**Child Development**

**“Hold the Door: Lessons for my kids” Activity**

Kim Bongiorno from letmestartby saying blog.com wrote “Hold the Door: Lessons for My Kids.” The following is a short excerpt from her writing:

Hold the door.

Ask the elderly lady how she’s doing today. Listen to her reply.

Don’t trust everyone. Don’t not trust anyone.

Pick up what you saw fall, even if you didn’t drop it.

Smile and make eye contact.

Give the benefit of the doubt, especially when you’re really cranky.

Give a kid a penny to toss into the fountain.

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Her writing goes on to list 44 additional things she added to her writing that she feels her children should do each day. Many of these are moral characteristics or actions, but not all.

Directions:

1. Choose a partner to work with or work on your own.
2. Write your own version of “Hold the Door: Lessons for My Kids.” You may include a few of the ones listed above, but maybe phrase in your own way.
3. You should include a total of 30 “lessons” you wish for your children. You may NOT use a computer to help you with this!
4. When you have completed your list create a poster or visual for your list.
5. We will share these lists on Wednesday and I will also share the complete list Kim Bongiorno wrote in order to compare what you feel are the most important lessons for kids to know/learn and what she feels are most important.
6. Time frame: Tuesday and Wednesday