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PARENT TIPS  
FOR PRESCHOOL PICTURE  
DAY



I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOUR LITTLE ONE!

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME IMPORTANT TIPS TO CONSIDER  
WHEN PREPARING YOUR YOUNG CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL  
PICTURE DAY.



# HOW TO PREPARE

- ✦ When it comes to smiles, natural is the way to go. If you have your child practice their smile too much, it can cause unnecessary stress and a forced grin on Picture Day. Give your child the freedom to be themselves, and the results will be picture-perfect.
- ✦ Parents, if you are bringing your child up specifically for pictures and will be in attendance, I ask that you let the teacher bring the child in for their portrait. Please arrive early and pretend you are dropping them off as usual. You may think no one else can get a smile from your child like you can, but leave the job to the photographer. You will be pleasantly surprised! If they just aren't having it, then we will call you in to see if it helps.
- ✦ This littlest one's around 18 months of age to maybe 2 years still have the uncertainty a lot of times with a stranger (me) and all the gear. If you believe your child may be one of those, please reach out to me ahead of time or sent a few tips to the teacher of what they like so it will help me make them more comfortable. Whether it is their favorite song, or cartoon character, or even their best stuffed animal, it gives me something to talk about with them.



# HOW TO DRESS

- ✦ Help your child pick out clothes and colors that look good on them. After all the child is the star of the photos - not their shirt, if possible, avoid slogans and logos.
- ✦ Style of dress is up to you! Some parent's send their kids in what the kid chose and it's as cute as can be. Other parent's send their kids in the perfect ensemble and it's just as darling.
- ✦ Some poses are fun body and show shoes, pants or skirts, so plan the complete outfit from head to toe!
- ✦ Glasses are okay! I know all the trick to reduce glare.



## LEAVE THE CHARACTER

- ✦ Don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now - and you will enjoy looking back on that for years to come. On Picture Day, the teachers and I will help straighten collars (the best we can) and check details. I always retouch any blemishes on the child's face unless told otherwise.
- ✦ If they have a little character like paint on their hands, a temporary tattoo, a skinned knee, etc. I tend to leave those, but if you want it removed, just let me know before ordering.



## SIBLINGS

- ✦ It is up to the school if they have time to allow for sibling portraits.
- ✦ Please be sure to check with the school on the policy to have sibling portraits taken of your children. Some schools automatically take the sibling images, and some schools prefer that parents sign up ahead of time.
- ✦ Parents - if you are bringing up one sibling just for images, please follow the same tip - bring them a little early, act like it is a normal drop off day, let the teachers take them for portraits and if we need you to step in we will get you. 99% of the time, the kids do better without the parent there.



## GRADUATE PORTRAITS

These kiddos are pros with the school portraits by now!

- ✦ **Dress:** If they are wearing the gown, be sure to steam or iron out the wrinkles to look their best!
- ✦ **Hair:** They will be wearing their cap in some images, be sure to have their hair style ready for a cap. High ponytails, etc., make that cap pop right off or not sit on the head correctly.
- ✦ **Trend:** Make sure you save these to a safe place, because in a blink of an eye, you will need to recreate at least one of these images for their senior year. 😊





## AFTER THE SESSION

- ✦ Your child(ren) will be sent home with a unique QR code and access code that will link directly to their gallery. Siblings will have a unique QR and access code also.
- ✦ I recommend logging in so you will be notified when the gallery is ready. Typically within a week.
- ✦ Don't delay in viewing the gallery as there are early order incentives as well as free delivery to the school! Late orders can be shipped directly to your home for a reasonable shipping charge.



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*thank you*

If you have any questions before or after Picture Day, please do not hesitate to reach out. I will be happy to answer any questions you have!

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