



WAUKESHA COUNTY CHILD CARE CERTIFICATION



DECEMBER 2008

SPOTLIGHT ON A PROVIDER:



Janet "Jan" Ehli

Janet "Jan" Ehli is the spotlight provider for the month of December. Jan resides in Pewaukee, WI and enjoys being an in-home daycare provider. Jan and her family settled in Pewaukee approximately 29 years ago. Jan has two adult children, a daughter and son, who live a few miles away. Jan has two grandchildren and is thankful to play an active role in their day-to-day lives. Jan's second passion in life, besides caring for children, is traveling. Jan used to take family vacations as a child, which sparked her interest in being a world traveler. Jan has traveled to many places over the years including China, Mexico, Italy, Paris, Greece and Spain. Jan is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Cobo San Lucas. Jan has been a certified daycare provider for the past 30 years and currently has three children in her care. Jan does not have any openings at this time. She is thankful for the wonderful referrals from past families who lead new families to her home each year. Jan truly enjoys interacting with children and feels her past work experience in an elementary school, as well as raising her own children, has helped lay the brick work for being a great daycare provider. Jan would like some of the new providers to know that networking can be a very valuable asset to the start up of your daycare business. The Department would like to thank Jan for all her hard work in providing excellent daycare to children within Waukesha County.

I am sad to announce that Aisha Lampley Child Care Coordinator will be resigning from the County at the end of the year. Aisha has come across a wonderful opportunity to work at an elementary school in Waukesha County. Aisha would like to work at both jobs, however, the hours' conflict with one another. Aisha just wanted to say that working at the County has been an awesome experience for her and she will truly miss all the providers, co-workers, and supervisors greatly. Her last day will be Friday January 2, 2009 and she will be here for the morning portion of the day.

'Tis the Season Cards

'Tis the season... kids' favorite reason... to enjoy making and receiving holiday cards. Holiday packages and mailboxes will shine with handcrafted cards.

crayola supplies

- Metallic FX Crayons
- Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Glitter Glue
- Blunt-Tip Scissors
- Construction Paper

1. **Fold construction paper in half or quarters.** Use Crayola® Metallic FX Crayons, Washable Markers, and Glitter Glue to decorate holiday greetings. Write a poetic message on the front or inside. Be sure to put the artist's name on the back of the card.
2. **Texture cards:** Draw, color, and cut out paper images with Crayola Scissors. Glue the pieces to your card with Crayola Glue Sticks.
3. **Pop-up cards:** Cut a strip of drawings from construction paper. Fold and attach to the inside the card. When the card is opened, the image will pop out.
4. **Peek-hole cards:** Cut out a portion of the card front to reveal a picture drawn underneath.
5. **Bookmark cards:** Design personalized cards to use as bookmarks.



For more information go to <http://www.crayola.com/crafts/detail/'tis-the-season-cards-craft/>



3-D Paper Shape Ornaments

crayola supplies

- Crayons
 - Erasable Colored Pencils
 - Markers
 - Art Smock
 - Twistables® Slick Stix™ Crayons
 - Crayola Cutter
- Construction Paper

household supplies

- recycled newspaper
 - hole punch
 - paper towels
- ribbon, string, or yarn

1. Watch these ornaments being created on Crayola CreaTIVE Workshop! To get started, cover your craft surface with newspaper. Wear a smock. Draw matching pairs of shapes on paper. Use your imagination or trace cookie cutter shapes with Crayola Erasable Colored Pencils.

2. Cut out the shapes with your Crayola Cutter. Children 3 years and younger can tear their shapes.

3. Decorate both sides of each paper shape using one of these techniques: - Outline a shape with Crayola Twistables® Slick Stix™ Crayons, marking all around the edges with thick, bright color. Use a bit of paper towel to brush color into the center of the shape. - Color the entire surface with a heavy layer of Crayola Crayon. Use a paper towel to rub the wax so it shines. - Create bright designs with Crayola Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils. Combine two or three different ones for unusual effects.

4. Arrange your decorated shapes in pairs. On one shape, cut a slit from the top down to the center. Cut a slit in the matching shape from the bottom up to the center.

