



Happy Holidays!

It is hard to believe that once again we are finishing up another year. The time has absolutely flown by!

As usual, the children are all excited over the wonderful celebrations coming up and it will be quite a chore to fit everything in before we take a winter break. I am now sending this newsletter out to thousands and so many of you have been kind enough to share your thoughts and experiences with me.

Please know that this is a labor of love and I only provide it because of those of you care enough to give me a bit of feedback and let me know what is working! May each of you have a wonderful holiday season sharing time with your family and friends and making memories with those you love!

Here is a BRAND NEW cute idea that just popped right into my head when I saw a toothbrush at the dollar store with a SANTA on the end and his name written too! You could also just buy a red tooth brush and put a festive bow around the end. I share the fact that even Santa has to remember to brush his teeth before he goes to bed:

WILL DEAR OLD SANTA
BRUSH HIS TEETH
BEFORE HE GOES TO BED?
HE'S EATEN LOTS OF COOKIES
WITH THEIR SPRINKLES
GREEN AND RED!
I'M SURE THAT HE IS VERY TIRED
FROM SUCH A BUSY NIGHT
BUT HE'LL BRUSH HIS TEETH...
BEFORE HE GOES TO SLEEP...
TO KEEP THEM
HEALTHY AND WHITE!



A REINDEER NAMED
RUDOLPH
(HOLD FINGERS UP LIKE
ANTLERS)
HAD A NOSE THAT WAS RED!
(POINT TO NOSE)
HE USED IT TO LIGHT UP THE
SKY OVERHEAD!
(PALMS WAVING OVERHEAD)
HIS JOB WAS IMPORTANT!
(NOD YOUR HEAD)
I AM SURE YOU'LL AGREE!
(POINT TO YOUR FRIENDS)
FOR WITHOUT RUDOLPH'S
NOSE...
SANTA COULD NOT SEE!
(HANDS COVER EYES)



I HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENT...IT'S
REALLY VERY SMALL
BUT INSIDE THERE'S A GREAT
BIG WISH...THAT'S MEANT FOR
ONE AND ALL!
IF YOU LISTEN VERY
CAREFULLY...YOU WILL HEAR A
LITTLE SQUEEK...
SHOULD WE OPEN UP THE
PRESENT AND TAKE A LITTLE
PEAK?

SING: WE WISH YOU A MERRY



CHRISTMAS

***Use the Little Box Puppet with
the mice tucked inside from
MS CREATIONS...

It is a tiny red box with 3 darling
mice inside...call
888-352-8367 to order NOW

A FUN HOLIDAY GAME that is
great for visual discrimination:

Bring in a large tray and put the
following items on the tray...
Scissors, bows, candle, Christmas
Card, ribbon, cookie cutter, bell,
small stocking, angel, Santa etc.
Talk about each item and ask the
children various questions.
Have the children cover their eyes
and remove an object. They will
open their eyes and try to guess
which item is gone. When playing
this with 2 year olds...place only 3-4
items and work your way up to 10 -
12 for 6 year olds. Whoever
guesses correctly gets the next
turn! You may also play this with
other objects such as foods,
animals, crayons etc.

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I hope everyone can ring in the New Year with lots of friends! I know that each year means more wonderful folks I get a chance to meet! Here is a VERY successful friend song that is always lots of fun and reminds me of TWISTER!

PUT YOUR HAND ON THE SHOULDER OF YOUR FRIEND!

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WHEN YOUR HAND IS ON YOUR FRIEND...HE IS VERY, VERY NEAR...

PUT YOUR HAND ON THE SHOULDER OF YOUR FRIEND!

PUT YOUR HAND ON THE FOREHEAD OF YOUR FRIEND!

PUT YOUR HAND ON THE FOREHEAD OF YOUR FRIEND!

WHEN YOUR HAND IS ON YOUR FRIEND...SHE IS VERY, VERY NEAR....

PUT YOUR HAND ON THE FOREHEAD OF YOUR FRIEND!

ADD...ELBOW, EAR, TUMMY KNEES...ETC

Tune: 'If you're happy and you know it'

WHEN THE WINTER COMES
THE COLD WIND BLOWS
(MAKE A WIND)
WE CAN BUILD A SNOWMAN
IF IT SNOWS
(WIGGLE FINGERS FOR SNOW)
STACK THE BALLS UP GENTLY
ONE, TWO, THREE
(STACK)
GIVE HIM EYES SO HE CAN SEE
TIE A SCARF AROUND HIS NECK
THAT'S RED
(MMIC TYING)
PUT A FUZZY WARM HAT ON HIS
HEAD!
(SET HAT ON HEAD)
IF THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE
COMES OUT TODAY...
(MAKE A SUN)
OUR SNOWMAN WILL QUICKLY
MELT AWAY.
(MELT TO GROUND)



A FUN SNOWMAN GAME:
Find a large box and cover it with blue paper. Draw three balls on white construction paper and glue these to the front of the box. Make a snowman hat, scarf, buttons stick arms etc. Cut a hole in the snowman's tummy. Take some marshmallows and squish them together like a snow ball (this is for us southerners....ha ha ha) Cover the entire ball with Saran Wrap for a pretend snowball. The children try to toss the snowball into the snowman's tummy. Replace snowball as needed...you will need to!

WHEN I HOP
MY SHADOW HOPS
(hop)

WHEN I WAVE
MY SHADOW WAVES
(wave)

WHEN I BEND
MY SHADOW BENDS!
(bend)

ON A SUNNY DAY MY SHADOW IS MY FRIEND!
(hug yourself)



I hope each of you have a wonderful year ahead of you. Even when we have a cloudy day...the sunny faces of our precious children can MAKE IT BRIGHT!

REMEMBER....

YOUR ATTITUDE AFFECTS YOUR ALTITUDE!
But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today ...
Hebrews 3:13

I AM SCHEDULING MAKE AND TAKE BACK TO SCHOOL 2005 STAFF DEVELOPMENT NOW!
CALL FOR DATES... affordable fun for everyone!
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