

Providers' Playground



CHEERIOS CHRISTMAS TREE

Ingredients:

- 6 cups Honey Nut Cheerios cereal
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 1/2 cups 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 4-quart 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.
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.

ENJOY..!

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CMA will be Closed the following dates:

- Thursday, Dec. 25th
- Friday, Dec. 26th

Cool random fact..!

◇ **Yogurt** helps boost your immune system and also provides cancer protection, according to the authors of "Eat This, Not That."

Some yogurts have probiotics, which fight the harmful bacteria in your body.

How to Eat It: With fruit or honey, as a snack or for breakfast; yogurt is also a great base for dressings and dips

Annual Training Dates

West Valley Library

2880 West 3650 South

Tuesday, December 9th

6-8pm

(VIETNAMESE ONLY)

West Valley Library

2880 West 3650 South

Tuesday, January 13th

6-8pm

(TONGAN ONLY)

Bingham Creek Library

4834 W 9000 S

Monday, February 9th

6-8pm

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Down to Business..!

DON'T FORGET

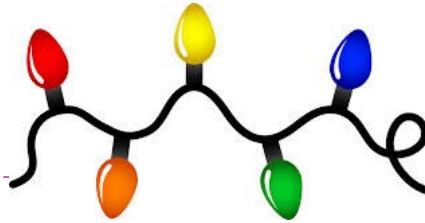
Reminder:

To ensure information is entered on time and for the correct provider, make sure your name and provider number are bubbled with a #2 pencil on **Every** document turned into the office.

- Web claimers must enter attendance times for all children:**

Please be aware that all providers using webkids must enter in and out

times for each child every day. If you need help with this, please call CMA. Failure to submit attendance records with your claim will result in loss of reimbursement. If you prefer to submit attendance records on paper, please call the office prior to sending in forms.



Sign in/Sign out forms:

Don't forget that all providers (INCLUDING WEBKIDS CLAIMERS) must complete sign-in/out forms. **Parents** must initial by each child's name. Providers must sign their own children in and out. Providers should keep these records in their homes. Please **do not** turn this paperwork in with monthly claims. **Remember, all claim records must be recorded daily!**

Providers not following this requirement will have meals **disallowed** during a review. If you have questions or need sign in/out forms mailed to you, please call CMA.

Stay Active!

Egg Carton Elves Craft for Christmas



Materials Needed:

- Egg carton
- Tan paint
- Black sharpie
- Green, red, and white paper
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape

A big part of Christmas is the cute little elves to help Santa! We took a recycled egg carton and made some elf crafts! These are for older kids because there's quite a bit of cutting and taping to do. This is a fun art project around the holidays :)

First start by cutting individual cups of the egg carton and painting them with a tan color. Let them dry and cut out some hats, legs, ears, and shoes. When the paint is completely dry take a black sharpie to make a smile, eyes, and the details of the ears. To make the ears we just painted on a white piece of paper and then cut it out (as well as a nose). We taped everything on except the eyes we glued. The hats fall off easy but they are fun to play with!

<http://www.craftymorning.com/egg-carton-elves-craft-christmas/>



Claim Due Dates:

<p>Last Day for October Claims: Tuesday, December 30th</p>	<p>Last Day for November Claims: Thursday, January 29th</p>	<p>Last Day for December Claims Due: Wednesday, January 7th</p>
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