

2020-2021 Activity Schedule

Unit	Themes	Colors/Shapes
September/ October 2020	All About Me Fasten Up Dino Time Let's Pretend	Red Orange Circle/Triangle
November/ December 2020	Happy Harvest Manners Matter Kids in the Kitchen Holiday Hoopla	Brown Green Star
January/ February 2021	Mitten Magic Rockin' Rhymes Feeling Fantastic Tropics in Winter	White Pink Heart
March/April 2021	Wacky Weeks Egg-citing Changes The Joy of Art Nurture Nature	Blue Yellow Oval
May/June 2021	Nests and Hives Little Bookworms Construction Zone Fun at the Fair	Purple Black Square
July/August 2021	America the Beautiful Fishing Fun Summer Discoveries 1, 2, 3, Review with Me	Review

An Overview of the 2020-2021 Curriculum Year



Family Guide



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Welcome to FunShine Express!

Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of stimulating activities this year through our professionally designed Buttercups® curriculum program. The Buttercups program is for ages 0-3. Curriculum activities are designed to address established early learning goals and standards throughout the United States.

Benefits for Your Child

Our curriculum:

- Builds enthusiasm for lifelong learning
- Encourages socialization and cooperation
- Promotes hands-on learning
- Nurtures teamwork and respect
- Promotes concentration and patience
- Builds confidence, self-esteem, and autonomy
- Embraces diversity



Benefits for Parents/Caregivers

- Knowledge that your child is participating in a curriculum program aligned with the highest quality standards in early childhood education.
- Built-in family engagement to keep you involved in your child's learning. Each two-month kit includes a Family Newsletter loaded with helpful information. You'll find the themes and concepts, vocabulary words, sign language, and songs. You'll also find ideas for simple activities to enjoy with your child, a recipe, and a list of books to read at home. Additional materials available include calendars, blog articles, and music playlists.
- Exceptionally prepared teachers are able to spend more time each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.



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 about two 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, fingerplays, reading 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. Children will learn about their families, their child care setting, and the local culture and community.

 **Approaches to Learning:** Opportunities to build skills in this area are woven throughout all of the curriculum activities. Such activities focus on building memory and promoting curiosity, persistence, and problem-solving—skills that are critical for lifelong learning!

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