



CHILD CARE CORNER



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Parent Reminders:

1. If the information on the payment request is correct, complete and all verifications to support the payment have been received, your file will be given to our Payment Makers to process in the order in which it was received.
2. Remember, **correct** and **completed** monthly payment requests are due by the 5th of the month in order for your provider to receive a payment by the 30th of the month.
3. To allow more time to process payments quickly, please keep phone calls to a minimum by leaving **one** message on your case manager's voicemail when checking the status of your payments.
4. Remember: CHILD CARE is a **Subsidized** program and we may not be able to pay the full amount requested by the provider. In this situation, the **parent** is **responsible** to pay any excess amounts requested by the provider.
5. Beginning **December 7, 2005**, CSA Stanworks entrance will be open until 6:30 instead of 7:30pm on Wednesdays during extended hours.



10 Toddler Favorite Healthy Foods

1. American Cheese
2. Chocolate Milk
3. Breakfast Cereal
4. Yogurt
5. Peanut Butter
6. Pizza
7. Applesauce
8. Orange Juice
9. Hamburger
10. Carrots (cooked)



Attention Providers

1. Remember, when a child is not in day care (ex: illness, vac.), **DO NOT** have the parent sign the times sheet for that day. The only information to be written in is the reason for absence and the number of hours that a child would normally have attended.
2. To help ensure we are using your most current information, please be sure to include effective dates on each page of your contract and fee schedule.
3. On the provider billing section (part C) of the monthly payment request, please be sure to charge according to the fee schedule you have turned in and the rate you have requested on the provider packet. **DO NOT** change

your rate to match the certificate rate. Part C of the payment request charges must match the rate you have requested on the provider information packet and the fee schedule in the case file.

4. Payments **CANNOT** be made until the appropriate **signed certificates with original signatures** are returned.
5. For **FASTER SERVICE**: If you provide for more than 1 parent, please keep each of your families' paperwork separate from one another (**DO NOT** staple 2 different parent's paperwork together). For **Example**: You can staple parent A's payment request & check stubs together. Then staple parent B's payment requests & check stubs together. Finally, put them in the same envelope, if you'd like. (If they are stuck together, they may be inadvertently given to the wrong worker).

Special Note to

Parents & Providers:

If a correction needs to be made on **ANY** of our forms: Cross out, Initial & Date. White out is **NOT** to be used on any of our forms.



JUST FOR FUN



Kids Fun Snack Balls

Chefs.com

Preparation Time: 5

minutes
4 servings

Ingredients

1/2 cup corn flakes cereal, or wheat cereal
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 sheet waxed paper

Instructions

Crumble the cereal in a bowl. Mix in the peanut butter, stirring thoroughly. Form mixture into small balls. Place on wax paper and put in freezer for 10 minutes or until hardened. Serve.



Easy Hamburger Pie

Chefs.com

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 1 hour

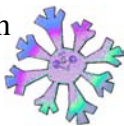
4 servings

Ingredients

1/4 cup milk
1 lb. ground beef
1/2 cup ketchup
1 tsp. oregano
1 cup cheddar cheese\grated
1/2 lb. mushrooms\cooked, sliced
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Instructions

Preheat oven to temperature 375°F. Combine milk and beef in a bowl and mix thoroughly. Spread into a pie plate that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Spread ketchup over top of meat and sprinkle with oregano and Cheddar cheese. Cover with mushrooms and Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Bake 1 hour. Drain excess oil before serving.



Games to Play with Your Kids

Parenthood.com/articles.html

Any game that people enjoy playing together can bring them close, but some games are actually about connection-like Peek-a-Boo, Hide and Seek, and Tag-while other games help inspire communication. Here are a few suggestions:



- **Play catch.** Tossing a ball develops your child's hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills. The rhythm of the ball is like a bridge, re-establishing a deep connection between you. Comments such as "good try" and "nice catch" build confidence and trust.
- **Make up stories as a family.** One parent starts and children chime in with ideas, names and decisions. Storytelling can also be an effective tool in dealing with a child's personal issues.
- **Loosen up and get silly.** It lightens the mood with both children and teens. Be amenable to your child's ideas.



Clothespin Reindeer

Reindeer made out of clothespins are cute and quick!

This project is rated VERY EASY to do.

What You Need

- 3 Clothespins
- 7mm Wiggle eyes
- Small red pom pom
- Ribbon
- White small pom pom
- Tacky glue



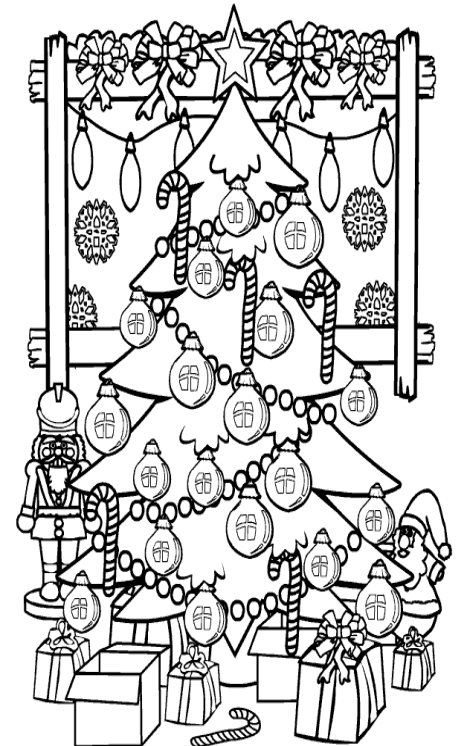
How To Make It



1. Use three clothespins: two pointing down (4 legs); the third pointing up (ears). Glue together.
2. Add wiggle eyes, a small red pom-pom nose, a ribbon on the neck, and a pom-pom tail using tacky glue.

Tips

Tacky Glue is better for crafts than hot glue, which children can easily get hurt using; it's thicker and tackier than Elmer's Glue and dries quickly.



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