

Infant/Toddler

We Invest in Your Child's Learning

ButterCups®



Your child is offered the opportunity to enjoy early learning activities at our setting from FunShine Express®. Buttercups® is a professionally designed early learning curriculum for infants and toddlers ages 6-36 months. This activity kit includes activities to enhance your child's language, cognitive, physical, and social development, as well as creative art materials. FunShine Express® believes children learn best through interacting with their environment, and they strive to present activities with that in mind. Developmentally appropriate activities will encompass all areas of your child's development.

Benefits of Professional Early Learning Materials

Builds School Readiness Skills

Your child will participate in activities related to four educational themes. He or she will also be introduced to concepts related to literacy, pre-math, problem-solving, colors, and shapes through a variety of engaging, hands-on activities.

Encourages Family Involvement

You will receive a copy of our Buttercups® Newsletter every two months. This resource includes theme concepts, sign language, songs, a recipe, and more. You may wish to gather the suggested book titles to share with your child at home. More titles are available at funshineexpress.com.

Buttercups® Guiding Principles

- FunShine Express® believes that enriching an environment that is designed for individual exploration and discovery, with play-based activities, will enhance development.
- We believe it is important for those who care for infants and toddlers to observe each child's interests to find ways to enhance their exploration and discovery.
- We believe that those who care for infants and toddlers should take their cues from the children as to the appropriate time to introduce activities or to facilitate the discovery of materials and activities.

A Love of Learning...

Early learning activities set the stage for life-long learning. Appropriate activities can build self-esteem and enthusiasm.

If you would like more information about the educational materials your child will be using, please feel free to contact me at 702-646-4386.



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

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Family Guide



Welcome to FunShine Express®!

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.

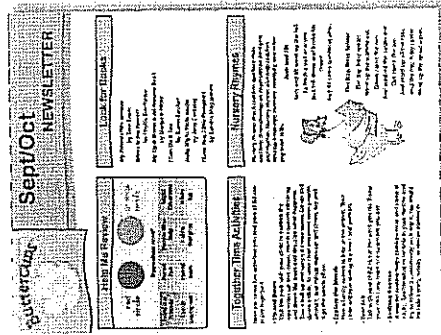
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Buttercups® is a professionally designed curriculum program for children birth to 36 months.

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 natural 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!

Don't forget to stop for educational resources at funshineexpress.com.

For up-to-date information, join our FunShine Community.

