

Dear Families,

I bring you greetings from Kansas, where I am the Happy Granny with my daughter and Son-in-law and their precious newborn, Jud. We are all enveloped in the “farming stage,” as my Daddy called it – milkin’ and spreading manure!

This a time of reflection for me, as a new chapter begins in my family’s life, and many of your families, as your little ones move to Kindergarten, or an older Preschool class. It is also the end of our year-long celebration of thirty years of Preschool, and thirty years for me, too. So, here they are for the world to see, the random musings of a Granny about things learned in this Happy Place called Preschool, and a place truly blessed by God.

Blessings of love,
Fran, The Granny

30 Life Lessons Learned at Preschool

1. Jesus loves me.
2. I can use my words to get what I want.
3. Finish your work, and then clean up.
4. Hands are not for hurting.
5. God gave me a brain and I can use it to figure things out.
6. I can do hard work.
7. I can work with friends to solve problems.
8. I can solve problems all by myself.
9. Washing your hands can help to keep you well.
10. Cough into your elbow
11. Blow your nose into a tissue, throw it away, and then wash your hands.
12. Push your chair under the table, when you get up.
13. God makes plans. He planned for the whole world.
14. My teachers love me.
15. It feels good to have someone happy to see me every day.
16. Everyone is different and that is good.
17. I have a wonderful, growing body.
18. God is real and wants to love us and hear our prayers.
19. I make mistakes, and I can be forgiven.
20. Other people make mistakes and I can forgive them.
21. I can wait and take turns.
22. I can use my strong words, like, “Stop” when someone is going to hurt me.
23. It is my job to keep up with my stuff.
24. Sometimes I laugh, and sometimes I cry.
25. I can expect others to listen to my words, and I can listen to theirs.
26. I don’t always get what I want.
27. I can have more than one friend.
28. Learning is fun.
29. Fun is good.
30. I am good.

Thirty Things I have Learned in 30 Years of Preschool

1. Our God is a faithful God
2. Parenting is the most important work anyone can do.
3. Parenting is the most challenging work – period.
4. Children are fascinating.
5. Children seem to grow 10 years between the ages of 2 and 4.
6. “You’re silly,” is a compliment from a 4-year-old.
7. Young children don’t care that you can’t sing.
8. Children can learn just about anything through play and learn it best.
9. Working with others that share goals and values makes great things possible.
10. There are many people smarter than I am, and some of them are younger than 5.
11. It’s always best to take the high road.
12. Even if others don’t agree with you, if you know it is right, do it.
13. Helping children build a classroom community has one of the most rewarding things in my life.
14. A mason jar ring can become a lifetime treasure, with the right picture in it.
15. Preschool friends are often friends for life, for children and parents.
16. Playground grass is only good for 1-3 years.
17. When you pray for someone, you begin to love them.
18. Children love baby Jesus.
19. Parents read to their children more now than they did 30 years ago.
20. Children learn more in Preschool now than they did 30 years ago.
21. I have met my closest friends through Preschool.
22. Worship is fun for children.
23. The world is more alive when seen through the eyes of a child.
24. Every child should have a friend, and it is our job to help make that happen.
25. Laughing with children is a real high.
26. Parents know when you really care about their child.
27. Children know when you love them.
28. Some of my adult friends were once my students.
29. I have loved to go to work every day.
30. God is good