



# Sioux Empire Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

December 2011

**When:** Tuesday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM

**Where:**

We will meet at the home of Pamela Stefanich.  
Please RSVP by emailing me at  
[Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com](mailto:Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com) before Jan 9th.  
My address will be shared with you at that time.

**What:**

## SECCN Workshop: "Shake It Down, Turn Around"

Come learn some FUN ways of introducing Music to the children in your care. Music impacts the emotional needs of children in many ways. Learn the names of engaging artists that will have both you and your children... Shake It Down.



## Reindeer Food



YOU NEED: \*

- Plain oatmeal
- Green and red glitter
- Large mixing bowl
- Individual bags (Ziploc or brown paper bag)

Begin a discussion with the children about how we leave cookies and milk for Santa. Then ask, "What about the reindeer?" Explain, "Surely they are hungry too!" Ask your children what they think reindeer like to eat. Lead the discussion to conclude, "Reindeer like oats!"

Have the children measure the oatmeal into a large mixing bowl. Then take turns shaking the glitter in. The glitter adds sparkle to the food so the reindeer will see it from up in the sky. Each child takes their own bag of reindeer food home with directions for use stapled to the bag. You may suggest placing the reindeer food in a cake pan before setting it outside. This will aid in future clean up!



# Monthly Make N' Take

## A Moment of Fun in Family Child Care...

I drew the outline of a tree with the child. We watered down some tacky glue and applied it to the whole tree with a small foam brush. Quickly they added tinsel and small poms for ornaments. Next, rectangles and squares were cut for packages. Finally, the star was added. Love this Scholastic book by Michael Garland, "Christmas Magic".



Before starting the paint process, add a tsp. or so dish washing soap to aid in removing the paint later off hands. Then have your child place their left hand in dark brown paint. Add some shaky eyes, red nosed poms, and a bell for special effects. Love this book too by Geraldine McCaughrean, "How the Reindeer Got Their Antlers".



You can purchase eight red bows at Michael's for 99 cents. Again, add dish washing soap to the green paint before starting. That way your children won't go home looking like little Grinches. This book, "Jingle Bells" by Iza Trapani briefly introduces children to Christmas customs in other countries. Check out the closed facebook Sioux Empire Child Care Network page for other art ideas.





## Hark the Herald Angels Sing...

### Hear his bells

Sung to: "Are You Sleeping?"

Are you sleeping?  
No more peeking,  
Or I'll tell, or I'll tell.  
Santa Claus is coming.  
Santa Claus is cowing.  
Hear his bells.  
Hear his bells.

### Santa's Workshop

Here is a great big Christmas tree  
Trimmed with lights and balls.  
(Put tips of fingers of both hands  
together, palms apart)  
Here are Santa's little elves.  
They run when Santa calls.  
(Hold up ten fingers and wiggle them)  
This is Santa's workshop,  
Filled with gifts and toys  
(Use both hands to form a house)  
The elves and helpers fill the sleigh,  
For all good girls and boys.

### 5 Little Christmas Trees

5 little Christmas Trees  
Standing all alone  
Their hearts were very sad  
'Cause they hadn't found a home.  
Then chop went the ax  
And down fell the tree  
And off they went with a happy family!  
(continue from 4-1 Christmas Trees)  
No little Christmas Trees  
Standing all alone  
Their hearts were very happy  
'Cause they all found a home!!!

### Reindeer Pokey

Sung to: "The Hokey Pokey"

You put your antlers in. You put your  
antlers out.  
You put you antlers in and you shake  
them all about.  
You do the Reindeer Pokey and you turn  
yourself around.  
That's what it's all about!  
You put your hooves in....  
You put your red nose in....  
You put your fluffy tail in...  
You put your reindeer body in...



# SECCN Coming Attractions

**Shake it Down, Turn Around! Jan. 10th, 2012**

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**Child Care Conference**

**with Patricia Dischler**  
Author and Child Care Explorer  
NAFCC Board Member

**Avera McKennan**  
Sioux Falls, SD

**May 4 - 5, 2012**

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