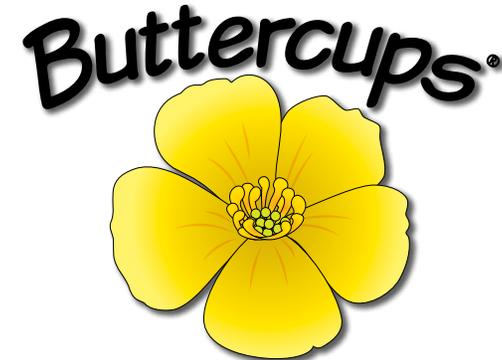


2023–2024 Activity Schedule

Unit	Themes	Colors/Shapes
September/ October 2023	Wonderful Me Where We Live Curious Critters Fairy Tale Friends	Red Orange Circle/Triangle
November/ December 2023	Cooling Down Barnyard Bash Five Super Senses Merry Memories	Brown Green Star
January/ February 2024	Snow Friends Scribbles and Splats Kindness Counts Food Parade	White Pink Heart
March/April 2024	My Toybox Hopping & Hatching Puddle Play Sail Away	Blue Yellow Oval
May/June 2024	Flower Shop Animals All Around Fun in the Sun Summer Safety	Purple Black Square
July/August 2024	Frogs and Friends Beach Vacation Camping Adventure Picnic Pals	Review

An Overview of the 2023–2024 Curriculum Year



Family Guide



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Welcome to FunShine Express!

Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of stimulating activities this year through our professionally designed Buttercups® curriculum program. The Buttercups program is for ages 0–3. Curriculum activities are designed to address established early learning goals and standards throughout the United States.

Benefits for Your Child

Our curriculum:

- Builds enthusiasm for lifelong learning
- Encourages socialization and cooperation
- Promotes hands-on learning
- Nurtures teamwork and respect
- Promotes concentration and patience
- Builds confidence, self-esteem, and autonomy
- Embraces diversity



Benefits for Parents/Caregivers

- Knowledge that your child is participating in a curriculum program aligned with the highest quality standards in early childhood education.
- Built-in family engagement to keep you involved in your child's learning. Each two-month kit includes a Family Newsletter loaded with helpful information. You'll find "Learn with Me!" activities to do with your child at home, information about themes and concepts, vocabulary words, sign language, a book list, a recipe, and songs. Additional materials available online include calendars, blog articles, and music playlists.
- Exceptionally prepared teachers are able to spend more time each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.



What Will My Child Learn?

Each Buttercups curriculum kit covers a two-month time frame—Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, and July/Aug. Each kit includes four themes, with each theme lasting about two weeks. Your child's teacher/child care provider can choose from a variety of activities and materials to promote and enhance growth in the following developmental areas:



Language/Literacy: Children develop skills in both listening and communicating and build a foundation for later reading and writing. Activities include songs, rhymes, fingerplays, reading picture books, and more.



Physical/Health: Activities promote wellness and allow children to grow in using both small and large muscles. Playdough, water play, vigorous outdoor play, healthy snack ideas, and more are offered.



Science/Math/Creative Arts: Children are encouraged to enjoy and explore a variety of art materials, investigate their world, and begin to engage in symbolic thinking. Activities include pretend play, sensory exploration, experimentation, self-expression, and more.



Social/Emotional: Experiences are planned to help children develop relationships with adults and other children, learn more about themselves, recognize and express feelings, and begin to demonstrate self-regulation.



Social Studies: Predictable routines and age-appropriate rules bring order to children's lives. Children will learn about their families, their child care setting, and the local culture and community.



Approaches to Learning: Opportunities to build skills in this area are woven throughout all of the curriculum activities. Such activities focus on building memory and promoting curiosity, persistence, and problem-solving—skills that are critical for lifelong learning!

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