



HUGHES ROAD MONTESSORI

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In the Montessori classroom, your child's passage through time is celebrated with a ceremony that we call "The Celebration of Life." This includes a discussion of characteristics of development, places visited, interests and so forth for each of your child's preceding years. It also includes views of an anticipated event/accomplishment for the next year.

When your child's birthday is near, please see your child's teacher to select a date for the class to plan his/her Celebration of Life.

On this date, you will send to school the attached form, filled out to explain some important points from your child's life. This will be read by the teacher as your child walks around the "sun" while holding the Earth for each year of his/her life.

Along with this form, you will also send to school a poster that you and your child will create using a photo from each year or their life, beginning from birth. These may be pictures from birthdays, learning to walk, vacations etc. Under each photo, please include a caption describing what the photo is of. You can decorate the poster however you would like. We will display the poster in class.

You may send a birthday snack with your child to share with their friends. Please send a low sugar snack, no cupcakes. Suggestions: mini-muffins, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, plain cookies etc. Please save birthday cakes, party hats, treat bags, etc. for your birthday party at home. This way both events are special in their own way.

The celebration is during group time and lasts about 5 minutes. If you would like to come and observe the birthday walk please let me know, or you are welcome to send in your camera and we can take pictures for you. If you let us know in advance, we can even take pictures with our phone and email them to you that way.

_____ was born on _____

Child's Name

Date of Birth

Time of Birth

Weight and Length

Location of Birth

The weather that day was: _____

Describe some things that happened and what he/she was like during each of the ages below. Give details describing how he/she was changing and new things that were learned. Include any exciting things that may have happened during that year.

Birth (0-12months):

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Over this next year: