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Children seem to bring a certain curiosity and alternative outlook in almost every new experience. This is one of the reasons why I first became interested in child development. I enjoy every moment in the classroom, looking at every situation as an opportunity for the child and myself to learn. Together we will meet new obstacles with a positive outlook and room for error. I like to give every child an opportunity to be challenged and feel self-worth no matter the outcome.

While creating a responsible sense of freedom for each child, I believe we can work together on tackling age appropriate tasks socially, emotionally, and cognitively. I strongly feel that when a child is in a climate of love, trust and understanding they will choose to learn and develop into a self-regulated individual. This is in-tune with TLC's philosophy of nurturing each child and allowing them to learn and grow at their own pace. When a child is feeling safe to explore and grow they will create meaningful relationships with both their peers and caregivers.

As a facilitator I work on expanding all questions for an opportunity to learn. I will always encourage children to problem solving with their peers. With each curriculum we focus on open-ended projects, sensory experiences and a connection to nature. I find it very important to notice when a child is engaged during learning and will take those moments to expand on the activity. I believe it is important to build a relationship with each and every child to best understand what they may need in their environment. To incorporate myself in social situations between children during free play times and incorporate children in group situations such as circle. I can lead by example and also learn how I can best help each child. Together we will learn and grow in the classroom as a group. We will build a positive atmosphere to help every child become their best self, hoping every day the child can go home and say "Good Job, Me!"