In All Honesty

It is always amazing to me how much we change our perspectives as we age. Children have a unique outlook on life, there is no denying that. They are exploring and trying to make sense of their world. As adults we do this too, but with preconceived notions and judgments that tend to get in the way. Children are trusting and believe in the good in the world. They are looking to the adults in their life to confirm or deny their experiences. Honesty is one of my most favourite things about children.

Last night we texted a picture of our finished steps off our back deck. We are so proud of those steps! They are beautiful and made of VERY HEAVY stone. From most people you would get a "Wow that looks great response." My 4-year-old nephew responded "It's about time they got those steps finished. I could hardly get off that deck!"

But he's right! It is about time we got those steps finished. And I TOO could hardly get off that deck. So we chuckled in his pure honesty. When I visit ABC Head Start classrooms that's what I love most. To hear from a child's perspective what life is like. To hear it in all their honesty and innocence. Here are a few gems from ABC Head Start classrooms:

Teacher: If you look like mommy, and your sister looks like Daddy, who does your brother look like? Child: The mailman.

Child: Did you know that when you get really old you die? Teacher: Really?? Child: Yes, but don't worry, you're medium.

Teacher (at a grocery store, sees a student): Oh hi! Are you buying groceries too? Child: Teacher???? They let you out of the school??

And lastly, the one that melts my heart... Teacher: Boys and girls, I'm not going to be here tomorrow. Tomorrow you will have a different teacher. Child: But who will love us?

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Take time to make it really special for all the Mom's of the world, because they deserve it! THANK YOU MOM'S!