joseph 11/20
Kymore Bush 11/21
Khloe Hylton 11/24
Arianna Joseph 11/27

Grace Achiever of the Month

Tamia Dean continues to excel in the VPK class. She has a zeal for learning and as a result, she is a very active participant in class. She has a grasp of the many concepts that

we teach in class and is able to help others when they have difficulty. She is very expressive and affectionate. . She's a natural leader with a great sense

of self-confidence. Another smart and talented student with a bright future.

TAMIA

Grace Salutes You!

Thanksgiving Turkey Cupcakes

Ingredients

- 1 can (16 ounces) caramel frosting or frosting of your choice
- Cupcakes of your choice
- Caramels
- Dots candies, candy-coated sunflower kernels and Sixlets candies

Cooking Instructions

1. Frost cupcakes. For each turkey, unwrap three caramels; place on a small piece of waxed paper. Microwave on high for 5-7 seconds or until softened.
2. Break off desired amount for the body; roll into an egg shape. Roll two smaller pieces into wings and two pieces into legs. Press onto body to attach.
3. For leaves, roll out Dots candies to 1/8-in. thickness; cut leaf shapes. Place a turkey on top of each cupcake; arrange leaves, sunflower kernels and Sixlets around turkeys.

Yield:
varies



Resource Center *(websites to help with Learning)*

Childfun.com

Preschoolrainbow.org

Earlychildhood.com

Scholastic.com

Earlyliteracylearning.org

Readingrockets.org

Jumpstart.com

Parentfurther.com

Thelearningcommunity.us

Life.familyeducation.com

Theintentionalparent.org

"because learning never stops"



Spotlight

This Month's Spotlight falls on Ms. Juana Fernandez.

Ms. Juana is our infant room care giver. She has an awesome demeanor.



Ms. Juana cares for each child as if they were her own.

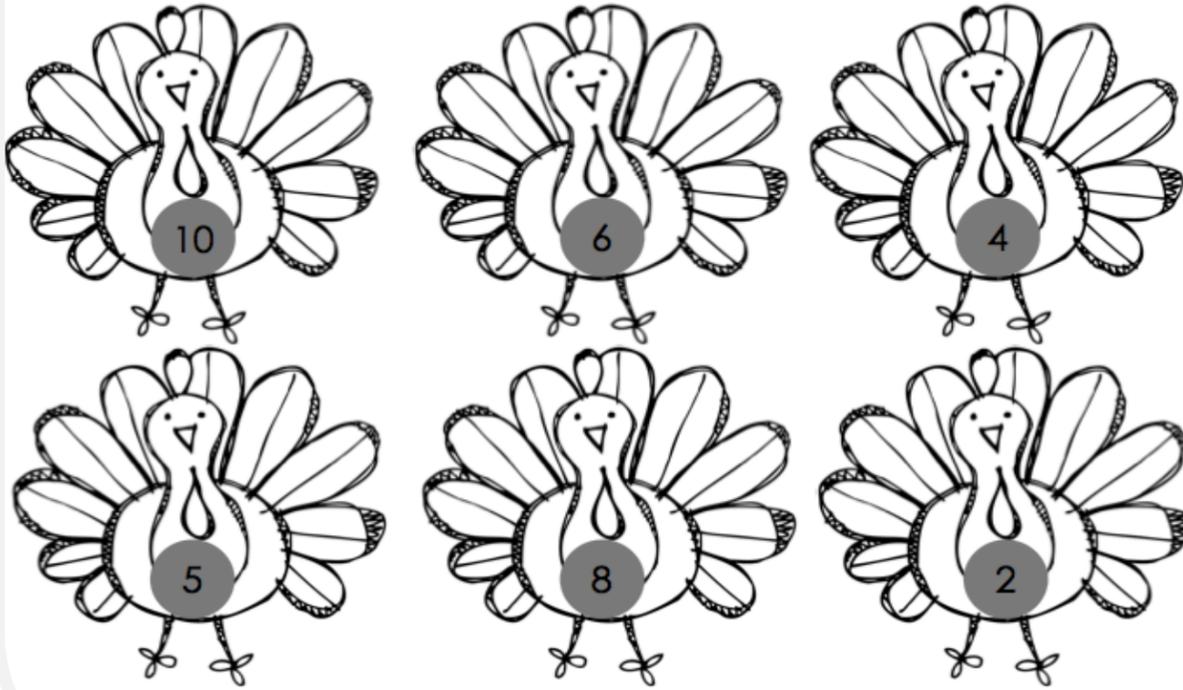
Parents love her and the results she gets with the babies. Join us as we celebrate Ms. Juana.

Stop by Room 3 and say hi.



counting feathers

Directions: Color the feathers.



Trace the Lines

