

PHOTOGRAPHING CHILDREN

Tips From Marisa Reeves-Inspired by my sisters

1. Plan with the children and never over plan
 - Get the Children Involved
 - Get the Child excited about taking pictures
 - Ask for their opinions
2. Work on their schedule
 - Bad times:
 - Before bedtime
 - Before nap time
 - Before food time
 - During the child's "Cranky Time"
 - Good times:
 - After food time
 - During playtime
 - During food time or nap time
 - When they are in their natural habitat
3. Give them something to do
 - Bring toys
 - Bring dress-up
 - Have them interact with people or animals
 - Encourage interaction in the environment
4. Encourage Imagination
 - Allow dress-up
 - Play pretend
 - Play with them
 - Let them play alone
5. Get down to their level
 - Connect at their level
 - Be an equal with the child
 - See the world through their perspective
6. Let them do what they do
 - Let them play
 - Point out fun/cute things to do
 - Stop over-instructing- Partial candid
 - Work with what they want to work with
7. Make sure they are having fun!
 - Keep them happy!
 - Keep their imaginations alive
 - Don't make having their picture taken a negative experience for them.

