



# KID'S TRIBUNE

December 2008

Bright Beginnings  
Child Development  
Center

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Parents,  
We thank you so much for your support of our school Picture Taking Project, the Cookie Dough Sales, our International Festival, and our Food Drive during the month of November. The families who received the food were most appreciative. We used the funds generated from the pictures and cookie sales to help with the upgrade of our playground. Again we thank you for your support.

Our following special feature article this month comes from Wake County Smart Start entitled "Tips for Toy Safety during the Holidays"

With the holidays right around the corner, this is a perfect time to think about toy safety, and coincidentally, December is National Safe Toy and Gifts Month. Perhaps two of the most important rules for safe toy giving are 1) be mindful of age guidelines

and 2) select toys suited for the child.

It may surprise many of you to know that each year in United States, hundreds of thousands of children are injured by toys that were thought to be safe. Often adults select toys that appeal to them rather than choosing an appropriate toy for the child.

In anticipation of the upcoming holidays, Wake County Smart Start offers the following tips when buying toys for children.

- Read the label. Warning labels give important information about how to use a toy and for which ages the toys is appropriate. Be sure to show your child how to use the toy right away.
- Make sure strings, straps and cords on toys are shorter than seven inches. Anything longer poses a

## DAYS CENTER ISCLOSED IN 2009

- January 1-2  
New Year's Day
- January 19  
Martin Luther King's Day
- March 6  
Teacher Workday
- April 10  
Good Friday
- April 13  
Easter Monday
- May 25  
Memorial Day
- July 3  
Fourth of July
- September 7  
Labor Day
- October 2  
Early Childhood Conference
- November 11  
Teacher Workday
- November 26 & 27  
Thanksgiving
- December 24-Jan. 1  
Winter Break

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### EVENTS

December 13th Our  
Holiday Gift to You

December 23rd - Children's  
Holiday Party  
3:00pm

December 24 -26  
School Closed for the  
Holidays.

December 31-January  
2 Closed for New Year

### PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE IN CUBBIES, PLEASE KEEP PILLOWS AND LARGE BLANKETS AT HOME.**

**MANY COATS AND JACKETS LOOK ALIKE, PLEASE LABEL WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME SO THAT THE CORRECT ITEM GOES HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.**

## News From Our Classes

### From The Infant Room

We hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to the Christmas Holidays.

Activities for our infants are individualized and this month we are working with toys that make noises. The children are amazed at the different sounds and eagerly try to determine what has made them.

We thank you for your support and especially for the privilege of caring for your little ones.

Infant Teacher  
Ms Ruby

### From The Toddler I Class

Thank you for your attendance at our Thanksgiving Feast. We all enjoyed having you with us. It is hard to believe November has gone and we are now celebrating the last month of the year 2004. We want to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. The theme for this month is "Friends". We will start this first week by talking about our Friends at Bright Beginnings. We invite you to extend our theme at home by getting children pictures from magazines and cutting them into 3 or 4 pieces and making puzzles.

This can be an opportunity to have fun with your child as you put the puzzles together.

We thank you for your support.  
Ms. Juliet and Ms. Aparna

### From Toddler II

We welcome Pier and Aaliyah

to our class. We will be during several crafty projects for the Holidays. And we will be doing a neat food experience. Ms. Ozella is still trying to remember the names and faces of our wonderful students. We thank you for being so helpful.

During the month of December we will be learning about Pets, toys, Community Helpers and the Holidays.

We thank you parents for sharing your children with us. We love working with them.

Ms. Tonya and Ms. Ozella  
From Preschool I

Believe it or not the Holidays are approaching quickly and the New Year will soon be here. But during the month of December we have many exciting themes and events planned; such as Pajama Day, Movie Day and Teddy Bear Day, as well as our school wide Gift To Parents Day on December 11th.

Just a small reminder, a big focus in Preschool I Classroom is Potty Training. Working as a team, this process can be successful and not too traumatic to our children. If you have questions, please see one of us. Ms. Mona & Ms Pam

### From Preschool II

The year is almost over and it is hard to believe it. We thank you for all the support given to us.

This month, we will be learning about Pets, Friends and Christmas Holidays. We will be

be making many festive things for these special days. Skills we will work on this month are; matching numerals to appropriate sets, recognizing numerals and letters. Our special letters this month are P, T, and H. We will be reading great stories related to our themes. Thank you for your support and help.

Ms. Jothi and Ms. Ruth

### From Kinder Prep I

We would like to welcome Rhea to our class. We are happy to have her join us.

We are anticipating a fun time during this festive month as we follow the school-wide themes for December.

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. We hope you have a safe, and prosperous Holiday. Ms. Joan & Ms Carol

### FROM KINDER PREP II

How fast time flies! It's hard to believe the end of the year is almost here. We have some fun activities planned for the month. We will begin the month by talking about pets and also talking about ways to care for them. We will spend a great deal of time this month talking about Christmas Customs around the world. Any stories, simple recipes or craft ideas you may want to share with us would be welcome. We will also start our semi annual conferences. If you have not signed up, please do so at your earliest convenience. As always, thanks for all of your support.

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Ada

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strangulation hazard for children.

- Check toys for sturdiness and for small parts that could be swallowed. Assess toys for sharp edges or points.
- Avoid toys that shoot objects into the air. Pellet and BB guns, bows and arrows, and slingshots are particularly dangerous toys and can cause serious eye injuries or choking.
- Insist that an adult supervise when higher risk toys are being used. For example, when younger children are playing with balloons (a significant choking hazard) or older children are using riding toys (which can overturn or be struck by a vehicle), an adult should be watching.
- Because families have children of different ages, make sure toys meant for older children are kept away from younger children. Read toy directions and adhere to recommended age ranges.
- Once you have opened your gifts, pick up holiday wrapping, bags, paper, ribbons and bows as these items pose suffocation and choking hazards, particularly for our youngest.
- Frequently, toys are recalled for safety reasons, and you will want to be certain your children are playing with recalled toys. For a regularly updated list of recalled toys, visit <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/category/toy.html>.

For more tips on general holiday safety, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics site, [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org).

### In Case of Inclement Weather

**When Ice or Snow make roads impassable, watch and listen to Local TV and Radio Stations for information about our school's closings.**

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**SPECIAL NOTE:**

**THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$75.00 WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY.**