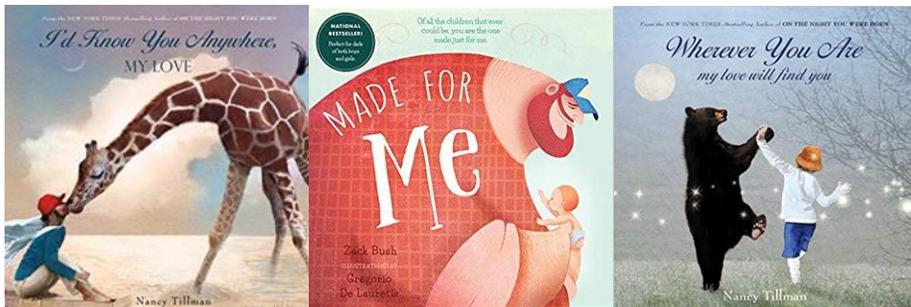


Embracing Our Differences at Home!

1. **Texture Hunt:** Go on a texture hunt at home, in a store, around the yard. Say: "can you find something _____?" Hunt for all types of textures bumpy, rough, smooth, variegated, soft, or silky. When finished compare all the found objects.
2. **Attitude Box:** Decorate an old shoe box and place love notes, photos, awards, drawings, and other special memorabilia inside. Encourage your child to open the box when they need a pick me up!
<https://www.houseofshine.com/2013/07/attitude-box/>
3. **Love Wall:** Create a Random Acts of Kindness Wall in your home. Write down and display all the ways your family is kind to one another. Consider adding how you are kind to those in your community as-well.
<https://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/acts-of-kindness-for-kids-create-a-love-wall/>
4. **Teach Social Skills:** Play a self-control game with bubbles. Have a blast blowing bubbles then stop. Explain to your child that sometimes even when we really want to do something we need to stop ourselves and use self-control. Practice using self-control and not blowing the bubbles. When the lesson is finished reward your child's self-control and enjoy more bubble play.
Tip: Short self-control exercises work best!
<https://notjustcute.com/2012/09/28/teaching-social-skills-with-bubble-lessons/>
5. **Share Stories:** Share sweet and tender books with your children nightly! Here are some great titles.



Visit the Soar in 4 website at <http://www.soarin4.org/>



Have a question? Find a friend in a blue apron.



Parents, guardians, and friends, tonight we will focus on the concept of **Embracing Our Differences!** This theme is based upon a unique Sarasota non-profit organization whose mission is to use the transformative power of art to educate and to inspire a better world for all. Our continued hope is that the ideas presented here tonight become a part of your home, your family togetherness and your joy.

Each family here tonight is different from the next but together, by embracing our children, we can build a better existence for all!

VPK Standards: Standards Describe What is Taught in Every Classroom

Social and Emotional, Science and Reading Standards

Emotional Functioning: Recognizes the emotions of peers and responds with empathy and compassion.

Building Relationships: Maintains friendships and is able to engage in prosocial behavior such as cooperating, compromising and turn-taking.

Exhibits empathy by demonstrating care and concern for others: Is able to take the perspective of others and actively respond in a manner that is consistent and supportive.

Develops a sense of identity and belonging through play: Engages in associative play and begins to play cooperatively with friends.

Life Science: Notices the similarities and differences among various living things.

Reading: Recognizes and names almost all letters and some sounds.

Schedule of Activities

South Florida Museum



Symbol	Activity
	Discovering the Difference Activities
	Planetarium Star Show
	40 Carrots Partners in Play
	Steam Machine
	Story Making
	Music and Nursery Rhymes Lane

Love Chat

Fun Dinner Conversations

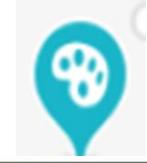
1. What color is love?
2. What shape is love?
3. How does love feel?
4. How does love smell?
5. How does love sound?

Library



Symbol	Activity
	<u>Janjay and Bradley:</u> <u>Goop and Zip Lining with Legos</u>
	<u>Shared Reading with Doug and Gwen</u>
	<u>Legos with Rick Smith</u>
	<u>Ozobots: Elaine Cox</u>

Art Center Manatee



Symbol	Activity
	Art with Chris Culp
	Texture Words
	Origami with Kuniko
	Rick Levine: Hip Hop/Beat Box
	Food Bank
	Music, and Movement with Jeremiah and Cory



Need a lift? Check for the Soar in 4 Shuttle stop at each location!

Use the Riverwalk sidewalk to travel between locations. Head under the bridge to walk to the Art Center

Next Soar in 4: December 19th
Come play, explore and learn with us AND take your picture with Santa!



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