

2017-2018 Activity Schedule

Unit	Themes	Colors/Shapes
September/ October 2017	Fabulous Friends Forest Fun People Who Help Night Creatures	Red Orange Circle
November/ December 2017	Sing and Dance I'm Thankful All Aboard! Jolly Holidays	Brown Green Star
January/ February 2018	Exploring My World Polar Pals Hearts and Hugs Opposites Attract	White Pink Heart
March/April 2018	Sunny Savannah Springtime Sparkles Eating the Rainbow Sand and Sea	Blue Yellow Oval
May/June 2018	Pet Friends Gardening and Growing Dairy Days Pond Life	Purple Black Square
July/August 2018	Vacation Bound Colors and Shapes Beautiful Bugs Lazy Summer Days	Review Colors Triangle

An Overview of the 2017-2018 Curriculum Year



Family Guide



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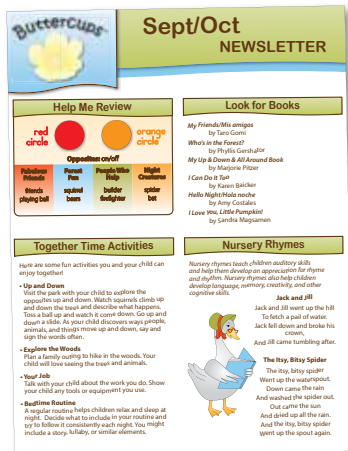
Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of stimulating activities this year through our Buttercups® curriculum program. Curriculum activities are designed to address established early learning goals and standards throughout the United States.



Buttercups® is a professionally designed curriculum program for children birth to 36 months.

FunShine Express® Infant/Toddler Program Goals:

- Our curriculum is based on current research and sound educational theories of early childhood learning and development.
- We provide a wide range of hands-on, interactive materials allowing children to experiment and explore their surroundings.
- The activity and project suggestions provided in our kits are aligned with specific Learning Goals and Indicators.
- We encourage involvement of family members in each child's learning.



Family Newsletter

Each two-month kit includes a Family Newsletter loaded with helpful information. You'll find the themes and concepts, new vocabulary words, sign language, and songs from our *2017-2018 Music and Movement CD* (available from FunShine Express®). You'll also find ideas for simple activities to enjoy with your child, a recipe, and ideas for books to read at home.

What Will My Child Learn?

Each Buttercups® curriculum kit covers a two-month time frame—Sept./Oct., Nov./Dec., Jan./Feb., Mar./Apr., May/June, and July/Aug. Each kit includes four themes with each theme lasting two to three weeks. Your child's teacher/child care provider can choose from a variety of activities and materials to promote and enhance growth in the following developmental areas.

Language/Literacy: Children develop skills in both listening and communicating and build a foundation for later reading and writing. Activities include songs, rhymes, finger plays, picture books, and more.

Physical/Health: Activities promote wellness and allow children to grow in using both small and large muscles. Playdough, water play, vigorous outdoor play, healthy snack ideas, and more are offered.

Science/Math/Creative Arts: Children are encouraged to enjoy and explore a variety of art materials, investigate their world, and begin to engage in symbolic thinking. Activities include pretend play, sensory exploration, experimentation, self-expression, and more.

Social/Emotional: Experiences are planned to help children develop relationships with adults and other children, learn more about themselves, recognize and express feelings, and begin to demonstrate self-regulation.

Social Studies: Predictable routines and age-appropriate rules bring order to children's lives. They also learn more about families, their own child-care setting, and the local culture and community.

Approaches to Learning: Opportunities to build skills in this area are woven throughout all curriculum activities to build memory and promote curiosity, persistence, and problem-solving—skills that are critical for lifelong learning!

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