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All Feelings Are Welcome, Not All Behaviors Are Welcome

One key skill for building emotional resilience is learning to get comfortable with emotions.

ALL of them. But being comfortable with negative emotions doesn't mean forgetting to regulate our emotions. Not all behavior is appropriate, and sometimes, we need to sit in an emotion without "fixing" or taking it away. A part of allowing a negative emotion means not needing to change a boundary in order to contain it. But we can still have behavioral expectations. Try singing the following rhyme to your child as a calm down strategy and helping them understand that they can both be upset AND okay.

"You get what you get
And you might get upset.
If you don't get your fave,
You can practice being brave.
Breathe in and breathe out,
You don't need to shout.
If you don't get your way,
You can still be okay."

-Excerpt from Spilt Milk Psychology
https://tinyurl.com/y2ng2buk

"Patience is not about waiting. Patience is the ability to keep a positive, focused attitude while working hard to move your life forward."

Marc Chernoff



Benefits of Social Connections

Those more connected to family, friends and their communities are happier, healthier and live longer. Being socially active and having satisfying relationships can result in:

- Above average levels of happiness
- Lower levels of depression and anxiety
- Higher resiliency across stressful events and environments
- Lower blood pressure
- Better immune response
- Decreased levels of stress hormones
- Diminished pain
- Sharper memory

Remember, you can still be physically distant but stay socially connected.

Please do your part to keep one another healthy!

https://www.stirmn.org/thriving-together-campaign

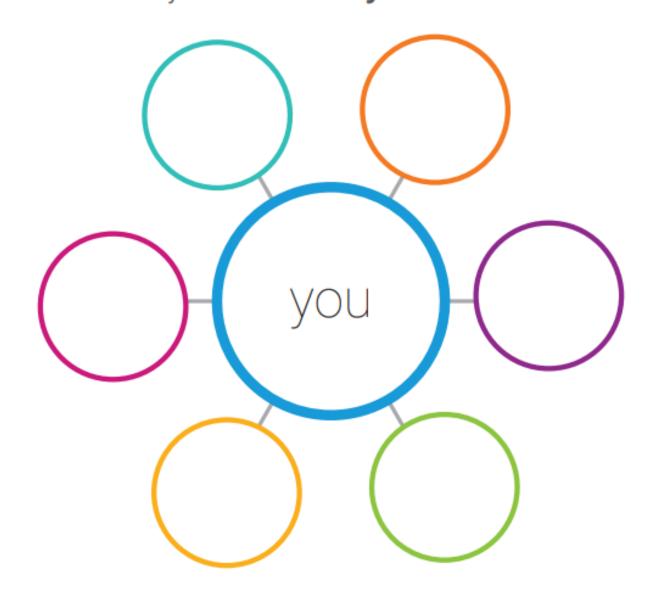








Who are you **Socially Connected** to?



My 4am friends:

* I will call one of these friends if I am struggling & need to talk

name:	name:
number:	number:
name:	name:
number:	number:



Craft Corner







Check out page 4 of our newsletter to find a fun activity to do with your child every day in the month of November. Click on the calendar or follow the <u>link</u> listed below the calendar to find instructions on how to do each of the activities.





Handprint and Footprint Turkey

https://tinyurl.com/yyso9wbv

Supplies: Paper, Scissors, Paint, Glue, Eye Stickers or Markers

Feed the Turkey



https://busytoddler.com/2017/

11/feed-the-turkey/
Supplies: Plastic Jar or paper bag,
pom pom balls, tongs,
construction paper, googly eyes
*As with all of our activities, please
use adult supervision so your child
does not put the pom poms in
his/her mouth.



https://funlearningforkids.com/feedthe-turkey-counting-activity/

November

29 Gingerbread Man Busy Bag	Pool Noodle Turkey Craft	22	Candy Corn Handprint Craft	15	Pumpkin Pie Play Dough	8	Pinecone Sensory Soup	_
30 Winter Sensory	Toilet Roll Turkey Craft	23	Cranberry Fine Motor Activities	16	Gratitude Stones	9	Harvest Print Art	2 Shaward Privat Coafts
	Pinecone Turkey Craft	24	Gratitude Leaf Garland	AND WALL	Scarecrow Potato Print Craft	10	Feather Weaving	3
	Native American Small World	25	Nature Walk	18	Colorful Corn Mosaics	11	Fall Sensory Bin	4
	Printable Turkey Placemats	26	Yarn Wrapped Turkey Craft	19	Indian Corn Footprint Art	12	Paper Plate Leaf Turkey Craft	5
	Counting Snowballs	27	Fall Montessori Trays	20 yellow Williams	Wine Cork Turkey Craft	13	Fall Sensory Bin	
	Snowflake Symmetry	28	Fall Glitter Leaf Mobile	21	Thanksgiving Letter Sort	Did NdWnd N K	Indian Corn Do-A-Dot	7