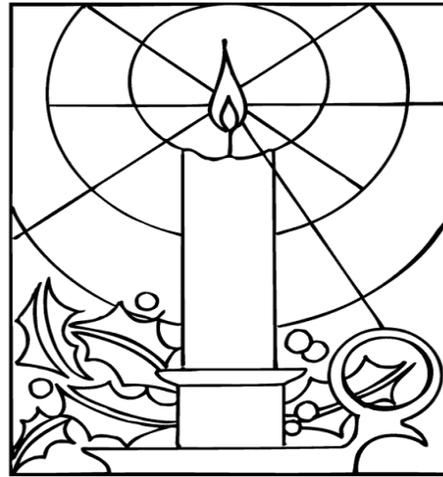
5. Fit shapes together by sliding slits over each other. Use a hole punch to make a hole in the top of the ornament and tie with ribbon.

<http://www.crayola.com/crafts/detail/3-d-paper-shape-ornaments-craft/>

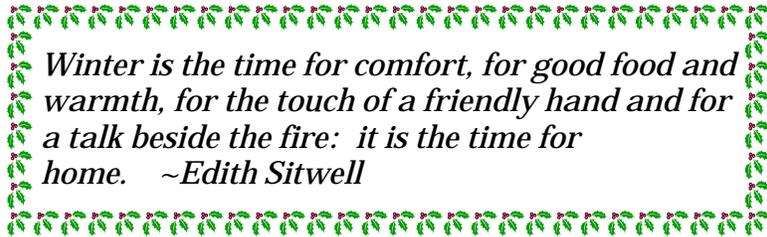
Go to

<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/christmas-candle-coloring-page/> to print out this

coloring activity for your children.



ENJOY!



Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. ~Edith Sitwell

Christmas Word Scramble for school age children

Supplies: Sheet with scrambled words, pens, fast thinking

Take common Christmas or Holiday items and scramble up the letters of the words and have guests try to figure out what the word is.

Version 1

Place 15 – 20 Christmas item word scrambles on a page.

Depending on how difficult the words are give your guests 3 or 5 minutes or play until the first person announces that "I'm done!"

Examples:

Christmas tree = scahmrtis reet

ornament = narotnem

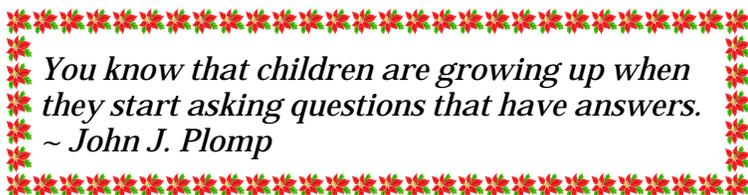
wreath = etwrah

To extend the game or have more rounds – create several word lists based on:

Things people do during the holidays

Like: shopping, carling, baking, gift exchange, wrapping, decorating...

http://www.partygameideas.com/christmas-games/word_scramble_3.php



You know that children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers.

~ John J. Plomp



RECALLS - SEE WWW.CPSC.GOV

CPSC Clarifies Certification Requirements

Agency Staff to Focus on Compliance with Safety Rules

WASHINGTON, D. C. – On Monday, November 10, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety **Commission (CPSC) issued a final rule (pdf) by unanimous vote, addressing the conformity certification required for consumer products subject to safety rules under CPSC jurisdiction.**

The Commission addressed three major issues: 1) who should supply the certificate; 2) how the certificate can be filed; and 3) CPSC enforcement of general certification.

First, the certification process will now be streamlined, by limiting the number of parties who must issue conformity certifications unless a preexisting Commission product standard requires otherwise. The Commission determined that for imported products, only the importer needs to issue the conformity certificate.

Foreign manufacturers and private labelers of imported products do not need to issue certificates, and they do not need to be listed as parties on certificates. For products manufactured in the United States, only the domestic manufacturer needs to issue the certificate. Private labelers do not need to issue certificates, and do not need to be listed as parties on certificates.

Second, the rule confirms that electronic means can be used to meet the certification requirement in the Consumer Product Safety Improvements Act of 2008 (CPSIA) and that conformity certifications can accompany the product and be furnished to distributors and retailers by a variety of electronic means. Electronic certificates can also be posted on a website for inspection or included with other electronic documents accompanying shipments through Customs, so long as the certificates can be produced immediately for inspection.

