



LEARNING FOUNDATION:

Introductory Activity

THEME:

It's Great To Be Me

SONG:

It's Great To Be Me

Download the song at
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ACTIVITY:

Personalized Placemats

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MATERIALS

- Large construction paper
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- Non-toxic glue

- Washable paints
- Tape
- Safety scissors



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In this activity, you will create a unique placemat that shows your child's characteristics and personality!

IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVITY:

In completing this activity, you and your child will not only enrich your relationship while working together, but your child will also be able to express his/her individuality. While you engage your child in conversations concerning his/her choices of what should go on the placemat, language enrichment is taking place and self-recognition of his/her name is strengthened. As your child manipulates the craft supplies he/she is increasing his/her fine motor skills.

Desired Outcome

- Child knows own characteristics, preferences and experiences as similar to and different from those of others.
- Child recognizes own skills and accomplishments, and takes pleasure in performing them.
- Strengthening parent-child relationship.

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Suggested Dialogue:

- What is your name?
- I love blue. It reminds me of the ocean. What is your favorite color?
- I see you like the number _____. Do you know why it is your favorite?

- How old are you?
- What does your face look like?
- Why did you draw yourself this way?

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sing the song "It's Great to Be Me" with your child.
2. Place the mat on the playing area.
3. Arrange the craft supplies in front of the child, in the playing area.
4. Help the child choose pictures and colors that represent his/her interests and personality.
5. Start by removing the back of a sheet of contact paper. Place the paper adhesive side up on a flat surface. Place a large sheet of construction paper on the contact paper.
6. Allow the child to choose the colors and art supplies he/she wishes to use.
7. Help the child write his/her name on the front side of the paper.
8. Next, help the child draw his/her face, color with his/her favorite colors, write his/her favorite number and draw other things that he/she likes.
9. When the placemat is finished, cover the top of the mat with another sheet of clear contact paper so that the surface is waterproof.
10. Trim the edges of the placemat so no contact paper is hanging off the edges.
10. End the activity by singing the song "It's Great to Be Me" again with your child.
11. Fold the playing mat together and put it away.