

MILFORD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Infant and Toddler Times

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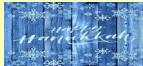
December 2022

Dates to Remember

December

16th. Playgroup semester ends

18th. Hanukkah begins at sundown



25th. Merry Christmas



23rd-Jan. 2nd. Holiday Recess

January

9th. Spring Playgroup Semester begins

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12 tips for keeping children safe during the holidays *

Be careful: December is the deadliest month for electrical fires!



The hustle and bustle of the holiday season can be a fun, exciting time. However, holiday decorations, parties and cold weather can pose threats to children.

Keep these safety tips in mind while preparing for the holidays:

1. If you have a real tree, make sure the tree stand is always filled with water so the tree doesn't dry out and pose an increased fire hazard. If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is made from fire-retardant material. Make sure the stand is flat on the ground, and decorate the tree to equally distribute weight.
2. Do not leave children alone in a room with lighted candles, matches, lighters, fireplaces or any other sources of flame or heat.
3. Keep decorations out of reach of children and secured to the wall. Any object small enough to fit through a toilet paper tube can obstruct the airway of a child.
4. Keep mistletoe, holly berries and poinsettias out of reach of children as each is toxic when ingested.
5. Use power strips with built-in circuit breakers. Avoid putting too many plugs into one electrical outlet. Keep cords out of the way or behind furniture, and insert electrical outlet covers into any unused outlets.
6. Closely supervise your child if he or she is helping you decorate, especially when handling lighting, ornaments and breakable objects.
7. Purchase lights with the UL Listed mark which certifies that the product has been tested to meet safety requirements.
8. Make sure your children's toys are age-appropriate and the batteries cannot be easily removed. Batteries shaped like disks, or button batteries, pose a choking risk to young children.
9. Avoid placing gifts under the tree that contain glass, perfume or cologne, poisonous substances or sharp materials.
10. Keep alcohol out of reach of children. Quickly clean up leftover drinks.
11. Dress your child properly for the weather, making sure that their hands, feet and heads are covered.
12. Supervise children and make sure they wear the correct safety gear for sledding, skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and other outdoor activities.

Carefully inspecting your home and taking care of any safety hazards can ensure you and your children have a happy, safe holiday season.

Posted by Peter Reisner, M.D. on the Mayo Clinic Health System website



Arts and Crafts Time with Miss Kathy



Tea Time with Mom and Dad



We're Talking Turkey



More playgroup fun!



Hello Mr. Turkey



Coming in 2023



Lamplight Stroll Fri December 2, 2022
5pm-9pm Downtown Milford
Classic Holiday Tradition - 20th Annual Lamplight Stroll. Santa, Carolers, horse & carriage rides, live music, in-store refreshments/specials, Participating businesses open late. Free. Fri 5-9pm.



Milford Hospital Christmas Tree Display
The Bridgeport Hospital Auxiliary presents the 27th Celebration of Trees from December 2-11.
Open to the public (must wear a paper mask)
daily from 11 am - 5 pm. Tickets \$2 are available to purchase online at bit.ly/bhacot2022



At Christmas in the Mansion, you can stroll Lauralton's decorated halls, tour our historic Victorian Gothic mansion, shop for holiday gifts from 65+ pop-up boutiques and visit Santa's Workshop for photos and goodies.
Sunday, December 4, noon - 4:30 pm

Our Spring semester for the Milford Family Resource Center will begin the week of January 9th here at the Milford Family Resource Center and end on June 2nd.

Our groups are open to Milford residents with children ages infant-4 years old. The family fee for the semester is \$125.00, but our other services remain free of charge, including parent seminars and home and center based visits. We follow the Milford Public School calendar, and, as always, if the fee would present a financial hardship, please let us know.

Monday and Friday playgroups will continue to be held at Pumpkin Delight Elementary School, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday playgroups will be held at Calf Pen Elementary School.

If you have any questions about our programs or would like further information, please do not hesitate to call us at 203-783-3626 or by email at mfrc@milforded.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

\$10- CHILD \$25- FAMILY

1st annual

JONTHAN LAW WINTER WONDERLAND

JLHS cafe | 13TH DECEMBER | 4 -6 PM

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Gift giving ideas for the Holidays

EXPERIENCE GIFTS FOR KIDS

Membership Aquarium, Zoo, Science Center, Trampoline Park, Amusement Park	Backstage Tour Animal Encounter, Aquarium Dolphin Swim, Ice Cream Factory	Subscription Cooking Box, Crafting Kit, Science Experiments
Experience Escape Room, Hot Air Balloon Ride, Horseback Ride, Rock Climbing	Class Drawing, Gymnastics or Dance, Martial Arts, Cooking, Swim	Coupon Book Extra Dessert, Chore Pass, Pick Dinner, Extra Screen time
Tickets Baseball Game, Circus, Ice Show, Play, Musical, Concert	Fan Experience ComicCon, BroadwayCon, WonderCon, AnimeCon	Digital Item Kid Friendly App, Kindle Unlimited, Spotify, Disney Plus, Audible
Day of Fun Spa Day, Arcade Trip, Shopping and Lunch, Ice Cream and Movie	Summer Camp Sports, Art, Horseback Riding, History, Drawing, Pottery	Weekend Trip Indoor Water Park, Camping, Hotel in the City, Amusement Park

AdventuresInRoadschooling.com

81st Annual Christmas Fair



The United Church of Christ in Devon
30 Ormond St., Milford, CT
(Devon Section)

Sat. Dec. 3rd 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Unique, affordable
holiday shopping
for all!



Cookie Walk is back!
Crafts and Vendors,
"Trinkets to Treasures",
The Thrift Shop,
quality tag sale and clothing,
Tea Cup Auction, Raffle,
Kitchen Corner Lunch + more!



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