Finally, the agency intends to focus its enforcement efforts on a product's compliance with our safety requirements. While the Commission recognizes that every company is expected to make its best efforts to comply promptly with the new certificate requirements, the agency intends initially to focus more on compliance with the safety rules underlying the certificate, rather than on the certificate or form of the certificate itself. For additional information and a copy of the rule, go to www.cpsc.gov

Shop CPSC Toy Safety Tips Before Shopping for Holiday Gifts

"CPSC, CBP and industry activity has been with one goal in mind, to keep the toys our children play with the safest in the world" said Acting Chairman Nancy Nord. "Vigorous inspection of toys, testing and law enforcement have made toys the safest this season."

For 2007, the Commission has [reports](#) of 18 toy-related deaths and CPSC staff estimates that there were about 170,100 hospital emergency-room treated toy-related injuries to children under 15. Most of the deaths were associated with airway obstruction from small toys, drowning, or motor vehicle accidents during play. Most of the injuries were lacerations, contusion and abrasions; the head and face was the area most frequently affected.

The top 5 toy hazards:

- Scooters and other Riding Toys – Riding toys, skateboards and in-line skates go fast and falls could be deadly. Helmets and safety gear should be worn at all times and be sized to fit.
- Small Balls and other Toys with Small Parts – For children younger than age three, avoid toys with small parts, which can cause choking.
- Balloons - Children under eight yrs. can choke or suffocate on un-inflated or broken balloons. Keep un-inflated balloons from children. Discard broken balloons at once.
- Magnets – For children under age six, avoid building or play sets with small magnets. If magnets or pieces with magnets are swallowed, serious injuries and/or death can occur.
- Chargers and Adapters – Charging batteries should be supervised by adults. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to children.

Once the gifts are open:

- Immediately discard plastic wrappings on toys before they become dangerous play things.
- Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.
- Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any device to prevent overcharging.

With the increased popularity of second-hand stores and on-line vendors, gift-givers should be especially vigilant to prevent the sale or purchase of hazardous products that have been recalled, banned or do not meet current safety standards. Before placing products in the second-hand market, check its recall status at www.cpsc.gov. Buyers should make sure their gifts do not include any of the recalled toys or children's products on CPSC's web site.

ImagiPLAY Recalls Bead Maze Toys Due to Laceration Hazard

Hazard: The trees on the toys can detach, exposing a metal screw. This poses a laceration hazard to young children.



Description: The recalled products are painted wooden toys with beads that slide on a curved metal track. The product was sold in three styles: the Apple Tree Bead Maze, the Cactus Tree Bead Maze and the Palm Tree Bead Maze.

Sold by: Toy retailers nationwide from August 2008 through October 2008 for about \$13. For more information, contact ImagiPLAY at (800) 882-0217 or visit the firm's Web site at www.ImagiPLAY.com

Target Recalls Dive Sticks Due to Impalement Hazard

Hazard: The recalled dive sticks could remain in an upright position, posing an impalement hazard to young children. CPSC banned pre-weighted dive sticks in 2001.

Description: The recalled dive sticks were sold in a bundle of three in multiple colors: light blue, aqua green, fluorescent yellow, royal blue, and red. The tag accompanying the dive sticks contains: "Dive Toys" or "Diving Game" and has a white small parts warning label in the upper right hand corner. The words "Made in China" are printed in the lower right hand corner.

Sold exclusively at: Target stores nationwide from April 2008 through August 2008 for about \$1. Consumers should take the recalled dive sticks away from young children immediately and return them to any Target store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Target at (800) 440-0680 or visit the firm's website at www.target.com



Cobra Electronics Recalls Children's Two-Way Radios with Rechargeable Batteries Due to Chemical Burn Hazard; Sold Exclusively in Toys "R" Us Stores

Hazard: The rechargeable batteries in the radios can leak electrolyte, posing a chemical burn hazard to consumers.

Description: The recall involves two-way radios with the 300 mah "CEL" batteries. The walkie talkie style radios are made of pink plastic and come in purple packaging. Product number PR191-2VP is located on the front of the packaging and on the label inside the battery compartment. The batteries are standard AAA Nickle Metal Hydride battery cells with a black wrapper with the battery name 300 mah (CEL) with the date code (TF or RF) on the battery itself.

Sold by: Toys "R" Us Stores nationwide from August 2008 through September 2008 for about \$30.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the two-way radios and contact the company for a free replacement and a 20% off coupon for a future purchase at www.cobra.com. If batteries have leaked on to the radio, do not touch the liquid, and contact the company for a free replacement product. For additional information, please contact Cobra Electronics toll-free at (888) 252-9889 or visit the firm's website at www.cobra.com



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