



Schmidt Family YMCA

Child Development Center at Mae Volen

CELEBRATING OUR ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY

February 4, 2010

DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE!

Our goal has finally come to fruition after many years of hope to bridge generations together actively under one roof. On January 25, 2010 two generations merged as one to enhance the many benefits of Intergenerational Interaction. Our children from the Schmidt Family YMCA Child Development Center at Mae Volen, Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton, and Grandmas and Grandpas from the Volen Center participated in activities that began with a “Hello” song that encouraged singing, clapping, and foot stomping. Working together, young and old created “Dream Flags” to represent their personal dreams and wishes. As you might guess, each flag was unique, just as each and every one of us is. Most flags included at least one star to symbolize a hope, dream or wish (e.g., when you wish upon a star). Of course “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” was sung by all.



It's fun to play at the Center!!!



Inquiring minds want to know



Make new friends

Smiles on the faces of the young and young at heart lit up the room. It did not matter whether participants were young or sharing a life full of years — everyone was engaged in a way that fulfilled a need or gave purpose to another. Grandpa Howard encouraged Oscar to write his name. Friendships formed among the children themselves. Grandpa Bob exercised his fine motor skills while peeling a sticker for Austin. Vivian can always count on Grandama Nancy to reinforce math skills when counting the number of points on a star.

“We never stand so tall as when we stoop to help a child” Eleanor Roosevelt



Grandpa Howard mentors Oscar



Oscar receives Grandpa Howard's support



Nothing could be finer



Everyone benefits