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## Giving Tooth Decay the Brush Off

Ready for  
Sleepaway  
Camp?

When I  
Stopped  
**YELLING!**

What's Normal?  
Whats Not?  
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Sorting Out Your  
Preschooler's Behavior

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Camp  
Guide



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Advice and Reviews for  
Parents of Young Children

By Maria Gildea Selwood

## Mommy Must Haves



### Purple Alex Collection

The Purple Alex Collection has perfect hats for the transition from winter to spring. The bucket-style hats come in great designs for girls and boys alike, and sizes range from newborn on up. Keep little heads warm and protect little faces from the sun for \$35 (for hats without the neck strap). To purchase, visit [purplealex.com](http://purplealex.com).

### Nerf Weather Blitz

Your little quarterback will love the Nerf Weather Blitz football. The enhanced grip makes it easy to throw, and the ball is just the right size for catching. The Weather Blitz also lives up to its name with its special weather resistant surface. Score a touchdown with the Nerf Weather Blitz football for only \$10.99! To purchase, visit [hasbrotoyshop.com](http://hasbrotoyshop.com).



### Fisher-Price Splatster

The Splatster easily connects to your TV for virtual drawing! Your children can create masterpieces with a wireless brush and their choice of eight themed studios. Themed studios come with art brushes, stencils, stampers, fun backgrounds and more! Easy-pick menus let kids choose colors, tools, games and activities all by themselves, and they can even print and save what they make. Your Little Picasso can enjoy this new-age art experience for \$55. To purchase, visit [fisher-price.com](http://fisher-price.com).



## Cute Baby of the Month

**Name:** Noah  
**Date of Birth:** April 22, 2009  
**Favorite Pastimes:** Looking at the bears hanging on his crib mobile and listening to mommy read board books



*If you would like your baby or toddler (ages 2 and under, please) featured in Tot Tips, e-mail a photo and important stats to [contactus@washingtonparent.net](mailto:contactus@washingtonparent.net).*

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## Time Out for Mom

*Neunmaldrei*, German for nine times three, is three-piece suiting for your nine months of pregnancy. The skirt, top and pants, which arrive in a lovely reusable souvenir box, are designed to grow with you. Each piece is sophisticated and intended to flatter. The comfortable, machine-washable fabric is a cotton/stretch blend and comes in basic black, making it easy to mix in your own pieces. The kit is sold for \$370, but pieces may also be bought separately. To purchase, visit [ninetimesthree.com](http://ninetimesthree.com).

