



# Crayons 2 Pencils Preschool

Month- November 2010

## Class: Toddler Time Class

Tue/ Thur 8:00 – 10:00

### What to expect this month

#### Songs of the month:

Who stole the cookie from the cookie Jar, Doggie Doggie wheres your bone & I'm a little Turkey  
We will also begin working on our songs for our Christmas Program.

#### **Week # 9 November 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

##### Theme: My Family

We are going to talk about family this week. We are going to talk about who is in your family. We will talk about brothers and sisters and moms and dads. Each child will make a photo frame with a picture from school. We will be using magazines to glue pictures of people that make up the people in our family. We will also talk about boys and girls.



#### **Week # 10 November 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

##### Theme: My Home

**\* There is not Class on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> due to Norwalk Conferences**

This week we are going to talk about what roles people do in the home. We will learn that even the smallest person in your family is important. We are going to make a band using items we find in the house such as pots and pans, paper, bells and so forth. We are going to make a collage of items we find in our house.

#### **Week # 11 November 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

##### Theme: My Thanksgiving Placemat

We are going to finish decorating our Corn people this week. We will also be making placemats to use on Thanksgiving. We are going to have our placemats laminated so they can become keepsakes for years to come. We will eat snacks using our placemats on Thursday at class. We will continue working on our Christmas Songs.

#### **Week # 12 November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

##### Theme: Turkey Hands

**\* No Class Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving**

We are going to make turkey handprints this week. We are going to talk about our family and what makes us happy. We are going to talk about special things families can do to celebrate Thanksgiving. Remember there is

#### **Week # 13 November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

##### Theme: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

We are going to talk about our Thanksgiving break. We will also talk about Christmas Trees and lights. We are going to create paper Christmas Lights by using red, green and blue paper. We are going to talk about the Christmas lights on the houses and on the trees. We will also make a Christmas Chain to count down to Christmas.



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### Birthday Chart



**No Birthdays This Month**

### Important Dates

- There is no class Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> for Norwalk School Conferences
- There will be no classes Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Break



### Our Christmas Party

Please join us Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM for our Annual Christmas Party/ Gift Exchange. The children will perform a musical for you. Feel free to invite friends and family to watch your little one.

(I will be handing out names for the gift exchange. There is a \$5-\$10 Limit on gifts)

Location:

**Cross Roads Church**

2601 Border Street,  
Norwalk, Iowa 50211

(515) 306-8722 (call my cell if you get lost)

### Look A-Head to Next Month –

#### **Kid Free Saturday Childcare Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>**



Once a year I open my home on a Saturday from 8:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M. for children of all ages so parents can go Christmas Shopping or wrap presents. While you are out, we will work on Christmas crafts, play games and watch a Christmas movie! Snack and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$15 for 1 child or \$30 for 2 & \$40 for 3

Cut and Return bottom portion

\_\_\_ Yes, My child will be attending \_\_\_ No, My child will not be attending

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_



## Check out our website photo album –

[www.crayons2pencils.com](http://www.crayons2pencils.com)

Don't forget to sign the guestbook



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### Toddler Rules of Possession

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must NEVER appear to be yours in anyway.
6. If I'm doing or building something, something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it is mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

*Provided by Travis R. Grant*

### Graham Cracker Turkey Cookies

These tasty turkeys, made with the naturally sweet goodness of graham and whole wheat flours, cinnamon, vanilla, apple and banana, will be gobbled up at the Thanksgiving table. Your kids will love cutting out the cookies and decorating them.

#### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup unsweetened frozen apple juice concentrate
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 sliced banana
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup graham flour \*
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Turkey-shaped cookie cutter



*\* Graham flour is a kind of flour, just like the more common wheat flour. If you can't find it in your supermarket, try calling health food stores.*

#### Cooking Instructions

Combine apple juice, oil, banana, vanilla, and cinnamon in a blender. In a large bowl, mix together graham flour, whole-wheat flour, baking soda, and salt. Add apple juice mixture to flour mixture and stir thoroughly. Roll out the dough on a floured surface and cut out with turkey shaped cookie cutter. Use a fork to poke holes for eyes and feathers. Bake at 350 degrees F for eight minutes.





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#### **Doggie Doggie Where's your bone**



A student plays the part of the dog. He or she sits in a chair with their back to the class. While the dog was turned around with his or her eyes closed someone would sneak up and steal the bone and hide it behind their back.

Then everyone will sing: *Doggy, Doggy, where's your bone? Somebody stole it from your home. Guess who*

Then the dog has three chances to guess who took it.

#### **I'm A Little Turkey**

I'm a little turkey,  
My name is Ted.  
Here are my feathers  
Here is my head  
Gobble, gobble, gobble,  
Is what I say,  
Quick! Run! It's Thanksgiving  
Day!



#### **Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?**



##### ***Children's Song***

*To start this song, the group picks the first person to be "It"...*

##### ***Group sings:***

Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?

[Name of first person who is "It"] stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

##### ***First person who is "It" sings:***

Who me?

##### ***Group sings:***

Yeah you!

##### ***First person who is "It" sings:***

Couldn't be!

##### ***Group sings:***

Then who?

