

Parent Talk

Katy parents share tips on common topics we all face

Q: What is a must-have on my baby registry?

"The Little Tummies, Little Nose medicines and Boudreaux's Butt Paste." - Sharon Spurrier

"Cloth diapers. Even if you don't use them for diapering, they are perfect as burp rags." - Angie Waller

"A NoseFrida the Snotsucker is a must!" - Kimberly Williams

"Wipe warmer. Babies don't like cold wipes on their butt." - Susie Key

"A swing! It is such a lifesaver." - Krystal Roberson

"Baby nail clippers, receiving blankets, onesies, wash cloths, burp rags, and a thermometer." - Elizabeth Young

Q: How do I get my children to help with the family pets?

"My 4-year-old is in charge of feeding our dog and giving her water after she has her breakfast. She does it every morning and loves it. My 3-year-old is in charge of giving our dog treats after our walks." - Monika Reynoso

"Our 9-year-old helps keep the water bowl filled, while our 7-year-old loves giving the dogs treats and brushing them. Occasionally, if one of the dogs has an accident in the house, they will clean it to try to earn bonus stars on their chore list!" - Liz Grote

"Our sons, Brady and Timothy, take turns giving our English bulldog, Donut, a bath once a month." - Timothy Lancaster

"Our 7-year-old picks up all the dog toys at the end of each day and is also our super bath helper. Unofficially, she is also an awesome poop spotter when it's time to clean the yard." - Anthony Rivera

Q: What is your best potty training tip?

"No rush. They will do it when they are ready. I don't know anyone who still wears a diaper as an adult - unless there's a medical condition." - Lourdes Rodriguez

"Every child is different. Sometimes it's not just about being ready. Some children want to be in control, including when they use the potty. Just don't make them too frustrated, or you either. It will happen." - Merrye Gratzer

"Quit cold turkey - only underwear. My daughter did not like to get those wet." - Amanda Lapham

"I put 'big boy underwear' on my son while we were home." - Kim Estrada York

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