



## MAGNOLIA MESSAGES



### Room News



The treatment rooms are busy decking our halls with lots of Christmas decorations. They are making tree ornaments and learning new Christmas songs and fingerplays.

All the rooms will enjoy a Christmas Party on **December 16th**. Talk to your child's CCT to see how you can help. Any food item must be store bought and individually wrapped. Ask about suggestions for non-food items.

**Santa Claus** will visit KIDS FIRST on Friday, December 16, 2011. Children will receive a stocking and small present from Santa.



### THE PARENT COLUMN

**Do you know** what children really want for Christmas? They want a feeling of family. Christmas provides the perfect opportunity to create new traditions or practice ones already established. Here are a few ways to establish a feeling of family:

- ❖ **Let** children help trim the tree and decorate.
- ❖ **Buy** or make a special ornament to hang on the tree every year.
- ❖ **Set aside** "family" time. Make cocoa and read books, play games, or watch a favorite show or movie together.
- ❖ **Cook** & eat together.

Whatever you decide, do it together as a family. Children still want toys, but they need security, acceptance, and **LOVE**. Have a warm and loving Christmas!



Tritan S. 12/05, JaCobe 12/08, Jaden 12/13  
Staff: Ashley 12/15, Mitzi: 12/15  
Staff Anniversaries: Shana 1 year, Tomeka 3 years

#### Perfect Attendance for November:

Keasia, Chandler, Antonio, Ja'Kaden, Tristan S., Christan, Jeremiah, Kyla, Serenity, Amar'Kis, Kenneth, ShaKira, D'Amanti, Y'Heim, Je'Caryeus, Ma'Kaylee, Amonti, Ethan, & Ty'landria

**Thank you to all parents who send their children to KIDS FIRST every day!**

### BITS AND PIECES

**KIDS FIRST** will be **CLOSED** December 23 thru December 30. We will **RE-OPEN** on Monday, January 2, 2011. Have a *Merry Christmas!*

**Dr. Ashcraft** is not scheduled for Clinic in December. He will be here in January.

### DON'T FORGET

**Call KIDS FIRST** at 234-1597 if your child is sick or out for the day!





### Decorate safely this holiday season

- ✂ *Holiday lights should be tested by a recognized lab such as UL or ETL.*
- ✂ *Keep holiday trees away from fireplaces and lighted candles.*
- ✂ *Purchase fresh, green trees with needles that are hard to pull from branches.*
- ✂ *Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.*
- ✂ *Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.*
- ✂ *For more safety tips go to [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) and sign up to receive free NSN safety alerts and posters.*



### Good things to put under the tree or in your child's stocking:

- ★ *Books*
- ★ *Blocks*
- ★ *Musical toys*
- ★ *Play-Doh and Crayons*
- ★ *Cars & trucks*
- ★ *Baby dolls*
- ★ *Balls*

## Project Nurture

### Nurturing Idea for December

#### Babies and Holidays

Don't overbook this holiday season! You've got tons of people to see (and show baby off to), but don't forget to plan time for naps and playtime. If not, your baby is likely to get uncomfortable, tired, and cranky. You may even have to remind too-pushy relatives that scheduling some downtime is necessary and is not negotiable.



#### WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

**Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.**