

**Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (March 2018)**

**I. March Observances & Events:**

- Women's History Month
- Music in our Schools Month
- Sing with Your Child Month
- National March Into Literacy Month
- Pi Day (March 14th)
- St. Patrick's Day (March 17th)
- Spring Equinox (March 20th)

TOPICS	SAMPLE RESOURCES
<p><b>03/05 - 03/11 Early Literacy</b></p> <p>This week, in celebration of National March Into Literacy Month, 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> <p>National March Into Literacy Month</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="#">Using Their Words: Helping Preschoolers Get a Good Start in Reading and Learning</a> American Academy of Pediatrics</p> <p><a href="#">How to Introduce Toddlers and Babies to Books</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">Everyday Reading Opportunities</a> Kids Health</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><a href="#">Science Proves Reading To Kids Really Does Change Their Brains</a> Huffington Post</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="#">Tips for Sharing Books with Babies and Toddlers</a> ZERO TO THREE</p> <p><a href="#">Building Language and Scientific Literacy in Young Children.</a> Reading Rockets/NAEYC</p>
<p><b>03/12 - 03/18 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> <p>03/08: International Women’s Day: #InternationalWomensDay</p> <p>03/17: St. Patrick’s Day</p>	<p><a href="#">Ways to Boost Your Toddler's Confidence</a> Parents Magazine</p> <p><a href="#">Brain Development: Are Boys’ and Girls’ Brains Different?</a> Baby Center</p> <p><a href="#">How to Avoid Stereotyping Girls</a> PBS Parents</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="#">5 Ways To Protect Your Kids From Gender Stereotypes</a> Huffington Post</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="#">The Ultimate Guide to the Independent Princess</a> Mighty Girl</p>

	<p><a href="#">Top Mighty Girl Books &amp; Films on Women's History</a> Mighty Girl</p> <p><a href="#">The Important Role of Dad</a> HuffPost Parents</p> <p><a href="#">Dads' Guide to Raising Daughters: Infancy to Adolescence</a> Parents.com</p> <p><a href="#">Raising a Powerful Girl</a> PBS Parents</p> <p><a href="#">Tips on Helping Your Child Develop Confidence</a> ZERO TO THREE</p>
<p><b>03/19 - 03/25 Everyday Early Math</b></p> <p>Early math competency is predictive of later academic achievement. Everyday routine activities and games provide opportunities to help develop important early math skills while having fun and bonding with your little one!</p> <p>03/14 Pi Day: #PiDay</p>	<p><a href="#">Early Math Resources</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Let's Talk About Math</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Highlights Early Math Guide</a> TSTF</p> <p><a href="#">Help Your Child Develop Early Math Skills</a> ZEROTOTHREE</p> <p><a href="#">Counting Games for Babies &amp; Toddlers</a> PBS Parents</p> <p><a href="#">How to Get Reluctant Children to Embrace Math</a> Washington Post</p> <p><a href="#">Puzzle Play Improves Math Skills</a> Science Daily</p> <p><a href="#">Baby and Toddler Math Milestones</a> PBS Parents</p> <p><a href="#">Science Milestones</a> PBS Parents</p> <p><a href="#">Study: Parents Need Help Encouraging Kids' Math Skills</a> Parents.com</p>

	<a href="#">Creative Play with Math</a> PBS Parents
<p><b>03/26 - 04/04 Outdoor Play</b></p> <p>This week, in celebration of Spring Equinox, 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 is also a great way for our little ones to learn about the world. Plus, it's a lot of fun!</p> <p>03/20 Spring Equinox: #SpringEquinox</p> <p>04/01 April Fool's Day #AprilFools</p>	<p><a href="#">Why Play Outdoors?</a> Scholastic</p> <p><a href="#">The Power of Outdoor Play</a> Huffington Post</p> <p><a href="#">7 Simple Springtime Outdoor Activity</a> PBS Parents</p> <p><a href="#">10 Benefits of Physical Activity</a> Parents.com</p> <p><a href="#">How Outdoor Playgrounds Affect Child Development</a> Huffington Post</p> <p><a href="#">Safe Exploring for Toddlers</a> KidsHealth</p> <p><a href="#">Safety on the Playground</a> Healthy Children</p> <p><a href="#">Activities for Kids at Your Local Park</a> PBS Parents</p> <p><a href="#">The Playground Where Babies Learn to Talk</a> The Atlantic</p> <p><a href="#">Outdoor Play</a> Raising Children</p> <p><b>Twitter Only</b></p> <p><a href="#">Researchers Warn Kids Don't Get Enough Outdoor Playtime</a> CBS</p>