

## 2018-2019 Activity Schedule

Unit	Themes	Colors/Shapes
<b>September/ October 2018</b>	Hello and Goodbye Apples Everywhere Be Safe Wiggly Wonders	Red Orange Circle/Triangle
<b>November/ December 2018</b>	Sleep Tight Getting Together Hats Off to You Gingerbread and Jingle Bells	Brown Green Star
<b>January/ February 2019</b>	Riding Around Sparkles and Shivers In the Mail I Am Healthy	White Pink Heart
<b>March/April 2019</b>	Silly Fun Changing Weather Up and Away Spring Has Sprung	Blue Yellow Oval
<b>May/June 2019</b>	Baby Animals When I'm Big In the Meadow Giddy Up and Go	Purple Black Square
<b>July/August 2019</b>	To Market, To Market Sports Talk Playground Palooza Cookout Lookout	Review

# An Overview of the 2018-2019 Curriculum Year



## Family Guide



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# Welcome to FunShine Express!

**Y**our 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

- Build enthusiasm for life-long learning
- They learn socialization and cooperation
- Learning through experience
- Skills such as teamwork and respect are taught
- Concentration, patience
- Build confidence, self-esteem and autonomy
- Exposure to diversity



## Benefits for Parents/Caregivers

- Knowledge that your child is participating in a curriculum program that is aligned with the highest quality standards in early childhood education.
- You will be involved in your child's learning. Newsletters, calendars, book lists, blog articles and much more keep you informed. Children with involved parents do better in school and show stronger social skills.
- Your child's teacher spends more of each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.



Each two-month kit includes a Family Newsletter loaded with helpful information. You'll find the themes and concepts, vocabulary words, sign language, and songs. You'll also find ideas for simple activities to enjoy with your child, a recipe, and ideas for books to read at home.

## 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 two to three 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, finger plays, 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. They also learn more about families, their own child-care setting, and the local culture and community.

**Approaches to Learning:** Opportunities to build skills in this area are woven throughout all curriculum activities to build memory and promote curiosity, persistence, and problem-solving—skills that are critical for lifelong learning!

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