

## **LIFE CELEBRATIONS**

Since we frequently have children with birthdays in the summer months, we've adopted an alternative way to celebrate every child.

We send out a calendar at the beginning of the year for you to come in for your child's Life Celebration Day (LCD) to share something about each year of his/her life with the rest of the class.

A child's birthday is commemorated in the classroom in the following way: You may prepare a book showing photos of significant events such as their birth, favorite activities or hobbies, a new sibling, etc. For example: " \_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. When he or she was six months old, we moved to \_\_\_\_\_. When she was one year old, she started walking..."

Please keep in mind that the younger children cannot sit for long periods so the length should be kept to 10 minutes or less. For this reason we recommend no more than two pictures or mementos from each year. The book can be added to as the child gets older.

We recommended that the parent reads the book to the class. The rest of the children will be practicing the virtues of respect, kindness and self discipline. They will be given the opportunity to ask you a specific question about your child such as "how old was she when she learned to feed herself?"

The LCD provides us all with an insight into your child's life and sharing differences in traditions, culture and family. Since we have scheduled these special days in advance specifically for your child, we are unable to change the date or reschedule. You may change dates with another family, however. Please let us know at least 2 weeks in advance so we may prepare appropriately.