

Planning guide

Getting the most out of your session...

Kids have good days and bad days just like the rest of us, so to help the photographic experience to be a successful one, please take into consideration the following tips.

*Fed children are happy children. A light snack an hour before their session can do wonders. However, avoid mood altering foods and beverages with caffeine and sugar.

*If your child follows a nap schedule, please adhere to it the day of their session. Skipping a nap or only taking a short one can dramatically alter the mood of your child.

*Do not schedule a dentist or doctors appointment for the same day or day before your portrait session. Shots or other treatments can have lasting effects.

*While we do have dressing rooms available at the studio, having your child dressed and ready for their session upon arrival can reduce friction, especially with babies and toddlers.

*Even if your child is only moderately sick, please reschedule your session. Illness of any kind leads kids to that 'not quite themselves feeling and look,' which shows in their portraits.

*Keep in mind that we are going after a variety of expressions. Not smiling is more than okay. Beautiful, soft, thoughtful expressions are far more soul stirring than big toothy grins.

*Also, let your kids know that their portrait session is going to be **FUN!** Resist the temptation to tell them to 'smile' or 'be on their best behavior.' We work with children daily and know how to make your child feel at ease.

Clothing Suggestions....

*The clothing you pick for your portrait should be able to withstand the test of time. Traditional clothing styles and colors all lend themselves to a timeless look.

*Avoid clothing with pattern, especially with multiple people in the image. Stripes, plaids, florals, big logos or graphics date clothing quickly in terms of fashion trends.

*Stick to solid colors that blend with each subject in the image. For example, if every family member is wearing black shirts except for one person in red, the person in red will be the focus of attention in the image.

*Classic colors such as white, ivory, beige, navy, gray or black are easy to match and never go out of style.

*We do a variety of poses so feet will be shown. Be sure to avoid gym shoes or other large clunky shoes. Bare feet are our favorite on children of all ages.

