

Make a Family Tree Wall Difference

Materials:

- paint
- family photos
- velcro dots

Steps:

1. Choose a large open area of wall space.
2. Trace or freehand a tree at child eye-level.
3. Have parents, teachers and children add leaves to the tree.
4. When paint is dry add velcro dots to the branches.
5. Add opposite side of velcro to the photos.
6. Decorate the tree!

The Benefits of a Family Wall

1. The primary benefit is to link home to the classroom. Representing children's home life in the environment creates a sense of belonging for little ones and their families.
2. Family walls help expand children's knowledge about the world and people.
3. When photos are placed at children's eye level there are opportunities to share and discuss family life with others. This back and forth conversation is a great way to practice turn taking!

Tip:
invite parents to participate in creating the wall for a great parent engagement activity

Tip:
match your velcro dots to your paint so they disappear for a seamless look when there is no photo

Tip:
visit cdcccc.org for more DIY tipsheets and videos

Remember, as the adult you are the creator of the environment. Placing pictures of children and family build a home-school connection.

When a child is missing their family, they can visit the family wall at any time

