

Too Small to Fail Topics Calendar (May 2018)

I. May Observances & Events:

- Children’s Book Week (April 30th - May 6th)
- National Teacher Day (May 8th) #NationalTeacherDay
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7th - May 11th) #TeacherAppreciationWeek
- Mother's Day (May 13th)
- Better Sleep Month

II. Proposed Topics

Topics	Sample Resources
<p>04/30 - 05/06 Celebrating Children’s Books & Early Literacy</p> <p>It’s never too early to instill a love of reading in your child! Reading aloud with little ones from birth positively impacts their language development and a child who has fun exploring books at home from early on is likely to enjoy reading in school and beyond!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children’s Book Week 	<p>Promoting Early Literacy at Home TSTF</p> <p>Early Literacy Resources TSTF</p> <p>Well Read Baby: The 5 Books you Need for Baby’s First Year Motherly</p> <p>How to Introduce Toddlers and Babies to Books ZERO TO THREE</p> <p>Everyday Reading Opportunities Kids Health</p> <p>Science Proves Reading to Kids Really Does Change Their Brains Huffington Post</p> <p>Building Your Child's Vocabulary Reading Rockets</p> <p>Family Activities to Encourage Good Reading Habits Huffington Post</p> <p>Baby Reading Milestones PBS Parents</p> <p>Telling Children Stories Impacts Them Profoundly The Atlantic</p> <p>How to Raise a Confident Reader PBS Parents</p>

05/07 - 05/13 The Important Role of Moms

This week we are celebrating mothers and the special bond created between a mom and her baby, which plays an enormous role in a child's later development. Maternal bonds are a child's first model for intimate relationships and help children build the strong sense of safety and self-esteem that are vital to healthy social-emotional development.

- National Teacher Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (May 13)

Video: [Celebrity Moms PSAs](#) TSTF

[How Bonding Builds Babies Brains](#) TSTF

[All We Need Is A Little Love \(Mostly\)](#) TSTF

[3 Easy Ways to Boost Baby's Brainpower with Just Your Voice](#) Motherly/TSTF

[The New Science of Mother-Baby Bonding](#) Parenting

[Mother Love: Molding Our Capacity for Intimacy](#)
Huffington Post

[30 Little Ways to Bond With Baby](#) Parents Magazine

[Your Baby's Brain Part 2: Environmental Influences](#)
Huffington Post

[Hooray for Mother's Day!](#) PBS Parents

[A Parent's Touch Actually Transforms A Baby's Brain](#)
Huffington Post

[A Mother's Love: Children's Books for Mother's Day](#) PBS Parents

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[How a Mother's Love Changes a Child's Brain](#) Live Science

Teacher Day

[Strive for 5](#) TSTF

[Early Educator Resources](#) TSTF

05/14 - 05/20 Executive Function

Executive function is a group of skills that help children regulate their behaviors and manage their emotions: it allows children to process information, focus attention and control impulses. Executive function skills also help children learn new information, plan, and solve problems which is why these skills are important for success in school and in life.

[Helping Your Child Develop Executive Function Too Small to Fail](#)

[The Executive Function Skills Every Kid Needs](#) Parents Magazine

[Ready for School? Executive Function = Success](#) Huffington Post

[When Do Babies Learn Self-Control?](#) The Atlantic

[Executive Function Skills Predict Children's Success in Life and in School](#) Huffington Post

[Promoting Self Control: It Might Not Be What You Think](#) Huffington Post

[Help Your Child Develop Self-Control](#) ZEROTOTHREE

[Cookie's Crumby Pictures](#) Sesame Workshop

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[The Art of Control](#) Harvard Graduate School of Education

[Executive Function & Self-Regulation](#) Center for the Developing Child

[Parenting to Boost Executive Function](#) Huffington Post

[Can the Right Kinds of Play Teach Self-Control?](#) New York Times

05/21 - 05/27 The Importance of Sleep in the Early Years

When our little ones are sleeping, their brains are busy building connections! Sleep is important for brain development, learning, and physical development. This week we will share important research on sleep in early childhood, as well as tips on how parents and other caregivers can establish healthy sleep habits for their young children.

[Baby Sleep Basics](#) Baby Center

[The 7 Reasons Your Kid Needs Sleep](#) Parents Magazine

[Sleep Critically Affects Childhood Brain Development](#) Huffington Post

[Tips and Tools on Sleep](#) ZERO TO THREE

[Midday Nap Helps Pre-school Children Learn, New Study Finds](#) The Guardian

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better Sleep Month 	<p>In Defense of Absurdly Early Bedtimes Slate</p> <p>What Sleep Is and Why All Kids Need It KidsHealth</p> <p>How an Early Bedtime Can Have Lasting Effects on Kids CNN</p> <p>Twitter Only</p> <p>A Child's Nap Is More Complicated Than It Looks NYT</p> <p>Sleep Strengthens Healthy Brain Connectivity Psychology Today</p> <p>Children and Sleep National Sleep Foundation</p> <p>Lack of Regular Bedtime May Affect Kids' Learning Skills CBS News</p>
<p>05/28 - 06/03 Fostering Social-Emotional Development Through Imaginative Play</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>Pretend Play Is Important Work TSTF</p> <p>Imagination Begins At Home TSTF</p> <p>The Importance of Imaginative Play Huffington Post</p> <p>How to Raise Innovative Kids Washington Post</p> <p>Pretend Play What to Expect</p> <p>The Importance of Pretend Play Scholastic</p> <p>Let's Pretend PBS Parents</p> <p>Let's Play Pretend Parents Magazine</p> <p>The Benefits of Pretend Play Parents Magazine</p> <p>The Importance of Pretend Play in Child Development Bright Horizons</p> <p>Twitter only</p>

	<p>The Need for Pretend Play in Child Development Psychology Today</p>
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