

Hello Parents!

Below are tips that mirror the work we do at school with your child. We hope that these tips are helpful.

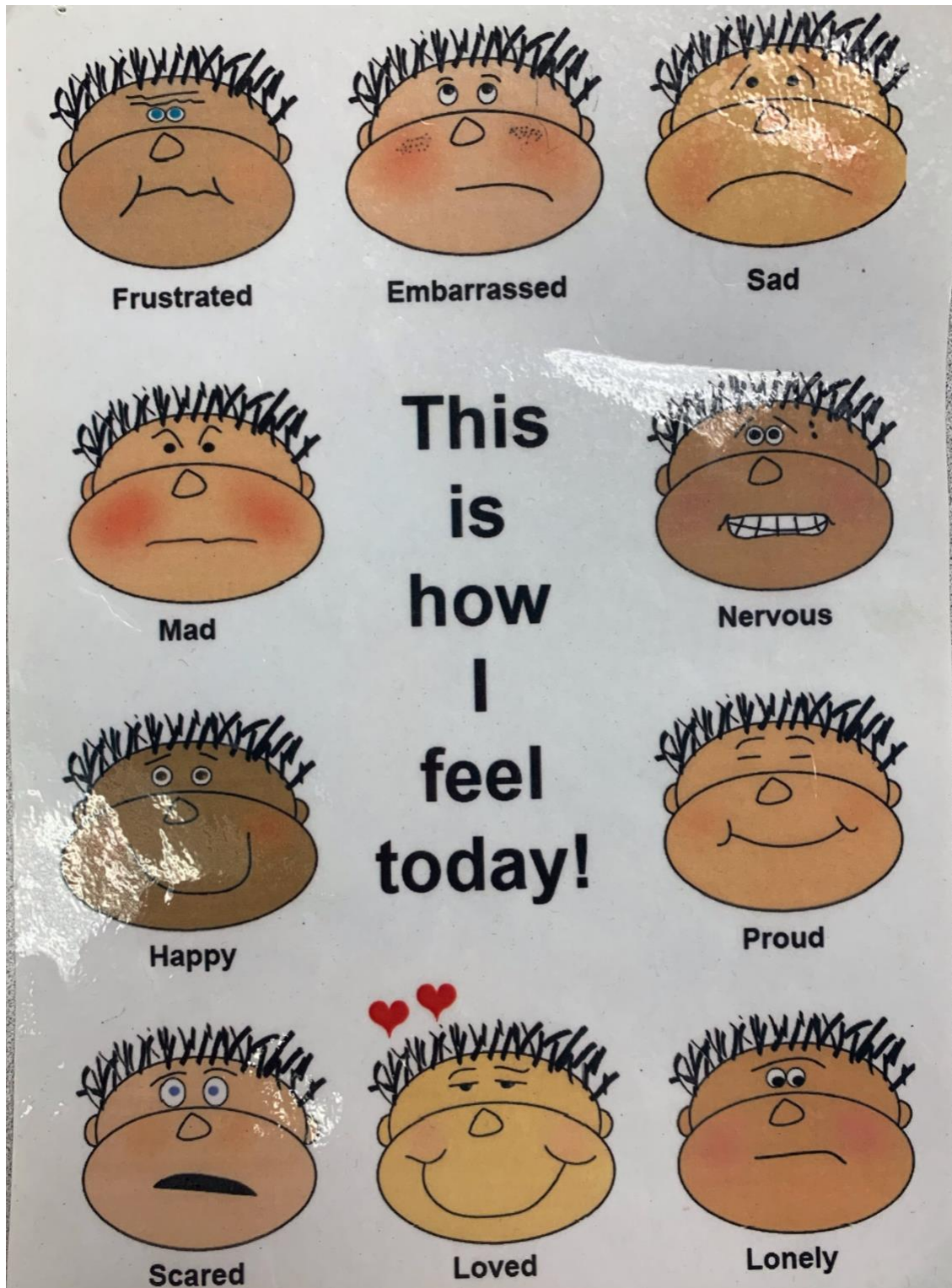
Attached below is an example of our class calendar:



**TIP #1:** Create a monthly calendar WITH your child (IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE FANCY) using regular white paper and writing the days of the week. The students discuss the calendar daily during circle time. The teachers ask the students, "What month are we in?" Then, we sing the months of the year and days of the week songs which you can look up on Youtube.

