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You're four years old again and it's time for your favorite activity. Circle time!

Everyone chooses a brightly colored scarf. Your teacher, Ms. Sylvia, begins twirling her scarf while singing, "up and down, up and down." You and the rest of the class bounce up and down, while waving your scarves. "What's next?" Ms. Sylvia asks. Your friend calls out, "standing on one foot." "On one foot, on one foot," everybody sings. You all wave your scarf and sing while trying to balance on one foot.

**"What should we do with the scarf next?" Ms. Sylvia looks directly at YOU. It's your turn! You try to think of something not already called out. You're usually very shy but today you easily participate and yell out "turn around!"**

Ms. Sylvia and the rest of the class sing "turn around, turn around" as everyone turns around and waves their scarves. You did it! You conquered your shyness and participated. You beam!



### More Than a Simple Song

It appears to be a simple song. The children are just playing. But at Starfish, preschool playtime is learning time. The children are developing their spatial and motor skills, practicing following directions, and learning patience as they wait their turn to lead the song. So many lessons are learned in a simple playtime song. Skills that will last a lifetime - developed on a brightly colored mat during circle time. All possible due to wonderful, supportive people like you!



## Hello Starfish Friend!



I have the best job in the world. I get to spend every day with the most inspiring children - the leaders of our future.

As an educator, the kids are my number one priority, and I want to make sure that they have every chance of succeeding. Although my days are long and tiring, I love what I do! It is so inspiring to see these kids learn and grow. My favorite part of the day is seeing big smiles on the kids' faces.

**I feel so grateful for the extraordinary people like you, who are deeply invested in our children. Because of your selfless support, I'm able to help provide a concrete foundation for learning and instilling important skills in our students before they get to kindergarten.**

But I'm not only a teacher, I'm also a fellow donor! I give back because it makes me happy,

and I believe that all children deserve a quality education. I would love for you to come visit my classroom and see your support in action.

**Thank you for helping our kids and making a difference. YOU are putting smiles on our kids' faces every day.**

Cheers,

*Sylvia*

Starfish Preschool  
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