

## Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (September 2018)

### I. September Observances & Events

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- 9/03 Labor Day
- 9/06 National Read a Book Day
- 9/08 International Literacy Day
- 9/09 Grandparents Day
- 9/24 - 9/30 Diaper Need Awareness Week
- 9/28 Family Health and Fitness Day

<p><b>09/03 - 09/09 Early Literacy</b></p> <p>This week, in celebration of Read a Book Day and International Literacy Day, we're 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 09/06 National Read a Book Day</li><li>● 09/08 International Literacy Day</li><li>● 9/09 Grandparents Day</li></ul>	<p><a href="#">Early Literacy Resources</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Books Build Connections Toolkit</a> AAP/TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">The Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">How to Raise a Reader</a> New York Times</p> <p><a href="#">Why It's Important to Read Aloud With Your Kids, and How to Make It Count</a> Washington Post</p> <p><a href="#">Science Proves Reading To Kids Really Does Change Their Brains</a> Huffington Post</p> <p><a href="#">Raising Kids Who Want To Read — Even During The Summer</a> NPR</p> <p><a href="#">What We Know About Early Literacy and Language Development</a> ZERO TO THREE</p>
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	<p><a href="#">5 Hidden Benefits of Reading for Kids (And Their Parents!)</a> Huffington Post Living</p> <p><a href="#">Five Ways to Find Time to Read Aloud 15 Minutes a Day in a Busy World</a> Washington Post</p> <p><b>Infographic:</b> <a href="#">Read Aloud 15 Minutes Every Day</a> Read Aloud</p> <p><a href="#">Tips for Sharing Books with Babies and Toddlers</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">How to Get Your Kids Reading</a> Parenting.com</p> <p><a href="#">Helping Children Identify As Readers — Starting With A Haircut</a> NPR</p>
<p><b>09/10 - 09/16 Let's Celebrate Grandparents!</b></p> <p>Grandparents play an important role in families, in particular when it comes to sharing family stories and traditions. Children benefit greatly from knowing their family's history: it helps them develop a sense of belonging and boosts their self-esteem.</p>	<p><a href="#">Tips for Grandparents</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Celebrate Grandparents!</a> TSTF/AARP</p> <p><a href="#">Grandparenting: On Your Lap, In Your Heart</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">That Was Then: Sharing Family Traditions With Your Grandchildren</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">What Kids Learn From Hearing Family Stories</a> The Atlantic</p> <p><a href="#">Family Storytelling: Good for Children (and Parents)</a> Psychology Today</p> <p><a href="#">The Stories That Bind Us</a> New York Times</p> <p><a href="#">Family Stories</a> Colorin Colorado</p> <p><a href="#">Grandparenting</a> Univision Contigo/ Clave al Exito</p> <p><b>Video</b></p> <p><a href="#">Let's Hear It for Grandparents</a> Sesame Street</p>

## 09/17 - 09/23 Dual Language Learners

Bilingualism has many benefits. Research shows children who hear more than one language spoken at home tend to develop better executive function and social skills. Parents can help their little ones learn their native language by taking advantage of everyday moments to talk, read, and sing with them in that language.

[Tips for Using Language at Home and in the Community](#) TSTF

[Dual Language Learners: Five Tips for Parents](#) TSTF

[Studies: You Can Help Your Toddler Be Bilingual, Even If You Aren't](#) Motherly

[Why Bilinguals are Smarter](#) NYT

[Hearing Bilingual- How Babies Sort Out Language](#) NYT

[Raising a Bilingual Child: The Importance of Reading](#) BabyCenter

[The Superior Social Skills of Bilinguals](#) NYT

[How the Brain Benefits From Being Bilingual](#) Time

[Why You Shouldn't Stop Speaking Spanish at Home](#) Univision News

[Raising Bilingual Children: Who Should Speak What?](#) Huffington Post

### Twitter Only

[Speaking Multiple Languages Can Influence Children's Emotional Development](#) Science Daily

## 09/24 - 09/30 Outdoor Play

This week, we're sharing resources on the benefits of outdoor play for little ones. Outdoor play gives children the opportunity to move around, be active and develop important motor skills. Playing outside can also spark rich conversations to help them learn about the world. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

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[Playtime Activities](#) TSTF

[Dr. Toy Talks About: Outdoor Play](#) Huffington Post

[Why Play Outdoors?](#) Scholastic

[The Power of Outdoor Play](#) Huffington Post

[10 Benefits of Physical Activity](#) Parents.com

[How Outdoor Playgrounds Affect Child Development](#) Huffington Post

[Safe Exploring for Toddlers](#) KidsHealth

[Safety on the Playground](#) Healthy Children

[Activities for Kids at Your Local Park](#) PBS Parents

[Kids do not spend nearly enough time outside. Here's how \(and why\) to change that.](#)  
Washington Post

[The Playground Where Babies Learn to Talk](#) The Atlantic

[Outdoor Play](#) Raising Children

[Playtime May Bolster Kids' Mental Health](#) The Atlantic

[Kids are so over-scheduled that doctors are being told to prescribe play](#) Quartz

[Researchers Warn Kids Don't Get Enough Outdoor Playtime](#) CBS