Teach a Child and the Child Will Teach You

Children have such unfiltered wisdom. And what a blessing that is. They tell us to listen and to uncomplicate our lives and to feel the joy of watching a potato sprout. They have a knack for lifting us when we’re down and for pushing us beyond our personal expectations. And they hold our hands when hope is needed.

The last several months have brought difficult times. Stress. Loss. Loneliness. Separation from whom we love and what we love. Through it all, the children attending the Child Development Center at First Presbyterian, Santa Fe, have bubbled with a spirit that truly represents the kingdom of Heaven.

So we wondered if they would share their words of wisdom. Working with Anne and the CDC’s teachers, we asked students to pick one of two topics to illustrate and describe. One was, “What would your superpower be and why;” the other, “Which season is your favorite and why.” Thirteen four-year-olds responded. And all 13 made us wonder why we even want to grow up.

It’s spring and with its burst of colors and fragrances comes joy that we are near controlling the pandemic. And it brings this uplifting special edition directly from the hearts of our future. Thank you CDC!
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What a Joy!

The children relished working one-on-one with us to use their creative thinking skills, and self expression and fine motor coordination to answer and illustrate either “What is your favorite season and why”, or “What would your superpower be and why?” As the children drew and discussed their drawings, we would extend on their answer, and help them expand their thinking by asking more in-depth, open-ended questions, which they enjoyed. They became exceedingly more creative, and were excited and willing to share their ideas with everyone. It was very fulfilling to us as teachers to see the children expressing themselves verbally and creatively. They learned more about each other through their art, and delighted us with their extraordinary creativity and self expression.
My favorite season is summer because I like to play in the pool on hot days.
My superpower is being invisible that’s why I am purple. I would use my superpower to watch over people and protect them without them knowing.
Spring Is my favorite season because I get to wear my spring dresses. Spring also has beautiful flowers and flowers are my favorite. In spring I get to watch the sunflowers grow and I love them.
My favorite season is summer. I like when it’s hot outside. I like to take walks with my dogs and go swimming with my family.
My superpower is being able to fly really fast. I would use my superpower to fly around Santa Fe and clean up trash to help keep Santa Fe clean.
Mason Peterson

My superpower is having eyes that see when rain is coming. I would use my superpower to help keep Santa Fe safe from flooding.
My superpowers are to be like Spider-Man and fight crime. I would fight crime in Santa Fe using my powers to help keep my city safe and clean.
Taylor Bacon

My superpower is shooting webs like Spider-Man. I would use my superpower to help animals and people from falling down.
I like spring because me and my sister can play at the park. I love when it’s warm because my family plays together on the slides and we have a picnic on a warm sunny day.
Jude Tapia

My superpower is being able to fly. I would use my superpower to fly around the city really fast to help stop crime before it happens.
My favorite season is winter. I like the winter because I can make lots of snowmen and drink hot coco to get warm.
I really like summer time because I get to pick beautiful flowers for my mom and take bike rides with my dad. The flowers are so beautiful in the summer time.
Margot Flynn

My favorite season is spring. I like spring because the animals wake up, I love animals.
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