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DONUTS, MAC AND CHEESE, PIZZA AND ICE CREAM...

The most fascinating responses were:

A 3 YEAR OLD...

Who whispered very closely to my face:

PASTA!

A KINDERGARTENER:

I like spinach salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing

A 2 YEAR OLD...

I like **VEGETABLES!**

It is interesting to hear the different levels of vocabulary and know this correlates to what they hear at home and from their peers. I am urging you to ask the parents to take time to discuss the foods that are shared at the dinner table...talk about

TEXTURE:

Bumpy, smooth, creamy, chunky crunchy, moist, dry

PRESENTATION:

Sliced, diced, chopped, mashed, whole, half, cored, peeled

TEMPERATURE:

Hot, cold, room temperature, frozen, baked

Now, see where these foods would fit into the above categories:

- POTATOES
- CARROTS
- SANDWICH
- PIZZA
- ICE CREAM



Many of you will be eating delicious foods over the holidays and this would be a perfect time to enhance vocabularies...perhaps some ethnic foods have vivid

descriptions or customs that can be shared too!

Remember...strong language skills make strong readers...so start talking!

As you may have guessed, part of the joy of my job is to meet wonderful people who share neat things with me!

With the cold months ahead, I thought you might enjoy this easy soup recipe I learned from Carol Idol who was a gracious host to me while I was speaking in Knoxville, TN. She also sent me a few other recipes and if you want them, drop me an e-mail!

The best part is to put a turkey roasting bag or now they have the crock pot bags inside your crock pot...no mess and it will be ready to eat when you are!



- 1 block of Velveeta 1 lb. cut in cubes
 - > 1 can of Mexicali corn
 - > 1 can of black beans (both drained)
 - > 1 can of Rotel tomatoes
 - > 1 cup of milk
 - > cilantro
- Garnish with crushed tortilla chips.

SOS...I have thousands on my e-mail and NEED a quick...YES I GOT IT

When you receive this letter in order for you to remain on the list! Please e-mail me right away so you do not get dropped! Any comments are wonderful too!

Once again, this month is slipping away as there are so many wonderful things to do! September through November passed with a BLUR as I was in and out of hotels and airports sharing with conferences across the country. It is so much fun to meet each of you and especially to hear your funny children's stories! I really enjoyed seeing the **NEW FACILITY at GENERATIONS OF LEARNING IN ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO!** The rest of you will be envious to know that they have their own pet menagerie, garden (including **HUGE** sunflowers, squash and watermelons) but most interesting was the new building that will house rotating intern pediatricians who will take turns observing children while they are in the classroom...what a wonderful concept!

This way, they will experience the social and emotional growth of children along with expanding their expertise in the physical realm. This will be a fascinating experiment and I look forward to hearing how things develop!



Briefly, I want to continue to urge the parents of your children to **KEEP TALKING TO THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!** My November topic was **FOOD FABULOUS FOOD** and I typically ask each child to tell me their favorite food as they leave the room. While I had dozens of children tell me how much they liked



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I HEAR SLEIGHBELLS RINGING...
(ring bells)

**COULD IT BE THAT SANTA'S
HERE?**
(show a Santa)

**IS HE IN HIS SLEIGH WITH LOTS
OF TOYS
AND ALL OF HIS REINDEER?**
(show a sleigh)

**OH WILL HE STOP AT MY
HOUSE?**
(show a house)

MY DADDY SAID HE WOULD!
(show a Daddy)

**IF I CLOSE MY EYES AND GO TO
SLEEP...
SINCE I'VE BEEN VERY GOOD!**
(show a child sleeping)

FABULOUS FINGERPLAYS
1999



Great for cause and effect!

**I HAVE ROOM FOR A FEW LATE
SUMMER MAKE AND TAKE
WORKSHOPS THAT WOULD BE A
GREAT WAY TO START OFF YOUR
FALL YEAR...IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN HOSTING ONE AT
YOUR SCHOOL OR KNOW SOMEONE
IN YOUR DISTRICT WHO MIGHT
WANT TO INVITE ME...GET IN
TOUCH NOW!!!
SPACE IS VERY LIMITED!!!**



**THIS IS THE WAY WE BUILD A
SNOWMAN,,,
BUILD A SNOWMAN,,,
BUILD A SNOWMAN...
THIS IS THE WAY WE BUILD A
SNOWMAN...
ON A COLD JANUARY DAY!
FIRST WE ZIP OUR JACKET UP...
OUR JACKET UP...
OUR JACKET UP...
FIRST WE ZIP OUR JACKET UP...
ON A COLD JANUARY DAY!
NEXT WE PUT
A HAT ON OUR HEAD...
A HAT ON OUR HEAD...
A HAT ON OUR HEAD!
NEXT, WE PUT
A HEAT ON OUR HEAD...
ON A COLD JANUARY DAY!
THEN WE PUT OUR MITTENS ON...
OUR MITTENS ON...
OUR MITTENS ON...
THEN WE PUT OUR MITTENS ON...
ON A COLD JANUARY DAY!
(YOU CAN ADD SCARF.
BOOTS ETC)
NOW WE ROLL
THREE GREAT BIG BALLS...
THREE GREAT BIG BALLS...
THREE GREAT BIG BALLS...
AND STACK THEM UP SO TALL!
PUT SOME BUTTONS
FOR THE EYES...FOR THE EYES...
FOR THE EYES...
PUT SOME BUTTONS
FOR THE EYES...
AND A CARROT FOR HIS NOSE!
NOW WE HAVE
A BRAND NEW FRIEND
A BRAND NEW FRIEND
SO SMILE AND SAY HELLO!**

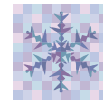
**(HERE WE GO 'ROUND THE MULBERRY
BUSH)**

Great for sequencing skills!

**Here is an easy game that I made up a
long time ago...
you play it similar to
DUCK DUCK GOOSE**

**Cut out a paper snowflake
Sit your group
on the floor in the circle
One person holds the snowflake and
walks around the outside of the circle
with the snowflake while everyone is
chanting and then drops it behind one
other person at the end of this
chat...the person picks up the
snowflake and tries to tag the other
person with it before he/she make it
back to the original spot:**

**SOFTLY, SOFTLY FALLS
THE SNOW...
FROM THE SKY
IT COMES
I KNOW...
COVERING ME WITH
CRYSTALS BRIGHT...
CHANGING EVERYTHING
TO WHITE!**



Skill: predictability

**In closing, I want to wish
each of you a VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS and
all the best in the NEW
YEAR! Is it just me or
does it seem like yesterday
we were on edge of a
possible CRASH when we
moved into 2000 and here
we are headed in 2006!**

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