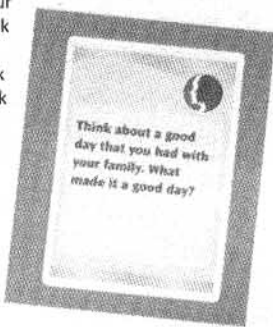


What's New?

Let's Talk About Our Family - A Self-Help Tool to Guide Family Communication:

Looking for help in parenting books but not sure how to apply it? Wanting to talk with your family but not sure how to start? Let's Talk Publications has developed this self-help communication tool in the form of a deck of cards in an attempt to help families talk together and in turn strengthen their relationships. This deck of question cards addresses various family topics, can be used with parents, children and adolescents, and is available through Chapters and Indigo Books. For more information, please call 640-7695 or visit letstalkpublications.com.



Pediatric Obesity Clinic - 'Helping severely overweight children and youth create long-lasting lifestyle changes':

At the Pediatric Obesity Clinic we help severely overweight children and youth, aged five to 16, make lifestyle changes. These changes can lead to a healthy, positive future that includes, but is not solely focused on, weight loss and weight management. The Clinic is modeled after the Weigh of Life program developed at the Texas Children's Hospital. The 15-session program involves the patient, their family and a team of professionals who provide psychological, medical, nutritional and physical activity support. Located in Calgary, the Pediatric Obesity Clinic is the first of its kind in Western Canada. We are currently taking referrals; please contact us at 403-547-8992 or info@pediatricobesityclinic.com.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS

Leap Frog Products (available nationwide at retailers such as Toys R Us, Wal-Mart, Zellers, and the Real Canadian Superstore):

LittleTouch LeapPad® Learning System (ages six to 36 months): From your first reading experience together to the independent toddler years, LittleTouch LeapPad learning system is designed to build early learning skills, with stories that come to life with the simple touch of a finger. Includes a LittleTouch LeapPad starter book and activity cards with over 100 early learning activities.



Leapster Multimedia Learning System

(ages four to eight years): An educational handheld that teaches children essential school skills in the way they love to play! This take-anywhere device allows children to learn in four different interactive ways. Play and learn essential pre-K through 2nd grade skills that include: reading, math, critical and creative thinking, story comprehension, vocabulary, and much more!



Quantum Pad Learning System

(Grades 3 to 5): This slick interactive learning machine takes what children are learning in the classroom and turns it into stories, games, activities and quizzes. This year's Grade 3 and 4 Math, filled with activities and games, enhance classroom learning and help children become math whizzes through content that reflects Canadian provincial and national educational standards.



LEGO® Gift Ideas include:

LEGO Block-O-Dile: Clean-up will be more fun than play time with this crocodile that gobbles DUPLO bricks off the floor when pushed forward! Includes 25 bricks that store in the croc's belly, with a DUPLO base plate serving as the lid. \$19.99 CAD; ages two+.

LEGO X-Pod: Great for Stockings! X-Pod gives kids just enough bricks and elements to create mini-models with lots of personality! Pod fits in a pocket or backpack for on-the-go building fun, and the unique container can be built right into the models. Four colors and themes to collect at \$4.99 CAD each; ages five+.

LEGO Prehistoric Creatures: Kids can build and re-build an entire species of prehistoric dinosaurs and creatures. An amazing red T-Rex with moveable jaw, head and tail, is just one design kids can bring to life. \$39.99 CAD; ages seven+.



LEGO Knights' Kingdom: Kids get medieval with two types of building fun centered around one tale of heroic knights defending the kingdom from an evil Dark Knight. Five collectible, build-and-play action figures (\$9.99 CAD each) let kids five+ in on the story, while more experienced builders (ages seven+) will love themed construction sets (\$14.99 to \$129.99 CAD).

CLICKITS: Girls six+ can make and re-make stylish accessories with this versatile fashion design system. From cool necklaces, hot bangle bracelets and rings to stylish desk accessories and cute trinkets for stockings, CLICKITS fit every girl's style and any gift giver's budget. (\$5.99 to \$44.99 CAD).

The Tom Arma Music Collection (Madacy Kids):

Photographer Tom Arma's adorable costumed cuties grace the cover of four collections of music for babies - Playtime Songs, Animal Songs, Heavenly Lullabies and Christmas Favorites. A great Christmas gift idea for baby! From playtime to bedtime, plus special holiday music, the Tom Arma music collection is the perfect accompaniment for baby's busy days. Available in Canada at Wal-Mart.



Bath Time Delights from Little Critters: As the shopping days begin to dwindle and you still haven't found that special treat for your little one, why not try Little Critters brand of children's bath products and games. Gift sets include the exciting Tic-Tac-Toe Bath Set, the bubbly Giant Fizzing Balls, the stylin' Critters Shave & Groom Set, the classic Bath Crayon Holder, or the colorful Bath Time Painter Set. Little Critters bath products are made of the mildest ingredients and are safe for children aged three and up. Available at Wal-Mart, Zellers, Shopper's Drug Mart and London Drugs.

Eskimold: What do you get when you combine the ancient art and survival skill of igloo building with modern ingenuity? Eskimold is a cleverly designed plastic mold that makes building igloos, snow forts, castles, walls and almost anything else from snow, simple and fun for kids, their friends and family. Eskimold combines modern manufacturing with the laws of physics to create a mold that by design creates the traditional dome-shaped igloo. The result of a few hours of outside fun is a perfectly constructed igloo! Each Eskikit comes with one Eskimold and one Eskisaw to help shape blocks if needed or to saw out a window or door. For more information about Eskimold, call 1-800-900-8015 or visit eskimold.com.



Do you know 'What's New?' Let us know. Send us a sample for consideration to 'What's New?', Calgary's Child Magazine, #723, 105 - 150 Crowfoot Cr. NW, Calgary, AB T3G 3T2.