

# SESSION *Success*



*"Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them."*

*-Elliott Erwitt*

## PLEASE REMEMBER:

- ~ a brush or comb
- ~ snacks (please choose something small, clean & easy to eat.)
- ~ any special items you would like **included** in the photo session.



## A FEW SIMPLE TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PORTRAIT SESSION

### SIT BACK *and* RELAX

*During the session please sit back, relax and "let me do my thing". It's often a natural instinct to want to coerce your child into smiling by asking him/her to "say cheese" or by doing something silly. While "cheesy" poses are cute and adorable, I pride myself in capturing those tender natural moments.*

*It tends to work best if parents stay back (so long as you & your child are comfortable) to allow me to work one-on-one.*



*Karen*

owner | portrait photographer

## WHAT TO WEAR

*Tips for selecting outfits for your session*

A common question among clients is what they should wear to their portrait session. Clothing choices are an integral part of the final prints. For that reason I'm outlining a few things to consider when selecting outfits.

### COORDINATE COLORS

Coordinating colors tend to photograph better than outfits that are perfectly matched. Consider selecting a palette of 3-4 coordinating colors and select outfits within the palette for each family member.

### ADD SOME LAYERS

Layering vests, jackets, and scarves is an easy and natural way to give depth and texture to your final images. While it's fun to play with accessories try not to overdo it or they may end up distracting from the subject(s).

### BE TRUE TO YOU

My goal is to capture authentic images of your children and/or your family. Select clothes that reflect your personal style and taste rather than forcing yourselves into something trendy or outside of your comfort zone.



*Being prepared for your session is the best foundation to a great portrait. **Do you want to look great, feel great, and enjoy the session?** the best way to do that is to properly prepare.*

### SPECIAL TREATS

I encourage you **not** to bribe your kid(s) or promise special treats prior to the session. *In my experience children can be so focused on earning a treat that they will want to rush through the session to earn said treat.* With your permission I would like to offer your child the “**special treat**” as we near the end of the session. This usually works wonders for me in capturing additional images we may have otherwise missed, as kids are typically intrigued by a new promise of a reward. I will also have a variety of treats available for after the session (stickers, raisin packs and lollipops). If you would prefer your child not have an edible treat please let me know and I will plan accordingly.

### BREAK TIME

If your child becomes restless at any point during the session please know that it's not uncommon for me to set down my camera and play with your child for a few minutes. This gives your child a break and helps them trust that I have their best interest in mind.