



# What Makes me Special Birthday Ceremony!

A “What Makes me Special” Birthday Ceremony at Aves is a special way to celebrate a child’s birthday.

## **How can parents help?**

If possible, please find a picture for each year of your child’s life and write a short life story to be brought in to school for this celebration. We will turn this into a special book to read on your child’s birthday.

The following is a sample life story. You are most welcome to modify, change/add words in the sample so it is better suited to your child’s story.

Our goal is to celebrate each child’s uniqueness and individuality. We want children to love themselves for who they are and to be proud of who they are becoming.

We ask that you let your child participate in the writing of this book and to let them help select photos so they feel part of the story-making process.

# **When does the Birthday Ceremony happen?**

The “What makes me Special” Birthday Ceremony is done during morning group circle time. Typically, this happens around 10:30am. You are welcome to join your child’s celebration by reading your child’s story. If you are unable to attend, don’t worry! A teacher will read your child’s story to the class with your child.

If parents would like to bring in an item for the children to enjoy, we ask parents to prepare a healthy treat, such as a platter of strawberries and oranges, and to drop it off in the morning. The teachers will save this for the children to enjoy together in the afternoon. The birthday child will get to hand out their special healthy treat to their friends :). We ask parents to please refrain from bringing in items that contain high amounts of refined sugar. Thank you for helping us in our efforts to teach the children about healthy food choices!

# What makes \_\_\_\_\_ special

**Birthday date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Celebration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city, province, country, continent) on the planet Earth. When \_\_\_\_\_ was a baby, he/she loved to \_\_\_\_\_ and would make others laugh when \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert newborn photo here

By \_\_\_\_\_ months, he/she could \_\_\_\_\_ (stand up by his/herself, crawl etc.).  
Now that \_\_\_\_\_ was mobile, he/she would get into \_\_\_\_\_! This would  
make her/him feel \_\_\_\_\_ and he/she would show it by \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert baby photo related to description above here  
(if available)

When \_\_\_\_\_ was 1 year old, he/she surprised others by \_\_\_\_\_. He/she would show affection by \_\_\_\_\_ and show disgust by \_\_\_\_\_. Every night, \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert one year old photo related to description above  
(if available)

At 2 years old, \_\_\_\_\_'s personality really started shine! He/she was (adjective),  
(adjective), and (adjective)! He/she would try to \_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_ so instead, would \_\_\_\_\_. Her/his favorite song at this  
age was \_\_\_\_\_ and others could tell it was his/her favorite because he/she  
would \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert 2 year old photo here that is related to description  
above (if available)

When \_\_\_\_\_ was 3 years old, he/she could do so many things! Her/his biggest accomplishment at this time was \_\_\_\_\_. Her/his biggest challenge was \_\_\_\_\_ but she/he learned to overcome it by \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert 3 year old photos here



And now \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years old! He/she loves to play \_\_\_\_\_ at home and looks forward to \_\_\_\_\_. This year her/his goal is to \_\_\_\_\_!  
\_\_\_\_\_ will try to achieve this by \_\_\_\_\_!

Insert 4 year old photo here that is related to description above  
(if possible)