



# INFANT & TODDLER 2021-2022 CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2021						COOPERATION	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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1	<del>6</del>	7	8	9	10		
2	13	14	15	16	17		
3	20	21	22	23	24		
4	27	28	29	30			

INF-Big & Little    TOD-Little Animals

OCTOBER 2021						HELPLESSNESS	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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1	4	5	6	7	8		
2	11	12	13	14	15		
3	18	19	20	21	22		
4	25	26	27	28	29		

INF-Cars, Trucks, & Trains    TOD-Wheels

NOVEMBER 2021						GRATITUDE	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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3	15	16	17	18	19		
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5	29	30					

INF-Storybook Classics    TOD-Storybook Characters

DECEMBER 2021						PATIENCE	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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2	13	14	15	16	17		
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INF-Sounds    TOD-My Neighborhood

JANUARY 2022						DIVERSITY	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
1	3	4	5	6	7		
2	10	11	12	13	14		
3	17	18	19	20	21		
4	24	25	26	27	28		
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INF-Competent Me    TOD-Space

FEBRUARY 2022						TRUTHFULNESS	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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2	7	8	9	10	11		
3	14	15	16	17	18		
4	21	22	23	24	25		
	28						

INF-Windows, Walls, Doors, & Hallways    TOD-Sky

MARCH 2022						HUMOR	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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3	14	15	16	17	18		
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INF-Senses    TOD-Fruits & Vegetables

APRIL 2022						RESPONSIBILITY	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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1	4	5	6	7	8		
2	11	12	13	14	15		
3	18	19	20	21	22		
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INF-Bubbles, Mud, & Puddles    TOD-Construction

MAY 2022						KINDNESS	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
1	2	3	4	5	6		
2	9	10	11	12	13		
3	16	17	18	19	20		
4	23	24	25	26	27		
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INF-Me    TOD-Me & My Body

JUNE 2022						COURAGE	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
1			1	2	3		
2	6	7	8	9	10		
3	13	14	15	16	17		
4	20	21	22	23	24		
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INF-Mommies & Daddies    TOD-My Family

JULY 2022						GOOD CITIZENS	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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1	<del>4</del>	5	6	7	8		
2	11	12	13	14	15		
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INF-Inside/Outside    TOD-Water

AUGUST 2022						PRIDE	
	M	T	W	Th	F		
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INF-Open & Close    TOD-Big Animals

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

September  
St. Jude Walk/Run

October  
Halloween e-Cards for St. Jude's

February  
St. Jude Trike-A-Thon



**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:**

Labor Day (9/6)  
Thanksgiving Day (11/25)

Day after Thanksgiving (11/26)  
Christmas Federal Holiday (12/24)  
New Year's Federal Holiday (12/31)  
Memorial Day (5/30)



## **Infant Parent Curriculum Information**

*September - Do Children Learn While They Play?*

**Unit: Big & Little**

Play is children's work. Whether it is called symbolic play, fantasy play, dramatic play, or imaginative play; play is central to children's development in the first three years. Play offers children a way to explore their understanding of the world in which they live.

Will your child really learn anything from playing alone, with friends, or with you? The answer is yes! Research has documented the connection between children's play behavior during the early years and a wide range of emerging abilities, including creativity, memory, vocabulary, reasoning, and impulse control. In addition, research has documented that you serve as a guide to play, increasing your child's sophistication in play as you join in.

So, make sure you play with your baby. Your playful interactions stimulate your child's brain and form the foundation of future life skills, including academic ones.

Parents often ask how they can be sure that they are teaching their values to their children who spend a lot of time in school. Parents have the most profound influence in their children's lives. So, chances are that children will be strongly influenced by their parents' values.

Children are much more influenced by actions than by words. Telling a child to share or to be polite is far less effective than modeling those same behaviors and clearly identifying and supporting appropriate expectations. Parents of young children can relax and enjoy their time with their children. The beginning years are not a time for lectures. They are a time for closeness, hugs, and kisses and sharing your values with your child by doing what you want them to do.

### **Concepts Learned in Big & Little**

Some things are little.  
I have little feet.  
Some things grow from little to big.  
Bugs, seeds, butterflies, and birds are little.  
Shoes can be little and big.  
Shoes go on my feet.  
Seeds grow into plants.  
I can take puzzle pieces out and put them back.

Some things are big.  
Mommy and daddy have big feet.  
Seeds are little compared to their plants.  
Trucks, elephants, and buildings are big.  
Seeds are planted in soil.  
Hats go on my head.  
Seeds are planted in soil.  
I can do a puzzle.