



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The CELEBRATION OF LIFE is a wonderful way to celebrate a **birthday** by honoring a child's life and accomplishments. A week before your child's birthday, please select the pictures that you want to share in the classroom. Please include one at birth, one at one year old, one at two years old, etc.

The story of your child's life will be read during the celebration. The following is a sample story. Let your child participate in selecting pictures and writing his or her life story.

THE STORY OF _____ (Child's Name)

_____ was born on _____ in _____ (city, state, country, continent) on the planet earth. He / She had to be held and taken care of all the time. He / she couldn't talk to tell mom or dad what was needed; had to wear diapers; drank lots of milk and slept most of the time.

By _____ months _____ could _____ (sit up all by his/herself, crawl, etc.)

When _____ was 1 year old, he / she learned to _____ . At 2

_____ learned to _____ (use the potty, etc.).

When _____ was 3 years old he / she _____ (came to Montessori School and/or could talk in whole sentences, run, ride a tricycle, etc.) and loved doing

_____ work. At home he/ she helped by _____ (watering plants, making the bed, putting toys away).

And now, _____ is _____ years old! He / she can _____ all by his/herself! His / her favorite color is _____, favorite food is _____, and favorite thing to do is _____ . His / her favorite book is _____ .

The **CELEBRATION OF LIFE** is done on circle. A candle is lit to represent the moment of birth. Your child will walk once around the circle to represent t each year of life and his/her story will be read. Help your child remember to bring their favorite book to have read aloud.

At the end of the celebration, your child may serve a special treat. Please keep it easy to pass and eat because it is served on the birthday circle. Some suggestions include oatmeal cookies, rice crispy treats, pudding cups or jello jigglers. Cakes and cupcakes are too sweet and hard for the children to eat on the circle because they crumble easily. Cake baked in ice-cream cones is a neat, fun and easy to eat treat. Let your child help decide what to bring.

The Celebration of Life is a very special occasion in honor of your child's life. We thank you for your help in making your child's celebration a meaningful and memorable event.