

## **Tips & Tricks from David Martinez Photography.**

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# Kid's Portraits

## What to Expect

Though there will be some posed shots, I'll also ask the kids to do natural things in which they interact with each other, even play together. If the kids have one or two favorite things (stuffed animals, kites etc.) feel free to bring them.

## Location

Select an outdoor location close to your residence (a local park/playground works great). Let me know which location you selected, so I can check out the location prior to the shoot for the best opportunities. On the day of the shoot we can meet at the designated location. (Simple/Natural locations are best). If you need help in this area let me know and I can help scout a spot for you.

## Time

The best light for outdoor portraits in the morning (9-10) or in the evening (5-6). The worst time to shoot is noon time, unless the whole shoot is done in open shade. Later in the day is preferred to avoid wet grass or playgrounds. Mornings are good as long as the area is dry.

## Don'ts

Don't let the kids wear "busy" clothes if you can help it. Big logos and graphics will become distracting focal points. Don't try out new looks for the kids. You know what works, stick to it!

## Do's

Do coordinate clothing. Ask the kids to wear simple solids. Denim tends to look amazing in photographs (jeans always work). Shirts with no graphics that are simple are best. Optional: sometimes matching shirts to their eye color works very well.

Do make sure the kids are fed before the shoot. Happy kids equal happy photos.

Make sure the kids are well rested.