

**SEARCY SPOTLIGHT****Project Nurture Idea for January**

It is important for infants and toddlers to know that their parents will be faithful to them in love and care. Demonstrate—through play—the care of a shepherd for his sheep. You act as the shepherd and choose a sibling or other caregiver to play the wolf. Your child and remaining siblings are the sheep. Put all the sheep together and guard them. The wolf (playfully) tries to grab one of the sheep (by touching them), but the shepherd must run him away. If the wolf gets one of the sheep, the shepherd must run after him and rescue the sheep.

**PROJECT NURTURE****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.

Classroom Themes:

Each month the classes have different themes with which they design and center the children's activities around.

The older classes will be learning about:

Winter,  Dinosaurs  & Music 

The younger classes will be learning about:

Winter

**REMINDER:**

We are needing your old calendars and magazines and children's books. There is box up front for your donations. Thank you for your help.



Congratulations in to our perfect attendance children for the month of December 2009

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January is National Bath Safety Month

According to a report by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, on an average, 370 people of all ages suffer bathtub or shower-related injuries each day in the United States. Drowning is the leading cause for unintentional injury deaths of children age 4 and under, and in children 14 and younger, drowning is second leading cause for unintentional injury fatalities.

Remember that it only takes a few seconds for someone to become injured or drown from a bathroom related accident.

Below are some bathroom safety tips:

- Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks.
- Never leave small children alone around any container of water. This includes toilets, tubs, wading pools, spas, aquariums, and buckets.
- Safeguard bathtubs and sinks used for bathing by using faucet covers and nonskid mats or decals.
- Before bathing children, gather the soap, shampoo, toys, towel, diaper, clothing, and any other needed items you might need before running the bath water. Place these items so you can easily reach them.
- After running the water, check the temperature before placing the child in the bath water.
- Once your child is in the bath, do NOT leave them for any reason.
- If you must leave the room for the telephone or door, take the child with you after taking the child out of the water and wrapping them in a towel.
- To avoid falls and slipping under the water, always keep one hand firmly around the child when bathing and keep the child sitting.
- For people who are elderly or have disabilities, consider installing grab bars on walls around the tub and beside toilet and a portable, hand-held shower heads.

