

## Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (March 2021)

### I. March Observances & Events:

- Women's History Month
- Sing with Your Child Month
- National March Into Literacy Month
- National Read Across America Day (March 2)
- Pi Day (March 14th)
- St. Patrick's Day (March 17th)
- Spring Equinox (March 20th)

Topic	Sample Resources
<p><b>03/01 - 03/7 Early Literacy</b></p> <p>This week, in celebration of Read Across America Day, we're sharing tips and resources on how parents can instill a love of reading in their little ones from the very beginning and help them develop early literacy skills. We will also provide tips and resources that will assist parents in choosing and sharing books with young children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National March Into Literacy Month</li> <li>● 03/02 National Read Across America Day</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Early Literacy Resources</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">The Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Using Their Words: Helping Preschoolers Get a Good Start in Reading and Learning</a> American Academy of Pediatrics</p> <p><a href="#">Everyday Reading Opportunities</a> Kids Health</p> <p><a href="#">5 Hidden Benefits of Reading for Kids (And Their Parents!)</a> Huffington Post Living</p> <p><b>Infographic:</b> <a href="#">Read Aloud 15 Minutes Every Day</a> Read Aloud</p> <p><a href="#">How to Introduce Toddlers and Babies to Books</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">Dialogic Reading: It May Boost Your Child's Brain</a> Scholastic</p>

	<p><a href="#">Your Kids Aren't Too Old for Picture Books, and Neither Are You</a> New York Times</p> <p><a href="#">Reading with Children at Home &amp; in the Classroom</a> Bright Horizons</p>
<p><b>03/8 - 03/14 Raising Strong Girls</b></p> <p>It is the way we raise our children and what we encourage them that do that makes the difference. Understanding girls' brain development can be useful to parents in encouraging them to stretch brain connections in the areas that will help her develop as a healthy, independent, assertive person. We will share tips for parents on how to avoid gender stereotypes and build their young daughter's confidence, as well as suggestions for books that feature strong female characters and positive role models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 03/14- Pi Day</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Brain Development: Are Boys' and Girls' Brains Different?</a> Baby Center</p> <p><a href="#">How to Prevent Gender Stereotypes at Home</a> Washington Post</p> <p><a href="#">Avoiding Gender Stereotypes</a> Parents.com</p> <p><a href="#">9 Secrets of Confident Kids</a> Parents.com</p> <p><a href="#">Books For Kids: 14 Fantastic Gender-Positive Books</a> Huffington Post</p> <p><a href="#">Tips on Helping Your Child Develop Confidence</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">How to Raise a Self-Confident Girl</a> PBS for Parents</p> <p><a href="#">Raising Confident, Independent Children</a> Child Mind Institute</p> <p><a href="#">Breaking Gender Stereotypes in the Toy Box</a> New York Times</p>

**3/15 - 3/21 Fostering Social-Emotional Development Through Imaginative Play**

Imaginative play is a great way to combine fun, language, and learning! It helps children take different perspectives, communicate thoughts and feelings, and to empathize with others. It can also teach children how to think outside the box - a critical ingredient for strong problem-solving skills!

[Pretend Play Is Important Work](#) TSTF

[Imagination Begins At Home](#) TSTF

[The Importance of Imaginative Play](#) Huffington Post

[How to Raise Innovative Kids](#) Washington Post

[Pretend Play](#) What to Expect

[The Importance of Pretend Play](#) Scholastic

[Let's Play Pretend](#) Parents Magazine

[The Benefits of Pretend Play](#) Parents Magazine

[Helping Toddlers Expand Language Skills](#) Child Mind Institute \*New

[The Need for Pretend Play in Child Development](#) Psychology Today

**3/22-3/28 Promoting STEM Learning**

Encouraging children to explore the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math at an early age can help sustain a sense of curiosity and discovery as they grow up. By incorporating the concepts of STEM into everyday moments of play and time spent together with your child it can create a strong foundation for

[Let's Talk, Read and Sing About STEM](#) TSTF

[STEM Moments: Everyday Fun with Science](#) TSTF

[STEM Moments: Everyday Fun With Engineering and Tech](#) TSTF

[Early Math Resources](#) TSTF

[Crafts and Experiments for Kids](#) PBS Kids

<p>curiosity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/20- Spring Equinox</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Help Your Child Develop Early Math-Skills</a> Zero to Three</p> <p><a href="#">10 Tips to Support Children’s Science Learning</a> NAEYC</p> <p><a href="#">Engaging Preschoolers Stem</a> Dreme Stanford Research</p> <p><a href="#">STEM Education: What is STEM and Why Does It Matter?</a> Bright Horizons</p> <p><a href="#">4 Things Everyone Should Know About Early STEM Learning</a> Common Sense Education</p> <p><a href="#">Insights Into Early STEM Learning</a> Forbes</p> <p><b>Videos</b></p> <p><a href="#">Video: Everyday Fun with Science</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Video: Everyday Fun with Engineering and Tech</a> TSTF</p>
<p><b>3/29 - 4/04 Developing Your Child’s Sense of Humor</b></p> <p>Laughter and humor are an important part of play. Humor is a great way for parents to connect with their children, and a sense of humor helps children emotionally and socially. Depending on the age, children appreciate different types of humor. This week, we will explain the benefits of developing a sense of</p>	<p><a href="#">Developing your Child's Sense of Humor</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Babies Are Tiny Comedians</a> NY Magazine, Science of Us.</p> <p><a href="#">Encouraging Your Child’s Sense of Humor</a> Kids Health</p> <p><a href="#">How to Raise a Fun and Funny Child</a> Baby Center</p> <p><a href="#">Books for Laughing Together</a> NAEYC for Families</p>

humor in children and share tips on how you and your child can laugh together from early on.

- 4/1- April Fools Day
- April - National Humor Month: #HumorMonth  
#NationalHumorMonth

[When Do Babies Start Laughing?](#) New Kids-Center

[Ages & Stages: Don't Forget to Laugh! The Importance of Humor](#) Scholastic

[The Joke's In You](#) APA

[11 Ways to Encourage Your Child's Sense of Humor](#) Scholastic

[20 fun, silly, development-boosting games to play with your baby](#) Baby Center

[How to Make a Baby Laugh](#) Parents Magazine