

Families/Kids: Session Prep

tips & tricks to make this as painless as possible for you!

- It is perfectly okay to bring bribes to a photo shoot. Some cereal, Smarties or other candy that won't stain teeth can help a short photo shoot go by smoothly. You might want to think about what color clothes the kids are wearing so the snacks don't dirty their outfits.
 - Make sure everyone has eaten, washed their faces, and gone to the bathroom before you leave the house.
- Avoid colorful drinks or lollipops within 24 hours of the shoot, and don't let your kids eat or drink anything that will stain their face, teeth or mouths.
- You're welcome to change outfits as many times as you would like within our time frame.
- Please bring props, including your kids' favorite toys. Some ideas include: jump rope, chalk, bubbles, balloons, giant lollipops, costumes, sunglasses, Radio Flyer wagons
 - Parents: We won't do too many of these, but please try to smile for the entire duration of the "posed family photos." It might be tricky to get a smile out of your child at times, so I need you to be ready in that split second your child flashes that fabulous face you want on your wall.
 - If your child is still of napping age, make sure they nap before the shoot.
 - Good news: I am not stressed out by your child's disagreement, sass, tantrum or crying. I will be ready to capture each smile that comes our way, and you
- Please make me aware of any special needs your child might have before the shoot.

Clothing Tips!



Don't match!

The biggest misconception I get for portraits is that everyone in the picture should be matching. This isn't true! Your entire family doesn't walk around the kitchen wearing white shirts and khaki pants, so why should you do that in your pictures?

Mix it up!

Try choosing a color family (for instance, all warm colors such as red, brown, and gold) and then add some variety within that color family. It's okay to mix patterns and fabrics as long as the colors tie everything together.



Keep it simple!

Don't let your clothes distract from the main focus of your portraits - YOU!