**Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (November 2020)**

1. **November Observances & Events:**

* **Veteran’s Day - 11/11**
* **World Kindness Day - 11/13**
* **Universal Children’s Day - 11/20**
* **Thanksgiving - 11/26**

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| **Topic** | **Sample Resources** |
| **11/2-11/8 Promoting Early Literacy At Home Through Reading Aloud**  This week, we are sharing tips and resources on how parents can instill a love of reading in their little ones from early on and help them develop early literacy skills. Reading aloud with children helps build connections in their brains and supports early vocabulary development. In addition, reading aloud can offer special moments of bonding between caregivers and children. | [Early Literacy Resources](http://talkingisteaching.org/resources/literacy) TSTF  [Promoting Early Literacy at Home](http://toosmall.org/blog/promoting-early-literacy-at-home#skip_intro) TSTF  [Books Build Connections Toolkit](https://littoolkit.aap.org/Pages/home.aspx) AAP/TSTF  [6 Ways to Fit in Read-Aloud Time With Your Child on Busy Days](https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/6-ways-to-fit-read-aloud-time-your-child-busy-days.html) Scholastic  [Child Development: A Daily Experience, A Lifelong Benefit](https://www.reachoutandread.org/why-we-matter/child-development/#:~:text=Spending%20time%20together%20while%20reading,a%20lifelong%20love%20of%20reading) Reach Out & Read  [Why Reading Aloud to Kids Helps Them Thrive](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/why-reading-aloud-to-kids-helps-them-thrive) PBS  [What's Going On In Your Child's Brain When You Read Them A Story?](https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2018/05/24/611609366/whats-going-on-in-your-childs-brain-when-you-read-them-a-story) NPR  [Reading Aloud](https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/age-2/literacy/reading-aloud) PBS  [Reading Aloud to Young Children Has Benefits for Behavior and Attention](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/16/well/family/reading-aloud-to-young-children-has-benefits-for-behavior-and-attention.html)  NY Times |
| **11/9-11/15 Understanding Feelings & Helping Children Regulate Emotions**  Research shows that a strong social and emotional foundation in early childhood powerfully impacts children’s later academic performance and health outcomes. Helping children understand the feelings they have can allow them to regulate their own emotions. By observing young children closely, and with a little time, caregivers can understand the feelings they might be trying to communicate and help them turn their emotions into constructive actions.     * **Veteran’s Day - 11/11** * **World Kindness Day - 11/13** | [4 Things to Know About Your Child’s Social-Emotional Development](http://toosmall.org/blog/4-things-to-know-about-your-childs-social-emotional-development) TSTF  [Parenting Is A Journey](https://talkingisteaching.org/assets/general/Journey-Tipsheet.pdf)TSTF  [Building Skills to Last a Lifetime](http://toosmall.org/blog/building-skills-to-last-a-lifetime) TSTF  [Help Your Child Develop Self-Control](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/228-help-your-child-develop-self-control)Zero To Three  [Helping Kids Deal With Big Emotions](https://childmind.org/guide/parents-guide-to-problem-behavior/helping-kids-deal-with-big-emotions/)Child Mind Institute  [Teaching Emotional Intelligence in Early Childhood](https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/mar2017/teaching-emotional-intelligence)NAEYC  [Emotions & Self Awareness Parent Resources, Tips, and Advice](https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/all-ages/emotions-self-awareness) PBS  [How to Build Emotional Intelligence in Your Child](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/how-to-build-emotional-intelligence-in-your-child_b_7578640)Huffington Post |
| **11/16-11/22**  **Exploring the World Through Science and Sensory Play**  Young children are naturally curious about the natural world. While adults grasp and explain their world through words, children learn by touching, smelling, tasting, seeing, and hearing. This week, we will share tips and resources to help children explore their world.   * **Universal Children’s Day - 11/20** | [Let's Talk, Read, and Sing About STEM!](http://talkingisteaching.org/resources/stem-tipsheet-families) TSTF  [Sensory Play Encourages Thinking—and Fun!](http://toosmall.org/blog/sensory-play-encourages-thinkingand-fun) TSTF    [Infants & Toddlers: The Power of Sensory Experiences](https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/infants-toddlers-power-sensory-experiences/) Scholastic  [16 Sensory Activities for Kids at Home](https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/sensory-activities-for-kids-at-home) Bright Horizons  [Sensory Play: 20 Great Activities for Your Toddler or Preschooler](https://www.healthline.com/health/childrens-health/sensory-play) Healthline  [Babies and Their Senses](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/242-babies-and-their-senses) Zero To Three  [12 science activities for preschoolers and toddlers](https://www.mother.ly/child/science-activities-preschoolers-toddlers)Motherly  [Encouraging Kids to Enjoy Nature With All of Their Senses](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/encouraging-kids-to-enjoy-nature-with-all-of-their-senses)PBS |
| **11/23-11/30 Instilling Gratitude in Young Children**  To celebrate this season of giving thanks, we’re sharing tips and resources to help parents raise thankful children all year long. Instilling a sense of gratitude in children is an important part of healthy social-emotional development. Studies have shown that gratitude benefits children by bettering relationships with their peers and family, improving school performance and decreasing envy and materialism. What’s more, grateful children are not only happier, but more satisfied with their lives.   * **11/26 Thanksgiving** | [Gratitude for Every Day of the Year](http://toosmall.org/blog/gratitude-for-every-day-of-the-year) TSTF    [Teaching Children to Be Grateful](http://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/development/behavioral/teaching-children-to-be-grateful/) Parents    [How to Raise an Appreciative Child](http://www.todaysparent.com/kids/preschool/how-to-raise-an-appreciative-child/) Today’s Parents    [Raising a Thankful Child](https://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/child-development/raising-thankful-child) NAEYC    [12 Tips for Teaching Children Gratitude](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Community/Pages/12-Tips-for-Teaching-Children-Gratitude.aspx) Healthy Children  [Teaching Kids the Importance of Gratitude](http://www.everydayhealth.com/saying-thanks/teaching-kids-the-importance-of-gratitude.aspx) Everyday Health  [10 Tips for Raising Grateful Kids](https://childmind.org/article/10-tips-raising-grateful-kids/) Child Mind Institute  [Gratitude](https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/age-5/character/gratitude#:~:text=More%20%2B-,Model%20Gratitude,or%20dictate%20a%20few%20words)PBS  [11 Tips for Instilling True Gratitude in Your Kids](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/11-tips-for-instilling-true-gratitude-in-your-kids_b_4708019) Huffington Post |
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