##### ***First person who is "It" sings:***

[Name of second person who is "It"] stole the cookie from the cookie jar.

##### ***Second person who it "It" sings:***

Who me?

##### ***Group sings:***

Yeah you!

##### ***Second persons who is "It" sings:***

Couldn't be!

##### ***Group sings:***

Then who?

##### ***Second person who is "It" sings:***

[Name of third person who is "It"] stole the cookie from the cookie jar

Continue until each child has had a turn being "it"





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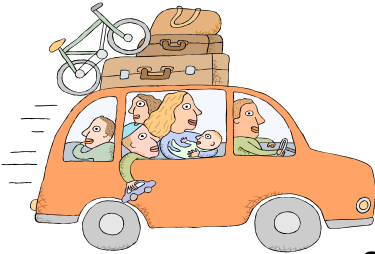
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November Marks the beginning of a crazy season!

First we have Thanksgiving followed by Christmas and New Years.

Some families have a number of places to visit, which can make for a lot of time in the car. I have attached some ideas for those families that do need to travel over this Holiday Season.



## Car Travel Games for Toddlers

*(and Preschoolers)*

by Laurel Smith (Road Trip Mom)

<http://www.momsminivan.com/toddlers.html>

### ● Surprise packages

Prepare ahead with paper bags of items to be given out every 25, 50 or 75 miles -- marked on a map with the location, it takes a little bit of preparation to do this but it REALLY helps young children. In each bag put a wrapped item -- usually a small toy. Then in some of the surprise packages you can add juice or a snack, stickers and a piece of paper, or something pertaining to the trip that you can talk about.

### ● Travel Tickets

Use some colored construction paper to cut out some "tickets" for your trip. Give your child a pre-counted baggie full of tickets. Every half hour (or every 30 miles) they can turn in one ticket to you. When their tickets are gone, the trip has ended! This really helps young children get an idea of how much time is left on the journey.

### ● Drawing boards

Such as Magna doodle, Etcha Sketch, and small white boards with dry erase markers. These are great and very popular with toddlers and moms!

### ● Make a mini car racetrack

Use with little Matchbox type cars. Take a shoe box, draw on a racetrack before you leave, or have the child draw one on when you are driving and you have a racetrack and holder.

### ● Cookie Sheet Magnet Board

Use an old cookie sheet and a collection of magnets such as ABC magnets. Older children might like to use it as a tray for snacks or for playing cards or other games.

### ● Use plenty of zip lock bags for everything

Use them to store small parts of games, toys, for clothes, food, individual snack packs, wipes, and for storing dirty diapers when you can't find a trash can at the rest stop.

● **Keep a box of baby wipes or travel wipes in the car** -- helps with everything. If you don't have room for a whole box, put some in a quart sized zip lock baggie!

● **If possible, put toddlers in a Pull-up** if they haven't been toilet trained for at least a year. It makes cleaning up accidents so much easier if you can't pull over to find a bathroom in time!



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- **Bring a Travel Potty in the car**

For those toddler emergencies when you can't find a clean bathroom anywhere! ALSO - You can line the bottom of a little potty with a disposable diaper so that nothing spills out -- especially helpful if you aren't able to rinse it out.

- **Use a plastic "toy leash"**

Keep stuff within reach with a child-safe plastic leash. Attach one end to car seat strap, the other to cup handle or favorite toy. Your child can retrieve what he drops without you having to hunt for it in the back seat (while you are trying to drive!). Here's an example of one called a [Bottle Bungee](#) which can also be used on toys.



- **Pack a handy change of clothes** for mom and the children that is easily accessible in the car..

- **Bring pillows and blankets for comfort.**

- **Lay towels or old sheets on the seats to keep the car clean.** Makes it easy to dump out all those crumbs that seem to get everywhere during a car trip!

- **Bring sleeping bags.** For some kids these can be like a "home away from home" to make them feel comfortable when sleeping in unfamiliar surroundings. Or try a Toddler Travel Bed to make them cozy at your destination.

- **Leave really early in the morning.** Traffic is light, kids are sleepy and you can usually drive several hours without stopping. Make your stop for breakfast your first stop.

- **Pack your car the night before**

I have a whole article about this lovely tip!

- **Make at least one stop last an hour or two right before bedtime if you are traveling late into the night.** Let the kids run around outside and wear themselves out so they will sleep and you can keep driving.

- **Keep an emergency first aid kit in your luggage.** Include cold medicine and pain reliever just in case.

- **Tips for moms traveling alone with children:**

Only stop to go the bathroom at busy gas stations or restaurants where there are lots of people. LOCK your doors and take all of your children with you when you go to the bathroom or pay for gas. Stop for gas at stations where you can pay via credit card at the pump. Park in full view of the attendant.

- **Hotel Tips:**

Equipment: booster seat with a tray, flattens, goes entirely into dishwasher for cleaning, straps to any straight backed chair for hotel room feeding.

Toys for the hotel: keep it simple: take a book, a stuffed animal and a set of stacking cups (doubles as a bath toy). Use a white noise machine when staying in hotels to drown out the outside noise and keep your kids sleeping. I have one that makes nature sounds like rain and waterfalls. It works great for grownups, too. Stay in a Hotel that serves breakfast and leave early.



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