

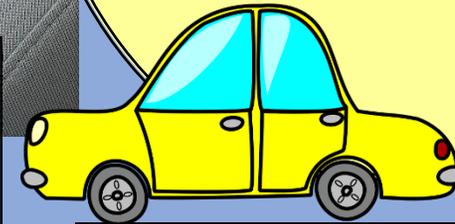
What People Like and Admire about Tanner

- He has an infectious laugh
- He is a great problem solver
- He has a good sense of humor and loves to tease and be teased
- He easily entertains himself
- He has a great sense of direction
- He is so smart!
- He is determined and will try and try to do things that challenge him
- Tanner wants to do the right thing



Things that are Important to Tanner

- Mommy and Daddy
- Teresa and Josiah
- Time outside to play, run, and explore
- Water play is always fun (and calming)!
- Being understood.



Supports Tanner Needs to be Happy and Safe and Healthy

- When Tanner seems upset or angry, distract him by having him say the alphabet with you, or count, or name colors together.
- Sometimes tickling distracts Tanner and helps him re-focus when he is upset. He usually ends up giggling.
- If Tanner is not listening, clap loudly and say his name.
- When Tanner seems distracted, tap your nose and say "nose, nose, nose", then touch your ear and say "ear, ear, ear". (add mouth etc.). This helps him center and regain focus.
- Before assisting Tanner, ask permission. Ask: "Tanner, need help with _____ (say task)." Don't assist without asking first.
- Tell Tanner where he is going (he likes to know what to anticipate next). Remember he has a great sense of direction and will be anticipating what comes next. Showing a picture helps.
- Tanner eats finger foods best. Utensils are difficult to manipulate.
- Water helps Tanner feel calm and settled.

Tanner's Favorite Things:

- Brown Bear (book)
- Mandarin oranges
- Chocolate milk and juice
- Pasta, pizza, bread, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese
- "cow" and "dog"...little toys he likes
- Things that roll or spin (balls, cars, spinners, tops)
- Tactile play (tassels, pompoms, streamers)