



Cuddle My Kids

“Together we can
change the world, step
by step, day by day!”

programs

Week 6, Day 1: All About Me!

Cuddle Bag Time: *The Cuddle Bag* will contain something that the child gives a parent or care giver as a present or something that they wished they could give them. It could be an actual item, cut out picture from a magazine, or a drawn picture.

Concept Enhancers: Book: *Tomorrow is Mom's Birthday* by Carolyn Dorflinger, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. and selected songs & poems

Materials: 12 x 9 manila paper, water paints, writing utensils, musical instruments, foam door knob, paint pen, glue, puffy paint, foam shapes

Activity Guide:

Before reading the story, sing and chant the poems/songs listed. Use music instruments to enhance the rhythm and beat.

READING: *Tomorrow is Mom's Birthday.* Do not read the entire story; stop when Tyler goes off to paint moms present (the page where he is looking at the blank wall).

Talk about the possibilities that Tyler can paint using prior clues from the story (hint...it's a picture of his family for the mantle piece).

Have the child paint using watercolors on an 12 x 9 piece of paper. Help the child write what the picture is. Fold the paper in half and put a bow on the front (to look like a present).

Read the rest of the story and let the child open the present to see if he/she painted what Tyler painted.

WRITING: Read or picture walk through *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. Have child draw family members in their journal all on one page (don't forget the pets too). Label the members of the family. Do your own version of the story by chanting and pointing to each member: "Michael, Michael, who do you see?" (he points to brother John), "John, John, who do you see?", "John sees daddy looking at me", and so on. For the last family member on the page, you should chant "I see the Jones Family looking at me."

Sing more songs using the poems/songs and musical instruments.

ART: Foamed door hanger, Paint with paint pen, Mommy is Resting. Decorate with puffy paint and or foam objects found at Michael's or AC Moore

THE CUDDLE BAG: Ask parent or care giver if you could borrow a cd with one of parent or care giver's favorite songs.