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SERVICES, INC.**

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CACFP Newsy Notes

Christmas Place Mats:

- Scrap material you sew together to the size of a place mat
- Permanent magic markers
- Fabric Paint
- Fabric Glue
- Scissors
- Christmas shapes
- Glitter, sequins, etc.
- Kid's imagination

Children can make holiday place mats easily. Use sturdy scrap material sewn double, preferably a solid color. Provide each child with the materials above and let them go to it.

You will be surprised at how creative they can be!

"With time and patience, the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown".

Chinese Proverb

CACFP UPDATES:

Enrollment Forms:

Remember.. You must have a current child enrollment form in order to claim children for food reimbursement. All children who have been in care prior to August, 2006 must have an updated enrollment form.

Calendar Keeper:

Calendar Keepers for 2007 are here! Call your coordinator to order yours. If we deliver, the cost is \$12.00. If we mail, the cost is \$16.00. Supply is limited so order now!

Recordkeeping:

It is mandatory that menus be current and up-to-date. When your coordinator conducts a drop-in visit and is not able to review completed menus, you will be disallowed accordingly. Let's start the new year by making sure that this requirement is met. It makes both our jobs a lot easier!



Star of David

Napkin Holders:

- Six mini craft sticks for each napkin holder
- Blue and silver paint
- Tacky Glue

Paint craft sticks silver. Let dry. Glue three of the craft sticks into a triangle. Repeat with the other three craft sticks. Glue one triangle upside down on top of the other to make the Star of David. Paint on some blue designs.



All of us at CCDS wish you a great holiday season!!

HOLIDAY HAZARDS TO CHIDREN, PETS AND YOU!

From chestnuts roasting on an open fire to Jack Frost nipping at your nose, the holiday season is rapidly approaching. Children are laughing, people are passing meeting smile after smile, and on every street corner you hear.. You probably know the rest of the song, whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Kwaanza or any other event. But along with the same songs repeated 38,000 times over and the warm fuzzies that the holidays bring comes a host of unique holiday hazards you and your family must be aware of, and six very wise steps to avoid them:

Make your Christmas Tree a Pleasure, Not a Danger: Christmas trees cause an average of 400 fires a year, 80 deaths, 10 injuries and \$15 million in property damage. Make sure you keep your tree fresh, trim low branches do they don't poke small children in the eye, never put real candles on your tree, avoid breakable ornaments, make sure your tree has plenty of water.

Keep Kids and Pets Away from Common Holiday Toxins: Toxins include Mistletoe, Holly Berries, Jerusalem Cherry Plant, Artificial Snow Spray, Fire Salts and Color Sprays.

Be Merry but Wise with your Fireplace: If you have a fireplace, it is nice to lounge in front of it to chat, open gifts, watch the snow fall outside or fall asleep. But this peaceful scene can come to a crashing halt if you aren't smart. Have your chimney inspected once per year, hang the stockings well above the fireplace and its flames, do not throw leftover wrapping paper into the fireplace, make sure your room is well ventilated before starting a fire and never dispose of wreaths or evergreens in the fireplace.

Candles Add Beautiful Ambience to the Holidays, but be Cautious with Them:

Although candles can bring a cozy and romantic atmosphere to any holiday setting, there are many hazards that may occur if candles are not properly handled. Do not place candles near flammable items such as trees, boughs and curtains and never leave your home or go to bed if candles are still lit.

Enjoy Holiday Bashes but Avoid Party Crashes: The holiday season is an excellent excuse to have a little fun and perhaps go a little overboard on all the delicious holiday foods. Just make sure that during and after the feasting and fun, you are wary of potential hazards and use caution!

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to know which classes you would like to see included on the schedule. We

As we plan our upcoming continuing education training calendar, we would like to know which classes you would like to see included in the future. We will schedule workshops based on your responses. Call the training line at 503.489.2599 and let us know which topic's you would like to see offered. Don't forget to check out our new Self-Studies!