

Merideth Holiday Photography – Cake Smash Preparation!

I am so glad you have chosen Merideth Holiday Photography for your baby's one-year portrait session! Here are some things I recommend bringing with you to the session:

- A change of clothes for baby
- A towel and/or baby wipes
- Water in a sippy cup
- Snacks that you KNOW your baby loves (puffs, cheerios, ect) in case we need to use them for bribes. Some babies don't like the taste or texture of the cake so we can put puffs on the back-end so it looks like they are eating the cake.
- Any songs or stuffed animals that baby likes to get them smiling.

Please make sure your baby is well rested before the session. Cranky babies do not photograph well, and any make-up sessions requested due to baby's temperament will incur their own retainer and booking fee. During the session, it is **very important** for only one person to try get the baby's attention at a time. In the many years that I have been doing portraits of young children, 99% of the time they become easily overwhelmed when everyone present is making noises, calling their name, or rattling toys to get their attention. My goal is to obtain beautiful images of your child with their eyes focused on my camera for the non-candid images, but this goal is only achievable with everyone's cooperation! It is also very important for us to keep the session device free! Once a child is given a phone or iPad to get them smiling, it is utterly impossible to take it away without tears. Any electronic devices given to the child during the session, against this advice, will not be edited out of the images.

Please, please, please only bring the people who will be photographed, with the exception of one friend or family member who can stay to help the parent(s) if needed. The studio space is small with very limited seating. The studio does not have room for additional small children to play or be loud. There is another business in the same location whom we must respect as well, therefore children running and yelling in the hallways is not allowed. If you are bringing any other small children to be included in the photos, I recommend we begin with them so that another family member or friend can take them home after their part in the photos is completed.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Call or Text will be quicker than email for me so here is my number: 512-966-2159

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