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### Premium Pictures In 5 Easy Steps

At FairyDust Faces we have been to so many parties and the one common factor is pictures of all the little face painted cuties. We take them and parents snap shots of them too. We have found these 5 simple things to be the most helpful when taking pictures of children.

1. **Get close.** One of the biggest mistakes amateur photographers make is to take a picture from too far away. Any subject looks much more dramatic when it fills the picture. **Get Close, Real Close.** Get in there and make their face fill your entire view finder. You can show that beautiful little mug in all its glory by using your zoom feature or just getting really, really close. Faces reflect our feelings and personality. You'll be surprised at how this simple trick makes your pictures much more interesting and full of personality.
2. **Get Down on Their Level.** We look at children from above all day long. One way to take an inspired picture of a child is to take a picture from a different perspective than we are used to viewing them. Bend your knees and get down to their level. You will really notice the results!
3. **Go for candid.** Nothing ruins a picture faster than a parent saying, "Say Cheese!" When you say these magic words, people paste on their most artificial picture-taking smile. Also wait until your cherub is out of the face painting chair if you want your little one to look their best.
4. **Be Aware of the Background.** Often when we have our camera in front of our face, we are focusing on what cute thing our little one is doing. We sometimes forget about what is behind them and how it is going to look in a picture. If we don't pay attention to the background we will end up with photos of things that can detract from the beauty of our children.
5. **Photographers Rule of thirds.** Most people center the subject in the picture, but centered pictures are the least interesting pictures visually. Professional photographers use the "rule of thirds" as a guide when composing pictures. Divide the image mentally into thirds, both vertically and horizontally. Put the most important parts of your pictures, such as faces, at the intersections of these mental lines.

And a couple of bonus tips:

Bonus Tip 1 The best way to make sure you get good pictures of your tykes birthday is to take a lot of them! Even professional photographers often take the same picture more than once, often with different lighting or other changes, to make sure that they get a good one.

Bonus Tip 2 Go for novelty, for the very young hand them a prop or put them in a bucket, basket or other container. The novelty of it will keep them occupied for a few seconds and you can get some fun shots without them running away.

Also try an unusual angle. Try shooting from below, or from way above. Try turning your camera a little and tipping it forward. Try laying on the ground!

Above all don't forget to have fun, make picture taking something fun and perhaps silly so kids will want to do it – not run and hide! They will only be this age once and you want to both enjoy the moment and preserve some for years to come!

FairyDust Faces works with parents and organizers to provide special celebration memories. Our staff is flexible and responsive to your needs and we'll do anything we can to help you make your event a smashing success.

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