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The vision of the LSU Child Care Center is to become a leading model of exemplary quality in early care and education by functioning as a support mechanism for families of the LSU Community and a focal point of excellence to agencies and organizations throughout the state and nation. By providing quality service, we will be recognized as a recruitment tool for students, faculty and staff thus supporting the positive growth at LSU.



Director's Corner



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that December is already here. During the month of December the classrooms will be discussing special family traditions. If you have a special family tradition that you would like to share with your child's classroom, please let us know. In the past, the children have enjoyed special readings of holiday books, making gingerbread houses, baking cookies and coloring and making special holiday ornaments. Also, we will have a canned food drive for needy families in Baton Rouge until the 19th. Please consider donating non-perishable food items for those less fortunate.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season!

Michelle DeMeulenaere
Center Director

The Center will be closing at 3:15p.m. Dec. 23 and will be closed through January 2nd. We will open Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at 7:15a.m.



DON'T FORGET!



December 31st is the last day to donate to the LSU CCC's Angel Giving Campaign for 2008 tax deductions. Your contributions help to sustain excellence and provide for future generations of LSU CCC students. Attached to this newsletter is an Angel Giving donation form. Please think of the LSU CCC this holiday season!

What's on the Agenda this Month?

LSU Tree Lighting and Candlelighting Ceremony

Tues., Dec. 2 at the clock tower @ 4:30 p.m.

2008 Holidays on Campus

Tues., Dec. 2 from 6-8p.m. at the LSU Maddox Field House—the LSU CCC will have a booth!

LSU CCC Holiday Photos

Wed., Dec. 3

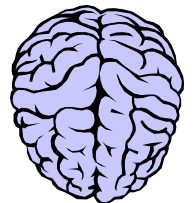
Prepaid envelopes available at the front desk.

Photos guaranteed to be returned by December 19th.

Last day for Angel Giving—Dec. 31

Please think of the LSU Child Care Center this season!

A VISIT FROM A 'BRAINIAC'



Emily Elliot, Ph. D and Associate Professor for the Department of Psychology visited the Center Nov. 25 and

gave a presentation on food and its role in brain development. She brought jell-o in the shape of a human brain for her demonstration and students were able to enjoy a tasty treat afterwards!



Help the Feed Hungry in Baton Rouge

We have placed two red barrels by the front door of the center. We are asking each child to bring in non-perishable canned food items. Items such as peanut butter, canned soups, ravioli, canned vegetables, canned meats, and fruits.

Your donation will help families in the BR area.



Health Corner

Selecting Appropriate Toys for Young Children

When it comes to purchasing toys and games for the Holiday season parents and relatives go crazy trying to buy the “cute” or “most popular” items for kids

Toys serve as a supportive role in enhancing a child’s development. Play materials should match the developmental and individual needs of each child. There are many safety guidelines for purchasing age appropriate gives for children.

- Read the labels on the toys. Each toy will have a suggested age range listed on the item due to developmental and intellectual ability and potential health hazards.
- Avoid toys or games with small detachable parts. Choking is the most common cause of toy-related deaths.
- Avoid latex balls and balloons. Balls and balloons can easily pop, posing a choking hazard for young children.
- Avoid toys with strings and ribbons. These strings and ribbons if longer than five inches can cause strangulation if used incorrectly.
- Avoid electronic toys for children under five.
- Look for household art materials, crayons and paint sets marked with the designation “ASTM D4236”. This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and if necessary, labeled with cautionary information.
- Avoid toys that have sharp edges and points. The child could potentially fall on the object causing injury.

Keep in mind that the most educational toy is one that fosters the interaction of an adult with a child in supportive unconditional play. Toys should encourage children to use their imaginations.

December Weekly Classroom Themes

December 1st-5th – Healthy Lifestyles/Fitness

December 8th-12th – Family Traditions

December 15th-23rd – Celebrations Around The World

January 5th-9th- Nocturnal Animals/Hibernation

Thanksgiving with Teepee Tom



Special thanks to Tom Varnado, also known as Teepee Tom, who visited the Center Nov. 24 to share his heri-

tage. He brought animal furs, a real teepee and other instruments of everyday Native American life. It was a real Thanksgiving treat!



LSU CCC CONTACT INFORMATION

Front Desk	578-7882	Ladybugs	578-4825
Bears	578-4825	Lambs	578-4851
Bluebirds	578-4883	Pandas	578-4881
Butterflies	578-4883	Pelicans	578-4855
Koalas	578-4819	Puppies	578-4886
Dolphins	578-4888	Alligators	578-4881
Frogs	578-4819	Tigers	578-4855
Kittens	578-4888	Penguins	578-4851

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