



# Terrific Today

## INFANTS AND TODDLERS

**Materials** white board outside of classroom  
dry-erase markers

**What to do** Each morning, write a note on the white board to the parents about the day so they can talk with their child about what to expect for that day. For example:

### Terrific Tuesday

Singing Songs  
Walk Outdoors  
Pots and Pans Band

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# Welcome Bulletin Board

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**Materials** photographs of each child  
colorful paper  
child-safe scissors  
glue  
bulletin board by entrance

**What to do**

1. Take photographs of each child or ask the parents for one.
2. Decide on a theme, such as flowers, snowflakes, or leaves.
3. Make one theme-related shape for each child.
4. Attach the child's picture to the shape.
5. Add the photographs to the bulletin board with a catchy title, such as "Friendships Are Blooming," "Each Snowflake Is Special," or "Fantastic Friendships Are Forming This Fall."

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## Arrival Ideas

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**Materials** photos of children in your class  
photos of children's families

- What to do**
1. Take pictures of each child and make several copies.
  2. Post each child's picture and name by her cubby, the diaper area, and other places in the classroom. This lets parents know that each child has her own special place. It also helps children begin to recognize their cubbies and identify their pictures.
  3. On a low wall or the back of a shelf, display photographs of all the children's families so the children can see them. If the children can see photographs of their families throughout the day, it may ease their separation anxiety.
  4. Plan to have one or two inviting activities ready for the children when they arrive to help them transition into the classroom. The activities will make them want to come into the classroom and start playing, helping them to transition from their parents to the classroom. Also, one teacher should be sitting on the floor with the children so they have someone to play with.
  5. Have a note pad close to the sign-in sheet where parents can write any information they need you to know for the day.
  6. Make sure to greet each child with a happy voice and smile and then greet the parents.

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