**TIP #2:** During circle time we also discuss our "mood of the day." Below is a photo of our mood chart. Simply ask your child, "How do you feel today?" "What's another word for emotions? (Feelings)"

Below is an example of our feelings chart:



TIP# 3: ABC phonics is another activity we do during circle time. Listening to this YouTube link helps the children learn their ABC'S and to learn the sounds the letters make as well. Please look up words for the current letter that your child is studying. ROOM 1 is currently transitioning to letter I and ROOM 4 is transitioning to letter J. (ABC PHONICS LINK: <https://youtu.be/hq3yfQnllfQ>)

TIP #4: A very important activity to do during the morning is Dance and movement. Having the children stretch out and move their bodies will have them ready to tackle the day! These are the titles to songs you can look up on YouTube:

- Walking walking featuring Noodle Pals
- Listen and move
- Walking song
- Freeze Dance
- One little Finger

TIP #5: Meditation is extremely helpful for the children! It helps the students relax and focus. In our class we tend to set a timer for 1 minute while listening to meditation music on YouTube.

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We are currently learning about Plants in our unit! Here are some books you can look up on YouTube with your child:

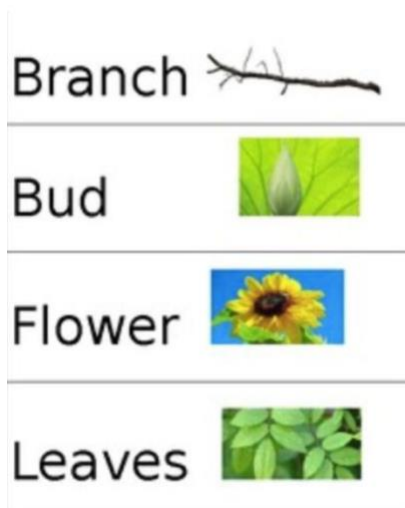
- Text: Plant on The Tiny Seed <https://youtu.be/MHRDM5nb8Ks>
- Text: Oliva Plants The Seed <https://youtu.be/UgFmiUuLdQw>
- Text: From Seed to Plant <https://youtu.be/k09T9HHzh5w>
- Text: A Tree is A Plant <https://youtu.be/3VNRIUCFMKc>
- Text: We Plant A Seed <https://youtu.be/zxl6Kiy7NPI>
- Text: Up in The Garden Down in The Dirt <https://youtu.be/w5qhb1Jpow4>
- Text: Plants Can't Sit Still <https://youtu.be/NFHSSq7cmy4>

Netflix shows/movies that have the Plants Theme:

- Jake & The Neverland Pirates
- Olivia Plants A Flower
- Veggie Tales
- Lil Baby Bum
- Flowering Hearts

While working watching these shows and reading these books please ask your child what type of flowers or plants they see in the show/movie/book. Remind them that there are many types of plants/flowers as well.

VOCABULARY WORDS:



ACTIVITIES:

COUNT+ADD

**Materials:** seeds + paper + crayons + scissors + dice



Students are to take the seeds of whichever fruit or vegetable you may have at home. Students are to draw a flower pot with the help of their parents and can create a game of roll the dice, where they roll the dice and place the number of seeds on their "flower pot" This activity will help your child with counting. Parents,



if you do not have any seeds you may use dry beans, or even draw the beans and cut them out.

### **PLANTING SEEDS**

***Materials: seeds + soil + water + plastic cup/flower pot***



For this activity, students are to plant their seeds and to record their progress throughout the week. If you do not have any supplies please disregard this activity, and continue to the next one instead.

### **HOW IS THE WEATHER OUTSIDE?**

***Materials: paper + crayons + markers***



Parents are to google the forecast and show their child what the weather is like on this day. Afterwards, the students are to draw their interpretation of the weather.

### **APRIL SHOWERS = MATH POWERS!**

**Materials: paper + crayons + scissors**



This activity will help your child's mathematics skills. Help your child draw an umbrella and cut out mini raindrops so that they can place the proper amount of raindrops under their umbrella.

### **THE PARK IN THE SPRING!**

**Materials: paper + crayons**



Students are to draw a picture of a park during the springtime. Make sure to use tons of colors.

### **BUTTERFLY COLOR SORTING:**

**Materials:** paper + crayons + buttons/toys/marbles



Students will practice color sorting during this activity. Parents, please cut out 6 butterflies (like the picture above) and provide buttons, marbles, anything you may have that your child can use to sort that color. Please have them color and decorate each butterfly: yellow, blue, green, pink, orange, and purple.

### **BUTTERFLY CRAFT:**

**Materials:** coffee filter + dot markers/markers + pipe cleaners



Students will use the dot markers in an up and down motion and let it dry. Once its dry, they will try to twist the pipe cleaner in the middle of the coffee filter. Parents they will need guidance during this activity. Twist  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up, than bend and create antennas.

### **EGG CARTON CATERPILLAR:**

***Materials: egg carton + paint + pipe cleaners***



Parents, please cut the carton in half. Students will use a paint brush and paint the cartons different colors. After it is dry, you may then add pipe cleaners for the antennae, and draw the face of how you're feeling today by using our feelings chart above.