

Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (October 2018)

I. September Observances & Events

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Head Start Awareness Month
- Healthy Babies Month
- 10/05 - World Teacher's Day
- 10/07 - National Child Health Day
- 10/25 - Jumpstart's Read for the Record
- 10/31 - Halloween
- 11/01 - National Family Literacy Day

<p>10/01 - 10/07 Dual Language Learners</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hispanic Heritage Month● 10/05 - World Teacher's Day● 10/07 - National Child Health Day	<p>Tips for Using Language at Home and in the Community TSTF</p> <p>Dual Language Learners: Five Tips for Parents TSTF</p> <p>Studies: You Can Help Your Toddler Be Bilingual, Even If You Aren't Motherly</p> <p>Why Bilinguals are Smarter NYT</p> <p>Hearing Bilingual- How Babies Sort Out Language NYT</p> <p>Raising a Bilingual Child: The Importance of Reading BabyCenter</p> <p>The Superior Social Skills of Bilinguals NYT</p> <p>How the Brain Benefits From Being Bilingual Time</p> <p>Why You Shouldn't Stop Speaking Spanish at Home Univision News</p>
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	<p>Raising Bilingual Children: Who Should Speak What? Huffington Post</p> <p>Taking Two Languages to Preschool: Supporting Children who are Dual Language Learners ZERO TO THREE</p> <p>7 Myths and Facts About Bilingual Children Learning Language Healthy Children</p> <p>Twitter Only</p> <p>Speaking Multiple Languages Can Influence Children's Emotional Development Science Daily</p>
<p>10/08 - 10/14 Everyday Fun With Science</p> <p>Young children are naturally curious about science, or the study of the natural world. They are drawn to questions that help them make sense of their world. Parents can help children learn about science through language-rich conversations about their explorations, and by encouraging them to use all their senses--touching, smelling, tasting, seeing, and hearing.</p>	<p>Let's Talk, Read, and Sing About STEM! TSTF</p> <p>STEM Moments: Everyday Fun With Science TSTF</p> <p>STEM Moments: Everyday Fun with Engineering and Technology TSTF</p> <p>Sensory Play Encourages Thinking - and Fun! TSTF</p> <p>Science in the Backyard or Park PBS Parents</p> <p>Science Activities for Babies & Toddlers PBS Parents</p> <p>10 Tips to Support Children's Science Learning NAEYC</p> <p>STEM Starts Earlier Than You Think Forbes</p> <p>Children Are Naturally Curious About Science. Why Don't We Nurture That Education Week</p> <p>4 Things Everyone Should Know About Early STEM Learning Motherly</p>

	<p>Video</p> <p>Everyday Fun with Science TSTF</p> <p>Everyday Fun with Engineering and Technology TSTF</p>
<p>10/15 - 10/21 Helping Your Child Develop Executive Function</p> <p>What is executive function and how can you help your child develop it? Executive function is a group of skills that helps regulate behaviors and manage emotions: these skills allow us to process information, focus attention and control impulses. Executive function skills help children learn new information, plan, and solve problems, which is why they can predict school success.</p>	<p>Helping Your Child Develop Executive Function Too Small to Fail</p> <p>Ready for School? Executive Function = Success Huffington Post</p> <p>When Do Babies Learn Self-Control? The Atlantic</p> <p>Executive Function Skills Predict Children’s Success in Life and in School Huffington Post</p> <p>Promoting Self Control: It Might Not Be What You Think Huffington Post</p> <p>Help Your Child Develop Self-Control ZEROTOTHREE</p> <p>Cookie's Crumby Pictures Sesame Workshop</p> <p>Twitter Only</p> <p>The Art of Control Harvard Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Executive Function & Self-Regulation Center for the Developing Child</p> <p>Parenting to Boost Executive Function Huffington Post</p> <p>Can the Right Kinds of Play Teach Self-Control? New York Times</p>

10/22 - 10/28 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!

- 10/25 - Jumpstart's Read for the Record

[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 Pretend](#) PBS Parents

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

[The Benefits of Pretend Play](#)

[The Importance of Pretend Play in Child Development Bright](#) Horizons

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

Halloween

[13 Easy Halloween Crafts for Toddlers](#) Parents Magazine

10/29 - 11/04 Promoting Early Literacy at Home

This week, in celebration of National Family Literacy Day, we are sharing resources to help parents understand the importance of instilling a love of reading early in a child's life. Research shows that reading aloud to children from an early age helps develop their language and literacy skills

National Family Literacy Day (#FamilyLiteracyDay)

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[Early Literacy Resources](#) TSTF

[Promoting Early Literacy at Home](#) TSTF

[Books Build Connections Toolkit](#) AAP/TSTF

[How to Introduce Toddlers and Babies to Books](#) ZERO TO THREE

[Building Blocks to Literacy](#) Huffington Post

[Family Activities to Encourage Good Reading Habits](#) Huffington Post

[Everyday Reading Opportunities](#) Kids Health

[Helping Your Child Improve Reading Skills](#) Huffington Post

[Early Literacy Development](#) Reading Rockets

[Read Together to Support Early Literacy](#) NAEYC

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[Study Finds Brain Connections Key to Reading](#) MIT News