Child Management Associates

December 2012

Providers Playground

What's for snack? Ingredients:



CHEERIOS CHRISTMAS
TREE

- 6 cups Honey Nut Cheerios cereal
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 1/2cups miniature marshmallows
- Green food color
- Red cinnamon candies or sliced gumdrops

Make It:

1.Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper

- 2.Pour the cereal into a 4quart bowl. Set the bowl aside.
- 3.Place the butter and marshmallows in a 3-quart saucepan. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture is smooth. Remove the saucepan from the heat.
- 4.Stir in the food color until the mixture is evenly colored.

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- 5.Pour the marshmallow mixture over the cereal and stir until the cereal is evenly coated.
- 6. Lightly spray your hands with cooking spray. For each tree, shape about 1/4 cup of the cereal mixture into a Christmas tree shape on the cookie sheet
- 7.Press the candies into the trees to look like ornaments.
- 8.Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store the trees in a loosely covered container.



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Serve this not that!

Each month, Provider's Playground will offer some helpful advice, yummy recipes, and interesting food facts from the popular books "Eat This Not That!" by David Zinczenko.

Navigating the supermarket takes some clever thinking and a bit of insider knowledge keep the following rules in mind:

Serve This!	Not That!
Sun Chips Original (`16 chips, 28g) 140 calories, 6 g fat (0.5 g saturated) 130 mg sodium.	Fritos Pinch of Salt (134 chips, 28 g) 160 calories, 10 g fat, (1.5 g saturated) 75 mg sodium.
Rold Gold Sticks (`48 pretzels,28 g) 100 calories, 0g fat, 580 mg sodium.	Pepperridge Farm Snack Sticks Toasted Sesame (12 sticks, 31 g) 140 calories, 5 g fat, (1 G saturated) 330 mg sodium.

Down to Business!



Don't forget to BUBBLE your provider number!

volume of claims

Due to the high

month, it is important that every provider both write

and bubble their provider number on each page of their claim. When CMA processes claims, the computer knows who the claim belongs to by reading the bubbled provider number. If the provider number is not bubbled in, it creates an error. If the provider number is not bubbled on each page of the claim form, the claim may not be scanned properly or may not be scanned at all. Also, remember to always use a No. 2 pencil! If you need help with this, or for information on your provider number, please contact the CMA office.



Upcoming Trainings:

West Valley Library Training:

- Tuesday, January 15,2013
- Thursday, January 24,2013

Murray Library Trainings:

• Tuesday, February 19,2013



What you'll need:

- Green construction paper or cardstock
- Construction paper or felt in red, white, peach and pink

Santa Cards

- 1 small white pom-pom
- Scissors Glue stick or felt glue
- White or gold paint pen
- Pink paint
- Small round sponge applicator
- Black marker
- Pattern

How To Make it:

- Fold cardstock or construction paper into a card
- 2. Following the pattern, cut out Santa pieces from felt or construction paper. If using construction paper, you can either cut out pink cheeks or you can use the sponge applicator to add pink paint cheeks
- 3. For construction paper, use the glue stick to add Santa to the front of the card. First glue on the hat, then the face, then the hat brim (see image). Next, add the cheeks, then the beard. If using felt, using felt glue to attach the pieces.
- Use a paint pen (or any marker) to add "Ho! Ho! Ho!" across the top of the card. We also wrote "Merry Christmas" on the
- Cut one side of the pom-pom to make it flat, glue the flat side to the point of Santa's hat.
- Use a black marker to dot on two eyes.

Claim Due Dates:

Last Day for September Claims:

Thursday, November 29th

Last Day for October Claims:

Tuesday, December 28th

Last day for November Claims:

Thursday, December 6th



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