



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!

How does it work?

We photograph every child at school both individually and with their class. We spend a few minutes with each child. Gone are the days of sit, smile, click, next. I do my best to elicit genuine smiles- even if it means wearing a lobster on my head. I give gentle instructions and allow their expressions to emerge while we photograph.

Approximately 2 weeks after photo day you'll receive an email link to your private, password protected gallery. Not one picture but a few options. We even offer a digital package for those parents who like to share their photos online or use them to print holiday cards.

Do you photograph siblings? We love photographing siblings together. Please contact your school before photo day to see if scheduling allows or to arrange to bring in a child that is not a student at the school.

What should my kids wear? I encourage you to let your kids dress themselves for picture day. We think it's great when a little boy wears his favorite tie-dye shirt and puts on a tie to make it 'fancy'. Or when a little girl decides that her polka dot dress looks magical with her striped tights. In our experience, children who have been consulted about their outfits appear more secure in front of the camera. But even more than that, it's all part of the memory. One day you'll look back wistfully at the silly combos and remember that day with an ache in your heart.

What not to wear? Completely contradicting the last paragraph, I suggest avoiding clothing with lettering and/or characters on it. While Mickey Mouse may be your son's favorite thing at the moment, a Mickey shirt will absolutely draw focus from his face and makes for a very distracting photograph.

How about color? I usually suggest staying away from one color: stark white. All other colors are encouraged.

Do you groom the children? No. I ask the teachers to help with simple grooming tasks (i.e. fixing hairdos that have come undone or tucking in shirts. If you want your child's hair combed please send a comb and make sure their teacher knows what you want. You can feel free to send a note with any special requests (i.e. glasses off etc) and we'll do our best to accommodate.

Can you photoshop out the stain on my child's shirt (etc.)? Try as we might, there are just some stains that won't stay in place or spots on shirts that can't be hidden by cropping. While

we do edit every photo for proper exposure and color before we upload it to your gallery, we

just can't retouch each photo for details like those. However, we do offer a retouching option in your gallery where you may request specific edits for a nominal fee. Edits you may request might include: Johnny's nose is red from his allergies, can you reduce that?

How many photos should I expect in my gallery? That depends. We do our best to photograph each child in multiple poses to give you as many options as possible. Some children are hesitant and in those cases we focus on making sure we get at least one relaxed expression. We continue with multiple poses only when the children are responding positively. With younger children you should expect fewer poses as we tend to keep them in one spot and aim for multiple expressions. Older children are typically more receptive to attempting different poses. Please know that we have your child's best interest in mind at all times.

Anything else? Please contact me at: saralepage22@gmail.com with any other questions. Looking forward to working with your sweet children!

Sincerely,
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