Potty Training Can Be Fun And Engaging For Both Parent And Child

(NAPSA)—Teething to the teen years, there are many challenges parents face when raising a child, but moms and dads can easily turn stress into smiles with one simple thing—a sense of humor. Potty training is one such milestone that takes patience and commitment, but a little creativity can help make the process fun and memorable for both you and your child.

Congratulations! You’ve decided it’s time to teach your little one how to use the potty and the proper way to clean up in the bathroom. A natural first step is to talk with your child about the rewards of going on the potty: becoming a big boy or girl, no more diaper changing and diaper rash. Using toys and props can also make children feel more at ease, like the Real Loving Baby Gotta Go doll from Mattel, especially created to make potty training fun and engaging for both parents and children.

In fact, Little Mommy brand’s parenting pros have offered many other tips on how to prepare for potty training in a way that’s fun, memorable and, most importantly, successful.

Sing Their Praises

• Talk about the potty during the potty-training process, remember to encourage your child along the way with positive feedback.
• Get your children as excited as a bug or as elaborate as a special trip to the park or a purchase of a favorite toy.
• Make sure your children always know how proud you are of them and they will be excited and eager to receive another piece of praise from mom or daddy.

Celebrate The Big And Little Milestones!

• Major accomplishments are fantastic, but don’t forget to celebrate the little steps your children take to reach their potty-training goal.
• Whether it’s knowing when it’s time to go potty or flushing the toilet and washing their hands, take time to celebrate every milestone with your children.

Practice With Potty Props

• Make the experience fun and engaging for your child by using a doll or action figure to demonstrate and play out the potty and cleanup process together. Just like a real toddler, the Little Mommy Real Loving Baby Gotta Go doll has realistic, nurturing play elements and uses both “No. 1” and “No. 2” on her very own small potty (with no mess, of course). The doll can flush, knows to wash her hands and includes a complete bathroom area where girls can help their doll learn to go potty and clean up afterward, teaching about proper hygiene in an engaging way.

Commit To The Program With A Sense Of Humor

• Know that potty training is an important commitment but don’t treat it as a serious or somber task. Be light-hearted and remember that children have “potty humor” and often laugh at potty moments. For example, the Real Loving Baby Gotta Go doll says funny phrases like “Bye-bye, poo poo” and sings songs that will make your child giggle.
• Refrain from associating potty time with negative words like “gross” or “dirty” so your child does not feel ashamed. Speak matter-of-factly, and use words that make your child feel comfortable, like “pee-pee” or “poopy.”
• No matter what stage of life your child may be in, look for ways to turn a “lesson” into “laughter” and your child will have fun and learn faster, making your life a whole lot easier!

Find Favorite Products

(NAPSA)—Stocking medicine cabinets with your favorite just got easier. Now you can order your favorite old or new medical or personal items, or “the only thing that works,” at an online store that specializes in customer service by phone or e-mail. Get it faster:

1. Mark your calendar so you know when to order the products you need, whether it’s on a monthly, quarterly or seasonal basis, such as sunscreen for summer and skin lotion for winter.

2. The online store stocks thousands of brands, and with “My Product List” you can track the products you buy for easy reorder.

In addition to your favorite old or new medical or personal item, or “the only thing that works,” at an online store that specializes in customer service by phone or e-mail it. The customer service people can help you find out what they have for your needs or find a new product. If you’ve never heard of what your mother or child asked for, they will help figure it out.

3. Save packing time and send products. A business traveler, a parent sending a summer camp, your weekend cabin, or your parents’ home across the country.

• Keep tires properly inflated.
• Buy or rent a fuel-efficient car.
• Carpool to work or play and perhaps expand your social networks as you while away the miles.
• Think ahead and combine one-errand trips into one efficient, multi-stop errand to reduce unnecessary car use.

Vehicle expense books from Dome can help. The Dome Auto Mileage Log contains a record of miles, parking and tolls. It has a detachable year-end summary for a tax adviser and is good for one full year.

Other mileage log books include the Deluxe Auto Mileage Log and the Deluxe Vehicle Expense Record, which tracks repairs, maintenance, insurance, and tire usage.

The Travel and Entertainment Record has pockets for receipts.

For more information, visit www.domeproducts.com.

Pony Flower Description

Pansy flowers are so called from the French pensée, meaning “thought.”

Help bring the style of a specialty boutique hotel to life in residential bedrooms, baths, libraries and dining rooms. Plus, they offer the added benefits of longevity and easy-to-clean.

New types of ceramic tiles from Spain are bridging the gap between hotel chic and at-home style.

In a survey, 42 percent of women face the “do disfavor as ‘helmet hair.’” Today, women are confused about which product to use for what styling purpose.

Fortunately, with today’s styling products, it’s possible to kick helmet hair to the curb. For example, one new line, which includes a shampoo and conditioning styling cream and hair spray, is designed to give women the strong hold they need, with the touchable softness they crave.

Celebrity stylist Sarah Potempa is a huge fan of this new line of hair products.

Helmet Hair: Fighting Back Against Crunchy, Stiff Locks

(NAPSA)—According to a recent survey, 42 percent of women face the “do disaster known as ‘helmet hair.’” This season, women can get beautiful, soft waves. Attract, visit www.touchablesoft.com. While you’re there, you can check out Aussie’s “End Helmet Hair” makeover contest, which you can enter to win an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City and a style makeover with Potempa. Reach a goal.

Can’t find that product that’s been in the family for generations? A new online store can help.

• Make sure your children always know how proud you are of them and they will be excited and eager to receive another piece of praise from mom or daddy.

Lightly mist a flat, boar-bristle hairbrush with the hair spray and then brush the hair back for a perfect, smooth ponytail.

For a casual, beachy look, apply a small amount of styling mousse to damp hair. Then take large sections of hair and scrunch upwards. Allow to air-dry and watch your hair transform into beautiful, soft waves.

Celebrity stylist Sarah Potempa recommends a new line of styling products that “capture a modern approach to style, which combines strong hold and run-your-fingers-through-it softness.”